Minutes of the meeting of the Newton Abbot Squash and Tennis Club

On 3 August 2017

Those present

Malcolm Watts, Tim Dickinson, Richard Thomas and Jane Comyns.

Apologies for absence received from

Jane Gick, Matt Whalley, Nick Whalley, Andy Lloyd, Dan Gough, Glyn Davies\*, Lee Manning and Paul Lennox.

Minutes of last meeting

Were read, approved and signed by the evening’s Chairman

Matters arising

\*Glyn had sent in various comments with his apology for absence – he reported that Paul Lennox has confirmed that he will continue as membership secretary and does not require any assistance. There have been delays in contacting and meeting James Cooper to iron out problems with the system. Membership details are being clarified and added to the system. Members who have not yet received card(s) will be receiving them asap. New members will receive welcome e-mail, and all necessary information (and codes), to enable them to access all requisite systems. Details will be available for Treasurer to make payments as required to Rec Trust.

Malcom Watts is attempting to agree a meeting date with Russell Bond who is proving a little elusive.

Russell has agreed to clear items from the area adjoining our neighbours. The double-glazing units are to provide a new entrance to tennis court 4. Any development beyond creation of a doorway must have prior approval of committee following distribution of plans by Russell.

The removal of brambles from said area is still incomplete so we will not pay any contribution to this at present.

Malcolm told us that the England Squash Subscription has been paid.

Several other matters were noted, to be carried forward to the September meeting, for discussion by a large number of Committee Members.

Chairman’s Report

Not present.

Treasurer's Report

Malcolm reported that he has retyped the letter to Russell and is to deliver it to discuss with Russell before the September meeting.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

Membership Secretary's Report

Paul sent in his report –

Following a couple of hours with James the system seems ok, attached are some figures which are close to being accurate. The groups seem to have been sorted though I will need to spend more time on it.

He submitted the following table of membership numbers for this year as at 3 August, although Tim understood that these figures may still contain some non-renewed members (details retained for those who might consider re-joining).

Total membership 248

Senior Members 112

Family Members 12

Day Members 31

HM Forces 2

Honorary Members 3

Joint Members 20

Apprentice / Student Members 4

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Membership Secretary's Report (continued)

Tennis only Seniors 25

Tennis only juniors 18

Tennis family 5

Recreational Trust Report

Richard Thomas reported back to us that the kitchen refurbishing was almost finished. The Bar seems to be running very well.

Squash Section

Several matters were discussed e.g. summer teams tournament seems to be working in its new format

Racquetball

Nothing to report.

Tennis Section

Continuing success for ladies’ A team, and continuing weather problems for ladies’ B team matches.

Any other business

Tim Dickinson advised us that this was his final meeting. As advised previously, he is resigning from the Committee, due to increased work commitments, though he hadn’t ruled out a possible return in the future. He is prepared to continue as one of our Club’s representatives on the Rec Trust Board, if our members wanted him to do so. Those Committee Members present unanimously raised a vote of thanks to Tim for all his endeavours for our Club.

A couple of other things mentioned by Paul -

£1 machine: Speeder, who installed it, have yet to respond, despite a number of emails so a coin unit is being sourced elsewhere.

Gas heaters: the annual service is due and Roberts Gordon have been contacted to supply a quote as they are the installers. It is a legal requirement to have them serviced.

This month we received the sad news of the death of Keith Harris. A stalwart of the Club for many, many years, he will be greatly missed. The Committee passes its condolences to Maggie\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Date of next meeting

Thursday 7 September 2017 at 7pm