

**USK TENNIS CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING
SUNDAY 6th June 2010 AT THE KINGS HEAD USK, 7.00PM**

Present

Ros Hawke JDO	Nigel Webb
Rhys Jones Coach	Pete Hawke
Jennie Parsons Membership Secretary	Kath Badran
Alex Brown Chairman	John Barton (secretary)

Apologies Tudor Morgan

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting on 11th April were accepted.

Action Points from Last Meeting

- ❖ Junior membership pack. Alex would find about the pens. **Action AB**
- ❖ Tudor needs to go on a child protection workshop. This would ensure the Club mark file was kept up to date.
- ❖ Rhys has bought the windbreak and it is ready to be put up. **Action RJ and others**

Reports Received

Treasurer's report.

As neither of the possible new treasurers feel able to commit themselves to the job in the short term, it was decided to contact Neil Williams with a view to him carrying on in the interim (**Action PH**). As it was thought unlikely that he would agree, Don Parsons could be asked to do it temporarily. It was also agreed to put something on the club website asking for volunteers. **Action JP** Nigel would get the figures up to date meanwhile.

Action NW

NW reported that next year we should be putting £9000 pa into a sinking fund for maintenance on the courts and we will need £6000 for our contribution to Athletic Club costs. On current forecasts, there was a funding gap of over £5000.

Club Development plan

NW reported that things were progressing well, though somewhat slower than hoped. The problem of seagulls mistaking blue courts for water was raised and **NW** agreed to contact Julie Williams to see if other clubs with blue courts had had any problems. It was mentioned that so far, matches were being played without too many problems caused by the building work. It is hoped that the new lights will be working before the old ones are disconnected. The new lights are due to go up next week. The problem of the missing mid court light on court 3 could cause difficulties on Monday evenings when coaching on court 1 continues to 9.30p.m. but this should be for one week only.

Club House refurbishment :- As it seems unlikely we will get substantial financial support from the Athletic Club in the short term, it was decided to pare down the project to the minimum and use the £4000 grant KB has obtained. This would involve stripping out the showers and dividing wall in tennis room 1 and putting in a ceiling and replastering and decorating. Much of the labouring work might have to be done by club members. It is also hoped to replace the window glass and possibly the door.

Coaching Update (including Junior Section)

RJ reported that 2 new part time coaches had been appointed, Steve Edwards from Abergavenny and Kimberley Webb.

The Aegon league has proved to be very disappointing as often other clubs cancel the matches. NW said that Tennis Wales were aware of the situation and Usk had been particularly unlucky with the number of matches which had been cancelled. It was important to remain part of this league.

Gary Hawke and Ben Morjaria need to go on UKCC2 courses (£345) and Amelia Greenstreet will be approached to do a UKCC1 course (£185) The cost of these courses could be met, in part at least, by the £4000 sportsmatch money we received last year and the £700 raised by the football match. Other courses (not yet identified) should be made available for KW and RJ.

There is an emphasis locally on disability tennis and RJ has plans to establish a centre in Usk. NW advised him to get in touch with Mike or Simon Clarke in Tennis Wales as they don't seem to have Usk on their list of potential clubs. RJ has already contacted the Monmouthshire Disability Officer. It is hoped that these ventures will attract funding from Monmouthshire and/or Tennis Wales.

RJ expressed a desire to develop performance coaching for 1 or 2 individuals to ensure Usk had players of standing in the County. Grants from the 'Community Chest' would fund this.

RJ reported the reluctance of some youngsters to attend regularly for Friday evening matchplay and its future hangs in the balance. Several ideas were aired to encourage them – one being the opportunity to hit against the coach.

RJ was encouraged to make sure all results for matches were formally recorded as soon as possible .

Fundraising & Sponsorship

KB reported that £4000 had been promised for the refurbishment of the clubhouse and several other applications had been submitted but the outcomes were not yet known.

Noted that RJ and NW needed to meet to discuss applications for the Community Chest and Sports Lot applications. **Action: RJ, NW.**

It was thought too late to organise a tennisathon this year but it is possible that it could be arranged for next year, in conjunction with the Open Day.

A fund raising event in the form of a hog roast or barbeque was suggested for the Saturday of the final tournament week-end (Sept 18th). The Mitchells were to be approached about the loan of their marquee and NW would make enquiries about the hog roast. **Action PH AB KB**

Membership

JP advised the committee subscription revenue was now £13,706 and some people had yet to pay. This is about £1500 short of target so we need to try to attract more new members. It was agreed that members who had not renewed their subscriptions could not play in matches until they had paid up. **Action JP**

Club Mark

It was noted that apart from attendance at a Child Protection Workshop (RH to organise) the file was up to date. It had proved difficult to find a course that TM was able to take advantage of. **Action: RH.**

Coaching Contract

RJ 's contract has been finalised and agreed.

Future Events

The committee noted the Club Open Day this year was to be held on June 27th. RJ said there would be a meeting on Tuesday with Angela Morgan to discuss this. It will be of a similar format to last year – probably ‘Superheroes’. RJ will visit local schools to promote it. A banner is to be bought to improve publicity which will be displayed in a prominent position in the town. **Action RJ**

AOB

NW reported that some ‘lapsed’ members of the club had been seen playing tennis with current members, on a regular basis. JB was asked to send out an e mail reminding members that all regular players must be members.

Action JB

Duck race will be on July 2nd this year. JB distributed our annual allocation of 120 books of tickets. These will go to team members for them to sell. PH agreed to organise the golf stall, JB the coconut stall and it was decided the younger club members would be asked to run the ‘fastest serve’. JB was asked to send out an e mail asking for more helpers on the night. **Action JB PH**

It was reported that the behaviour of some young footballers (not club members) was still unacceptable but it was thought that little could be done beyond asking them politely to desist. However it was thought that the matter should at least be brought to the attention of the Athletic club committee.

PH reported another successful men’s tour to Portugal.

JP said she would send round an up to date list of e mail addresses of current club members. **Action JP**

A temporary reduction for students in the summer was discussed but it was thought that the annual rate for under 21's represented exceptional value and couldn't be further reduced.

However a temporary summer holiday membership for school children at a rate of £10 was discussed. JP agreed to design a form RJ could give out for parents to sign and AB agreed to make badges to verify that the youngsters had paid up. **Action JP AB**

Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting set for 7.00PM on July 25th 2010 at King's Head.