

# THAMES DITTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Club Committee Meeting of Directors at the Clubhouse on  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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
	Guy Phillips	Membership Secretary
	Apologies	Peter Newman
	Shaun Freeman	Social Secretary

The meeting started at 8 pm.

No.	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1	<b>Minutes:</b> Minutes of the last committee meeting had been distributed in advance. One requested change was made re accounts.	
2	<b>Floodlighting:</b> Nothing significant to report. Esher TC's application failed on appeal, it is believed because of concern for neighbours. AM will lodge Thames Ditton's appeal within a few weeks.	
3	<b>Membership:</b> As of today's date, new members were still coming in and the numbers are looking good. It was agreed that to keep in touch with new members and call them early in the season to ensure they are settling in. TK suggested an Orphans Board for Fixed Four night to cater for members who aren't in a ready-made fixed four. This was agreed by the committee.	?
	A member who was previously banned from membership has requested permission to rejoin as a midweek member. It was agreed that MG would check previous minutes to establish previous committee decision and GP, Membership Secretary, would have the final call on the decision to allow him to rejoin.	MG GP
4	<b>Matches:</b> A 3 <sup>rd</sup> team men's captain and 2 <sup>nd</sup> team women's captain are required. It is hoped that with 24 new adult playing members that there will be more players to choose from. Match practice is at 6.15 every Wednesday evening. We should endeavour to promote team tennis among our new members.	
5	<b>Website:</b> Some issues regarding the website were discussed. The court booking system doesn't appear to be working and GW will look into this. It was requested that an area be created where members can leave their name if they would like to create a fixed four.	GW
6	<b>Neighbours Trees:</b> AM is still in negotiation with a neighbour about removing 2 trees at risk of falling on court. He will report back later.	AM
7	<b>Club Sponsorship:</b> A local resident, who works for Prince, has offered to provide the club with windbreakers for all courts. This may require new	

- fencing, as existing fencing will not be substantial enough to support them. AM to get quote. Prince may also be in a position to offer prizes for junior competitions etc. **AM**
- 8 New Members Social:** It was agreed to combine this with the Wimbledon draw on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, with a separate part of the event devoted to them. GW will send out an email to members to inform them of the event. Shaun Freeman will organise this. **GW SF**
- MG will send out available Wimbledon dates and each committee member wishing to attend will put their name against a date. The remaining dates will be put in the draw. The rules of the draw are as follows: **MG**
- Each full playing Club member will be put in the draw
  - To win tickets, the player must be in attendance on the night of the draw
  - Payment for the tickets must be made on the night of the draw
  - Winners win 2 tickets; they can return one to the draw if they wish
- 9 Cheque Limits:** TK wants to increase the signing power of the Treasurer to £1,000, as experiencing problems with a £500 limit. This was agreed by the committee. The Treasurer will need to bring bank statements to committee meetings from now on for examination by committee if required. **TK**
- 10 Advertising:** AM queried the distribution of the Elmbridge Review. As the club paid £500 for advertising, if it hasn't been properly distributed, then AM will request the money back. **AM**
- 11 Club Security:** AM requested the committee consider how we manage clubhouse security whilst still allowing members to utilise basic essential facilities of club toilets and drinking water. MS raised the issue of the clubhouse being opened during the day, the alarm deactivated, but not re-secured. Also, there is a problem with children being on the club grounds unsupervised. This will be fully discussed and decided at the next committee meeting. **ALL**
- 12 AOB:** The following items were noted:
- GB requested that tournament entries be permitted after the closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> May to allow new members to compete. AM to speak to Lloyd Furber, Tournament Organiser. **AM**
  - TK advised that there will be a funding shortfall of £1,800 from last year.
  - AS queried cars parking in club grounds during the day. A note will be left on the windscreen of non-members who repeatedly park there. **AS**
  - MS again queried the late use of the club by juniors. JHA will bring this to the attention of the junior committee. **JHA**
  - GP questioned the existence of a tennis club rulebook. It was suggested that some sensible rules are put together and published.
  - Roll of honour board – names need to be retrieved from Brian Holmes.

**Next Meeting:**

To be confirmed

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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