

Girton Tennis Club AGM (2nd March 2016)

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Alan Richardson, Alan Franklin, Kevin Keeves, Mark Lawton, Lesley-Ann Parker, John Irwin.

Apologies: Barrie Spencer, Sue Hoyland, David Adamson, Steve Seaber, Karen Seaber, Georgi Merev, Sally Thorpe, Alex Tate, Bruce Parker, Jessica Sims, Rafi Blumenfeld, Margaret Pearce Higgins, Roger Coey. The committee expressed thanks to all those that replied to the AGM invitation and the many messages recognising their work over the year.

2. 2015 Minutes Accepted.

3. Matters Arising from 2015 Minutes

Balls going into deep gully at back of courts: Alan R reported that groundsman Chris has placed the goal posts at the edge of the court to overcome this problem. However, once the posts are put back into service this problem is likely to come back. Chris is still considering other options.

Court maintenance: Andy L wrote to the Parish Council (PC) reminding them that they should be budgeting for regular maintenance to maintain the nice new surface and the existing flood lights. The following Council meeting did not discuss this issue and the club has not received any response to their letter. Currently two floodlights are out of action and awaiting Council action to bring them back into service. It was agreed that Andy L would write to the Council again asking what maintenance plans have been put into place. Alan R will liaise with Linda Miller (booking administrator for courts) who has indicated that the floodlight repair is likely to be done soon.

Defibrillator training: Extra training was not arranged during 2015. The topic was discussed and it was agreed that further training would not be booked since clear verbal instructions are given to anyone who phones to get permission to use the device.

4. Chairman's report

John thanked the committee for their support during 2015 and indicated, although busy, would be willing to take on more tasks himself. It was suggested that attendance at some Parish Council meetings might raise the profile of our club.

Increasing our club membership and encouraging youngsters to come and play remain top priorities.

5. Treasurer's report

Please see attached. The club made a small profit of £108.05 last year. Court rental paid to the PC was £2,047.75 last year but will rise to £2,065 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, Jessica Sims, Lesley-Ann Parker, John Irwin

Team Captains: Mens – Mark Lawton (Andy Luff agreed to be Vice Captain)

Mixed- Lesley-Ann P will talk to Sue Hoyland about sharing the mixed captain role.

7. Membership

Last season we had 73 members as compared to 65 the previous year. Increases in all fees had enabled the club to operate with a small profit. With increases in court usage and club room rental costs it will be necessary to increase our charges by a small amount again even if membership numbers remain steady. It was agreed the £5 early payment discount will still apply and fees for 2016/2017, before early payment discount, will be:

Single £62 Junior £27 Family £118

8. GTC Rules

Kevin K will post these on the club website and also on the notice board near to the courts. They will also be emailed to members when they sign up. It was suggested that it might be useful to ask Linda Miller to send a copy to others who book the courts and, in particular, the Language School. Kevin to action.

9. Coaching

The training sessions that were organised last year were well-supported and, although they failed to be cost-neutral, are useful to improve tennis skills and attract new members. After much discussion it was agreed that the club would like to offer free coaching for 4 consecutive Friday evenings (around June) to junior members. If there is space, this would also be available to juniors who are not club members. John Irwin agreed to discuss options with Charles who provided our coaching last year.

It was agreed that we need to have a view as to how much demand there would be for adult coaching before making any firm plans. Kevin K will add this to the information he collects from members as they sign up for 2016/2017 and then the committee can consider further action.

It was agreed that team members should get together for practice sessions even if this doesn't involve professional coaching. Team captains to arrange.

Alan R will co-ordinate the junior sessions again but reminded the committee that he would welcome support with planning and running activities on a Friday evening. He also sometimes needs a holiday so cover should be available.

10. AOB

The Xmas 2016 dinner will be on Sat 3rd December at the Crown, Girton – subject to availability.

Alan R agreed to check that the club first aid kit is 'in date' and stored in the club room.

It was agreed that we should support the Village Feast and open the courts to the public on Sat 9th July.

It was agreed that we would have a 'tidy-up' session around the courts before the match season starts again. Kevin K to organise.

It was agreed that it might be useful to publicise the club on the notice board near to the Co-Op as this has a large readership. Alan F agreed to investigate options.

11. Next Meetings

No dates were set although the 2017 AGM will be in March
Meeting at 'The George', Girton closed at 21.09

A committee meeting followed the AGM and John Irwin was unanimously re-elected as Club Chairman. Dates for future committee meetings to be agreed as required.