

Girton Tennis Club AGM (4th March 2015)

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Alan Richardson, Alan Franklin, Roger Coey, Kevin Keeves, Jessica Sims, Mark Lawton, Lesley-Ann Parker, Steve Seaber, Rafi Blumenfeld.

Apologies: Barrie Spencer, Kevin Rogers, Sue Hoyland, Helga Tomkins, Margaret Pearce Higgins. Helga and Sue also thanked the committee for their hard work.

2. 2014 Minutes Accepted.

3. Matters Arising from 2014 Minutes None.

4. Chairman's report

Roger thanked the committee for their support of the club and gave special thanks to Alan Richardson for his guidance of young tennis players, Kevin Keeves for membership work and Andy for looking after the finances.

Competing in the Cambridge League with a Men and Mixed teams was again a positive thing for the club and Roger thanked the team captains for their leadership.

He was also pleased to note the part the club, and several committee members, had played in getting the Parish Council to resurface the courts. We look forward to the final painted finish being in place before our next round of matches in May.

Increasing our club membership is still a priority and the general economic difficulties may be having an impact on this. Our regular article in the Parish News is viewed as a club success and may help to attract new members.

It was disappointing to not get support from the Town Charity to build a practice wall so this project has been scrapped.

5. Treasurer's report

Please see attached. The club made a small profit of £125.82 last year and this includes a donation of £50 from the Girton Feast committee. Court rental was £1,991.54 last year but will rise to £2,044.50 for our next membership year. It was agreed that Andy should offer a £100 MUGA usage donation for last year as we had managed to make a small profit. The accounts were approved by the Chairman.

6. Appointment of Officers

The following were proposed, seconded and accepted:

Alan Franklin – Secretary

Kevin Keeves – Membership Secretary

Andy Luff – Treasurer

Committee Members: Alan Richardson, Rafi Blumenfeld, Mark Lawton, Roger Coey, Jessica Sims, Lesley-Ann Parker, John Irwin

Team Captains: Mens – Mark Lawton Mixed-Jessica Sims

Andy Luff agreed to be Vice Captain for the Mens team.

Jessica has agreed to organise the mixed team but will not be able to play this year.

7. Membership

Last season we had 65 members as compared to 62 the previous year. Increases in all fees had enabled the club to operate with a small profit. With increases in court usage costs it will be necessary to increase our charges again but we will try to minimise these for families. Andy and Kevin agreed to propose figures to the committee in the next week. The £5 early payment discount will still apply and, if possible, be advertised with new charges in the April edition of the GPN.

Post meeting note: Fees for 2015/2016, before early payment discount, will be:

Single £60 Junior £26 Family £117

8. GTC Rules

Kevin tabled a set of Court Rules from 1996. It was agreed that it would be useful to revise these and fix a laminated copy to the court fence. A set should also be displayed on the notice board at the Rec. Kevin agreed to sort this out.

9. Projects and Development

Court Resurface: Kevin has written to the Parish Council to ask them to ensure the work is finished before the 19th May (first home match). Alan F asked if there was anything that could be done to stop balls dropping into the deep gully around the courts as they often then roll under the fence. Alan R agreed to investigate options that would allow drainage but stop the balls.

Court Maintenance: The club could make a small one-off donation from our reserves towards the ongoing support of the resurfaced courts (and lights) but need to know how this would be used. Andy agreed to discuss this with the Parish council as there is some concern about future maintenance.

Girton Glebe: Jessica is trying to contact the LTA to see if she can secure any resources that would allow us to work with Primary schools. To date it has been very hard to make any useful contacts.

Coaching: The training sessions that Jessica organised last year were well-supported and the club considers it may be a way to attract new members so would like to see it continue. The variable pricing, depending on numbers attending, is hard to sell and the only criteria should be that this should be at no-cost to the club. Jessica to consider offering fixed price sessions from April.

10. AOB

The Xmas 2015 dinner will be on Sat 5th December at the Crown, Girton – subject to availability.

Several committee members said they would be willing to be trained to use the new Parish defibrillator as only one member (Felicia Moor) has been trained so far. Kevin agreed to fix up another training session.

Kevin thanked Roger on behalf of the committee for his 3 successful years acting as our Chairman.

11. Next Meeting

No date was set although 2016 AGM will be in March
Meeting at 'The George', Girton closed at 21.05

A committee meeting followed the AGM and John Irwin was unanimously elected as Club Chairman.