

**USK TENNIS CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY 17th January 2010 AT THE KINGS HEAD USK, 7.00PM**

Present	John Barton Secretary	Alex Brown Chairman
	Mandy Davies Treasurer	Ros Hawke JDO
	Rhys Jones Coach	Kath Badran Fundraising
	Jennie Parsons Membership Secretary	Nigel Webb
	Pete Hawke	Tudor Morgan

Apologies None

Minutes

- Minutes of last meeting on 8th November 2009 were accepted.

Action Points from Last Meeting

- Court cleaning quote of £1200 +VAT from 'HC Courts' approved by Athletic Club. Cleaning to proceed as soon as possible. RJ to advise other sections/users. **Action RJ.**
- Agreed to simplified website support package from Phil Terret at annual cost of £250 for up to one hours work/month.
- JB to contact Angela Morgan/Sarah Bailey with regards to hosting an American Tournament. When agreed to be placed on Calendar. **Action JB.**
- Club Development Plan to be placed on website. **Action: AB**
- Agreed to utilise an on-line survey to inform club of member's coaching needs. **Action RJ**
- Noted an increase in British Tennis Members following JP's letter.

Club Development Plan

NW updated committee with regard to funding the club's development plan. Two potential funding streams exist:

- 1) '106' money from the Barratt's development. A rationalised version of the original 'Sports Village' bid had been submitted and Mike Moran had indicated a decision would be made within the next two weeks.
- 2) LTA grant/loan. NW had meetings scheduled in next week with LTA for a site inspection and with their lighting expert. Thereafter we can expect to hear the amount of funding to be made available.
- 3) KB continuing to seek grants for smaller projects

Still anticipated that the work could commence before the end of February. Project completion estimated to be around 10 weeks meaning that 5 courts should be available by the end of May 2010. The club may need to ask the leagues to schedule early season matches away from home or alternatively courts at Spytty may need to be booked.

Committee agreed to combine the proposed club forum with the AGM and set a date of Thursday February 11th at 7.30PM at The Three Salmons Hotel. JB to arrange and inform membership. **Action: JB**

The committee noted that a Junior Club Forum was scheduled for 18th February, venue to be confirmed.

The committee discussed the club membership fees for next year. Agreed that a significant increase (~20%) would be required to meet costs of developing and maintaining an enlarged facility without continued over-reliance on fundraising. An increase in subscriptions could be justified on the basis of improved facilities including the clubhouse re-development. Comparison with other local clubs confirmed that even following an increase club membership would remain very competitive. The committee agreed to develop a summer pass scheme to allow non- members court access between 10-15.00 during school holidays. JP and MD to agree detail and produce application form before AGM. **Action: JP, MD**

Treasurer's Report

MD presented an income/expenditure summary for the year to 31st December which was discussed and approved by the committee.

Coaching and Junior Development Update

RH had met with AB and NW to discuss the coaching plan for the next year. RJ presented plans to move to a more professional service. The Head Coach would, in line with arrangements at other clubs, work in an entirely self-employed capacity and have ownership of the coaching programme. He would deliver coaching in line with a contract agreed with the club and would need to employ additional coaching resource as required to meet the club's expectations. A business case detailing the proposal to be circulated to committee for further discussion at next meeting. **Action: RJ**

AOB

RH informed committee that the Ladies Tour to Devon had been arranged for 9-11th July. PH informed committee that the Men's tour would again be to Lagos from 19th-23rd May.

Committee noted that a Junior Presentation evening was scheduled for 23rd January at the Millenium Hall. A Junior Social Committee has been established comprising Angela Morgan (Chair), Nic & Caroline Hughes, Sarah Bailey and Ros Hawke with responsibility for this and future events including an Easter Fun Day on March 29th.

Date of Next Meeting

Date of first meeting for new committee set for 7.00PM on February 21st 2010 at King's Head.