

Usk Tennis Club
Committee Meeting

7.00PM on Sunday 26th September 2010 at The Clubhouse

Present

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

Tudor Morgan

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting on 25th July were accepted.

Action Points from last meeting

TM attempting to access Child Protection Training

AB to find and erect wind break on court 1

Community Chest and Sports Match applications completed by KB

JB to seek nominations for Selection Panel from Men's Section

Finance

NW agreed to circulate cash flow estimates. He advised that a membership income of around £19,000 required to meet payments to 'Sinking Fund' for future depreciation and replacement of facilities. The committee discussed how to keep electricity costs to a minimum. More controls still to be fitted which will allow a 10.30PM curfew. A return to using a light token system cannot be ruled out.

Income/Expenditure to date presented by DP. PH advised that a further supply (20 cans) of balls required. Additional coaching equipment also required. RJ to submit request. A reduction in expenditure (engraving only) on trophies noted. The committee discussed the cost of trophies for the Junior Tournament. RJ to circulate details. **Action: RJ.**

Club Development Project

New lighting reported to be excellent, minor adjustments required. Plumbing & heating system to be completed shortly. Use of non-marking shoes by all sections needs to be emphasised to avoid new marks appearing. A black rubber mat(s) required at entrance to clubroom. PH to obtain. AB to chase up provision of new gate between Courts 1&2. **Action: PH, AB**

A discussion followed on security matters. Key to Court 1 currently missing. Agreed that 3 new locks for court access required, AB to purchase. Agreed that door from communal area to club room should be kept locked. A full set of keys to be kept in store room and at NW's. **Action: AB**

AB to develop proposal with Andy Burchell for redevelopment of kitchen area using a 'Demo' kitchen displayed at Usk show in return for sponsorship /membership offer. The committee also decided to discuss the installation of a low fence between one end of the clubhouse and court 1 with Mike of Kear. Agreed to arrange an official opening the new facility next spring. **Action: AB.**

Coaching Update

RJ advised the committee that Jane Greenwood had started as Assistant Coach. Jane will be taking on the performance coaching role for individuals and squads.

The Junior Tournament is scheduled for 15-17th October and will involve an increased number of age group events. A Junior Tennis club will also be commencing in October on a Saturday morning. A Junior Christmas party and Awards evening is scheduled for 11th December at the Clubhouse.

RJ has visited Caerleon Comprehensive school as part of the schools programme. Targets for regularly competing juniors are already close to being met. Agreed that competing in 15-20 matches rather than 6 would be more reasonable target. RJ was asked to ensure re-positioned external notice boards are kept up to date. He also requested additional notice boards be placed within the clubhouse. **Action: RJ.**

RJ suggested that performance players be supplied with club kit to be worn when representing the club in competitions. RJ advised that kit would need to be purchased and that he should research costs with PM Sports. Agreed that next season we should aim for teams to be promoted to Division 1 of the Aegon Junior League. **Action: RJ**

Fundraising

KB advised committee of application for a £2000 Coaching grant from The Wales Foundation. Decision expected in October. Sports Match application currently stands at £2750. KB to look at Grantfinder.com and the Youth Strategy Fund for further grant opportunities. **Action: KB**

KB reported that the awards evening hog roast and cake sale had raised £544. Sale of drinks had brought in a further £479. Thanks to Ros Parsons for baking the excellent cakes.

The 'Room with a View' appeal currently stands at £3312 with an additional donation of £500 from Chris Anthony. AB advised that a number of individuals who had indicated that they would contribute have yet to do so. Agreed to send out an email to members indicating that we have almost (but not quite) met our target. **Action: AB, JB.**

The committee agreed to hold a Race Night on Friday November 26th rather than an Autumn Quiz.

Membership

JP advised that membership down slightly from 283 to 270 but that fees had increased from less than £12,000 in 09/10 to £15,140 in 10/11. New members joining now will pay half of annual subscription.

Court Usage

NW had met with Junior Football section and explained that Court1-3 dedicated to tennis with Courts 2/3 development funded by LTA. Agreed their use of courts 4&5 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings during football season. Junior tennis coaching on all three tennis courts Tuesday 7.30-8.30PM and Friday 5-7PM.

Committee discussed participation of juniors at 'Men's night'. Agreed in line with previous decision that junior members deemed by RJ to be able and mature enough to compete should be allowed to participate. Committee agreed to back decisions made by RJ. RJ asked to draw up an up to date list of qualifying juniors. **Action: RJ.**

JB to produce a copy or relevant club rules to be posted on notice board, including clothing and footwear guidance. **Action: JB**

The committee discussed email from Tom Davies. Agreed that Tom should be encouraged to re-engage with coaching programme. JB to communicate committee's view to family. **Action: JB.**

Tennis Wales

Noted that the club and AB had both been short-listed for Tennis Wales awards. Members to be invited to attend ceremony in North Wales. **Action: JB**

NW advised the committee that Tennis Wales (South) annual open meeting was scheduled for 20/11/2010. JB agreed to attend. **Action: JB.**

Club Tournament

The committee noted another successful club tournament and wished to thank Craig Jones for all his hard work. A number of members had expressed a wish for the tournament to be played in a more relaxed fashion which encouraged spectators to attend and help 'make' the event. Craig to be asked for a reflective report on this year's event. **Action: JB**

Firework Display

The committee noted that the Town Firework display was scheduled for Friday November 5th at the Athletic Club and that volunteers would be required.

AOB

No additional business discussed.

Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 21st November at the Clubhouse.

