

THAMES DITTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting of Directors at the Clubhouse on
11th December 2008

Present	Andrew Meatyard Jane Baller Graeme Boddy Gavin Wilson Steve Banham Irene McClean Chris Lewis Nigel Abbey (items 1-3 only)	Chairman Club Secretary Match Secretary Information Secretary and Treasurer Bar Secretary Social Secretary Membership Secretary
Apologies	John Hutton-Attenborough	Junior Secretary

The meeting started at 8 pm.

NO.	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1.	Publicity: Nigel Abbey attended the meeting to find out how he could help with publicity for the club. Nigel needs to know what the club produces and sends out so far and will produce an inventory. There will be a small budget for printing and advertising. Nigel will speak to committee members to find out what he needs and will try to come back to the next meeting to discuss next steps. The committee need to decide if the club should have a new logo. This could help with an identity for the club. Nigel was asked if he might like to become a temporary committee member while this work was going ahead. He will bear this in mind and will attend all necessary committee meetings.	NA
2.	Minutes of the last meeting: These were approved.	
3.	Updating website: The list of committee members on the website needs updating. CL is happy to have his phone number as a main contact number. Gavin will update and will give CL access to the website. Nigel suggested there could be links on the front page to the rest of the information contained in the website. AM thought it could be simplified with less pages. It was important this was kept easy to update.	GW
4.	Coach: AM has spoken with Sunni and told him that if a committee member wanted to raise his case it would be discussed again at a committee meeting. No member wanted to raise it and so Sunni's notice stays. Ollie was given the chance to continue with us but has chosen not to. AM has been in negotiations with Marc Codling from Surbiton. He wasn't able to attend this evening but is happy to take on the role of head coach at Thames Ditton. Marc will help the club to get the clubmark award. He would expect to attend the AGM. He can't provide a coach on Saturday mornings for juniors at the moment. He could do this on a Sunday	

morning which is difficult but we may have to do this to start with.

5. House secretary:

Anne has resigned from this role and was thanked for her hard work for the club and committee. The cleaner has also left so it is important that we find a new cleaner soon. The previous cleaner came in on a Sunday to clean up for the week ahead. SB has a contact who deals with office cleaners and he will ask him if he is able to provide anyone.

SB

6. Board rota system:

This was discussed and thought to be a good idea. A set of rules will be printed and put up in public view when the tennis season starts.

7. Bar planned expenditure:

SB has signed up Fullers as the new beer supplier who are cheaper than the previous supplier. The bar will be getting a beer cooler which costs £780 + VAT. This holds two kegs and will keep the beer at an ambient temperature. At the moment the kegs get too warm in the summer which spoils the beer and so some of it is wasted.

8. Electricity supply/trench:

SB has had a formal quote from EDF for £2516 inc VAT for the electricity supply to the hedge at the front. The quote for digging a trench up the back of the courts, laying the cable in it and backfilling afterwards is £3750 + VAT. AM received a verbal quote for £5000 so this is a good price. It includes cutting and reinstating the turf. It also includes 7 smaller trenches going off towards the path to provide bollard lighting for the path. The cabling will cost about £1000. There will be some construction costs for electrical housing at the front of the club and at the back near the floodlights. While this is being done we may have a water pipe and a soil pipe laid in the trench as well. This would allow for the possibility of providing a toilet near the hard courts. The work needs doing before the grass courts are used and so a decision needs to be made in three or four weeks. To provide a toilet would mean planning permission is needed for a building. GB has a contact who may be able to help. It was suggested that Nigel may be able to do the drawings. CL also knows someone who may be able to do the drawings.

**GB
CL**

9. 2009 dates:

The following dates were discussed to be confirmed at the next meeting:

Race night – Friday 6th March
Open weekend - 25th-26th April
Family tournament – Sunday 14th June
Summer party – Saturday 20th June
Finals day - 18th July
Vets finals – 5th September

There will be a memorial match for Shaun Freeman and GB was happy to organise this.

GB

The race night could be promoted in a local magazine with non members invited.

10. Feedback on workshop – A Club for All:

This was cancelled and CL will attend when it's rescheduled.

11. Adult members for all juniors:

It was agreed that if junior members come via the coach their parents don't need to join as social members.

12. Any Other Business:

GW thinks we need a fourth signatory on the bank details and it was agreed that SB should be one. JB and SB need to go to HSBC to get this set up.

JB/SB

Mike Simpson has resigned as well. He was also thanked for this hard work for the club. The Grounds Secretary position is now available. SB will speak with Julia Francis to see if she may be interested in the role.

SB

The moss is nearly all removed so the courts are nearly clear.

SB paid a cheque for £4500 from the bar account to the general account.

AM has ordered some new posts for the netting in the mini court.

AM has organised for the notice board to have CL's name and number on.

The next meeting was agreed as Thursday 15th January at 8.00 pm.

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Date _____

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