



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Usk Tennis Club
8th February, 2009-02-09
King's Head, Usk**

In Attendance

Kath Badran	Annamay Hayes	Francis Phillips
Sarah Bailey	Chris Hayes	Rhodri Phillips
Hilary Barton	Caroline Hughes	Denise Robinson
John Barton	Rhys Jones	John Robinson
Alex Brown	Mike Kear	Phil Terrett
Mandy Davies	Alastair Mitchell	Rachel Watkins
Simon Greenstreet	Angela Morgan	Nigel Webb
Gary Hawke	Jennie Parsons	Neil Williams
Ros Hawke		

Apologies

Andy Burchell	Craig Jones	Alex Webb
Jan Clarke	Tudor Morgan	Alison Webb
Peter Hawke	Don Parsons	

Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Sunday March 2nd 2008 were read and agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising

None to relate.

Chairman's Address

Alex Brown outlined the process required for the club to achieve 'Clubmark' status (an LTA quality standard) and emphasised the importance of this accreditation in obtaining funding for the expansion of club facilities. The club is well advanced in completing our Clubmark application which it is hoped can be submitted within the next few weeks. He recognised the heavy use of the existing courts and encouraged all members to play their part in helping the club realise its goal of two additional courts in use by the 2009-10 summer season.

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Membership Secretary's Report

Jennie Parsons presented an update on club membership. A significant increase in membership had been achieved in 2008-9, largely due to the increased number of junior members engaged in various coaching programmes. The club currently has 292 members (138 adults, 82 juniors and 72 mini-juniors). Revenue from subscriptions had increased from £9620.82 in 2007 to £12,691 in 2008. It is anticipated that the increase in membership will result in an affiliation demand from Tennis Wales of around £1300.

Treasurer's Report

Mandy Davies presented the club's accounts and tabled the budget agreed for 2009. The budget is considered robust and makes due allowance for the current economic circumstances. The club's finances remain healthy. It was confirmed that the surplus from the Tennis Section was identified and 'ring-fenced' within the Athletic Club accounts. An increase in the 'Sinking fund' for essential maintenance of the facilities was necessary to bring the sum set aside in line with LTA guidance.

Coach's Report

Rhys Jones highlighted the development of Tennis Leaders and Level 1/2 accredited Assistant Coaches who are now helping regularly with junior coaching. He also pointed to the numbers of juniors now coming through to play competitive tennis at various levels and emphasised the importance of developing this competition base through a focus on match play in junior training sessions. The continued success of both Men's and Women's teams reflects the continued high uptake of adult coaching within the club.

Club Development Programme

Nigel Webb provided an update on plans to develop the club's facilities. Planning permission for two new multi-courts, redevelopment of the three existing courts as dedicated tennis courts and an upgrade to floodlighting to LTA standards had been obtained.

The Athletic Club has agreed that funding (£75,000) for this development should be obtained through the LTA via a grant (50%) and interest-free loan (50%) rather than a bank loan. This funding is dependent on the club achieving Clubmark status. The annual service cost of this loan would be approximately £6-7,000 and therefore continued efforts to fundraise were important. Nigel drew the member's attention to a scheme in which the club has teamed up with The Utility Warehouse Discount Club. Members signing up are likely to achieve significant savings on their domestic utilities bill whilst the Utilities Warehouse will make an ongoing contribution amounting to 5% of the member's monthly utilities bill to the Athletic Club. Agreed that further information on the scheme would be sent to all club members.

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Simon Greenstreet asked whether there could be an earlier upgrade to the floodlighting on courts 2&3 but this would not be possible prior to redevelopment of all the courts.

Sponsorship and Fundraising

Phil Terrett presented an update on Sponsorship and Fundraising. The seasons sponsors were identified and thanked. He explained the 'Sportsmatch' scheme through which an additional £4300 had been secured for junior development. Altogether the sum of £9,050 in Sponsorship had been brought in compared with a target at the start of the season of £7500.

Phil also advised the meeting of the success of the Club's new website which has had almost 6,000 visits since it was launched. He concluded by announcing that he was standing down from the committee at this meeting. The Chairman thanked Phil for all his efforts over the last few years noting in particular the success of the website and newsletter.

Plans for League and Club Tennis in 2009.

Ros Hawke announced that the club would be entering three teams into the Gwent mid-week league this summer. A Ladies selection panel has been formed to choose the teams. Rhodri Phillip's, on behalf of the Men's selection panel, advised that three men's teams would also be entered. It was hoped that the club would also enter a mixed team.

The meeting noted that Andy Burchell and Craig Jones were standing down from the Men's selection panel. The chairman thanked them for their hard work and commitment in establishing the panel over the last couple of years and recognised its contribution to the competition success enjoyed by the club over this period. Chris Hayes and Simon Greenstreet volunteered to join the panel pending ratification by the new committee after the AGM.

Election of Club Officers

Denise Robinson indicated that she was unable to continue on the committee for a further year but was happy to remain on the League committee if required.

The following officers were elected to positions on the club committee:

Chairman	Alex Brown (re-elected)
Secretary	John Barton (re-elected)
Membership Secretary	Jennie Parsons (re-elected)
Treasurer	Mandy Davies (re-elected)
Junior Development Officer	Ros Hawke (re-elected)
Sponsorship & Fundraising Officer	No nominations received
Coach	Rhys Jones

+ 4 others that include

Kath Badran

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Pete Hawke
Tudor Morgan
Nigel Webb

Agreed that the committee would decide how best to cover the sponsorship 'portfolio' and who would represent the Tennis Section on the Athletic Club committee at its first meeting.

Subscriptions 2009-10.

The committee proposed freezing Junior and Mini-Junior subscriptions at £35 and £10 respectively. It was recommended that nominal (<5%) increases be made to the Family membership (£180) and Adult membership (£115). The meeting agreed the subscriptions proposed for the 2009/10 season.

AOB

Phil Terrett informed the members of a discount he had negotiated for Athletic Club members at the Cwrt Bleddyn Leisure club (see club notice board for details).

Alastair Mitchell asked about completing the court cleaning. The chairman advised that he was seeking to access a vacuum device from the local authority that would facilitate this task.

Neil Williams enquired about proposals to upgrade the facilities within the club house. Nigel Webb advised that this work needed to be deferred until after the major court development had occurred. Neil was thanked for his earlier contribution to preparing the Clubmark application.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.40PM

Supporting Enclosures to 2009 AGM (hardcopy only)

- Membership Statement (Jennie Parsons)
- Treasurer's Report (Mandy Davies)
- Sponsorship and Fundraising Report (Phil Terret)