

WINTERBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

Minutes from AGM

Wednesday 22nd November 2006

Present:

S. Moreton, S. Broomsgrove, L. Gillespie, M. Gillespie, A. Dufty, H. Boxer, B. Green,
S. Kavanagh, J. Broomsgrove, J. Williams, B. Norman, R. Davis, J. Budd, P. Strong,
E. Purnell, B. Lewis, L. Button

Apologies:

L. Green, C. Holcombe, S. Jago, E. Williams

Minutes of AGM 05 (previously circulated)

Agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Simon Broomsgrove circulated the financial statement for the year ending 30th September 2006 and reported that the Club has a healthy balance of £22,292.24. We are making a small profit but our membership continues to decline, especially the Seniors.

The Report was accepted. Thanks to Simon for all his hard work.

Thanks also go to Alex Dufty for auditing the end of year accounts.

Membership Fees

It was agreed to raise the membership fees by 2% to the nearest pound.

A list of the membership is available on the website. Russell Davis agreed to become Membership Secretary, for which thanks!

Committee Membership and club representation

Despite the good turnout for the AGM, we struggle for attendees at committee meetings and at Sports Association Meetings. (Emlyn Williams and Simon Moreton have been attending these.)

It was agreed to put a notice on the Club Notice Board to ask for volunteers.

How to increase Club Membership

There are now only 32 full Senior Members, resulting in problems filling the Sumer League Teams.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to implement the following strategies:

- Simon Moreton will devise a flyer that can be put out in various workplaces and companies, especially during Wimbledon). This should target younger members.
- John Williams will link the Club website to S. Gloucester LTA, Sports England etc
- Contact local schools, especially the Ridings
- *Bring a friend day*
- Poster in the Library
- Esme Purnell will arrange for a notice to go into the community magazine

Security and Access

There is no access from the Ridings as they no longer use our courts. Winterbourne Sports Association has taken up the problem of access and has noted that security is not good. It is unsafe and dirty to walk along the pathways. Some parents will not bring their children to the Club because there is no secure access.

The Club feels that the pathway should be maintained by the Parish Council.

Simon Moreton will contact the Parish Council and the Recreation Committee with our concerns, and John Williams will invite Councillors to see the problem for themselves.

Repairs and Maintenance

The floodlights of the all-weather playing surface need adjusting because they shine into Club members' faces,

Simon Moreton will contact the Director of Sport at the Ridings, with a copy to the Head.

Simon informed the Meeting of a note from Colin Holcombe with valid concerns that had not been addressed. Simon apologised for this and said that last year he had not been able to devote as much time as he would have liked to the Club, but that this year he does have more time.

All courts have been treated for moss and algae, including the mini court. In January they will be pressure washed. Following this we will know if painting needs to be done. Simon reported that, as the courts need treating once a year, he will set up an annual contract with Premier Markings of Yate. They will be pressure washed every other year.

There was a discussion about how to protect the courts and toe boards were agreed to be the best idea.

Application for grant from Sports Association

We have applied for a total of £2600 to cover 50% of the following (Total £5200):
£1000 general maintenance

£2800 fencing repairs
£1000 court maintenance
£400 court floodlight maintenance

Simon informed the Meeting that the roof of the entrance to the pavilion is to be changed from flat to slightly raised.. This will be paid for by the Club supported by SA grant.

Election of Committee Members

Simon announced that Emlyn Williams is retiring after 20 years. He has made a fantastic contribution and is one of the key people who have kept the Club going. He has kindly offered to help out with access to the courts and he will do some Saturday morning coaching into the New Year. All members, young and old, wish to thank him for all the time he has given to our Club.

Jenny Budd is also retiring after many years, and Esme thanked her on behalf of the ladies for all her work, both on the Committee and as Ladies' Captain.

John Williams was elected unopposed as Junior Organiser and Jenny Broomsgrove was elected unopposed as Ladies' Captain and to serve on the Committee.

The position of Vice Chairman is still open and we are trying to find a Junior Representative.

AOB

In answer to a query about the use of the mini court, John Williams said that it is used on Saturday mornings.

Esme will write to Colin and send him the minutes
She will also write to Fred to thank him for decorating the ladies' cloakroom.

There was a request to vary the AGM night from a Wednesday and from 7pm

In recognition of Emlyn's contribution we agreed to arrange a photo, card and gift.
The press will be contacted. (Neil Wilshaw)

Date of next meeting

Tuesday, 20 November 2007 at 7.30pm