

THAMES DITTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting of Directors at the Clubhouse on
20th March 2007

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| Present | Andrew Meatyard | Chairman |
| | Martha Gordon | Club Secretary |
| | Tom Kelly | Treasurer |
| | Gavin Wilson | Information Secretary |
| | Mike Simpson | Ground Secretary |
| | Anne Simpson | Bar Secretary |
| | John Hutton-Attenborough | Junior Secretary |
| | Graeme Boddy | Match Secretary |
| | Sean Freeman | Social Secretary |
| Apologies | Guy Phillips | Membership Secretary |
| | Peter Newman | Deputy Chairman |

The meeting started at 8 pm.

| No. | AGENDA ITEM | ACTION |
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- 1 Minutes:** Minutes of the last committee meeting held on 13th February 2007 had been distributed in advance. No amendments were necessary.
- 2 Administrative Help for Membership Secretary:** AM requested assistance for GP regarding the printing of address labels etc. Help was offered by several committee members.
- 3 Coaching:** AM met with Sunni Dimic to discuss the coaching contract for the upcoming season. He agreed:
 - Free coaching for new members on Wednesday evenings. Ollie to run.
 - Open sessions for members on Thursday evenings. Members pay £5 per session. Ollie to run.
 - Coach organisation and attendance at the Friday night mix in sessions.
 - Saturday morning sessions (10am – 12pm) for juniors. Jonathan to run.

AM is looking into the possibility of a Friday evening session for juniors during the adult mix in.

Head Coach, Sunni Dimic, and coaches Ollie and Jonathan attended at the end of the meeting.

- 4 Open Weekend Organisation:** Adverts for TDLTC and the Open Days have been placed in Elmbridge Review, About Thames Ditton and Living Within. GB has also managed to secure a free editorial in About Thames Ditton and Elmbridge Review. GB is also coordinating a print of leaflets, which will be available in local outlets coming up to the Open Days. MS and AS will meet with OddBins in Surbiton Train Station to discuss the possibility of placing a poster in their window.

The details of the Open Day are still to be confirmed, but it is anticipated that tennis will start at approximately 1.30pm on Saturday 14th April. Afternoon tea will be served at around 4pm. On Sunday 15th April, tennis

will again start at approximately 1.30pm with a BBQ organised for around 4pm. GB will hold a raffle on the Sunday.

SF

SF is to issue instructions as to what he needs from the rest of the committee.

The point was made that membership renewals will need to be sent out in advance of the Open Day to encourage turnout.

AM

Sunni Dimic will be asked to attend the Open Day.

5 Advertising: Covered under Agenda Item 4.

6 Neighbours Trees: A eucalyptus tree in a neighbouring garden has fallen into the tennis club and brought down fencing between the two properties and at the back of a court. Luckily, there seems to be no long term damage. AM is liaising with the property owners to request that they cut down the remaining two trees which now represent a safety concern for our members.

7 Recruitment and Renewals: Unfortunately, Guy Phillips, Membership Secretary, wasn't present at the meeting. Committee members were concerned that the renewal forms would be sent out as a matter of urgency. It was suggested that GP send out an email summary of his plans and actions for the renewal process.

GP

It was decided that the following needs to be sent out with the renewals: Membership Form, Summer Calendar, Open Day Invitation, Tea Rota, Tournament Entry Form, Wimbledon Ballot Form and details of new member coaching.

The Wimbledon Ballot event was also discussed. It is suggested that this be combined with a renewal day, which was a successful event last year. MG to advise dates of receipt of Wimbledon tickets.

MG

8 Filling up the Summer Calendar: It was decided to publish a comprehensive list of Summer events.

The date of the Summer Ball is to be decided. American tournaments will be organised for the Bank Holidays on 28th May and 27th August.

9 AOB: The following items were noted:

- GP queried through AM if member email addresses and phone numbers could appear on the website. Due to Data Protection, this cannot happen.
- TK advised the Committee that there was a balance in the FY2005 accounts that he was currently unable to explain. The balance in the FY2006 accounts was described as "Balance of Lottery and LTA Funds -£11,373". He has requested clarification from previous Treasurers and the Auditors.
- The committee expressed their sympathy regarding the recent death of Teddy Latimer-Sayer, who was an important and long-standing member of the Club. Flowers were sent on behalf of the Club. AM proposed the installation of a bench in his memory. This was unanimously passed by the committee.
- Floodlighting: We are awaiting the outcome of our application for floodlighting. This was due to be decided on 19th March.

Next Meeting:

To be confirmed by AM. This is to precede the Open Weekend.

AM

Secretary _____

Chairman _____

Date _____

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