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

on 5 October 2017

Those present

Malcolm Watts, Richard Thomas, Jane Gick, Lee Manning, Paul Lennox

Apologies for absence received from

Glyn Thomas, Jane Comyns, Dan Gough, Andy Lloyd, Nick Whalley, Matt Whalley

Minutes of last meeting

Were read, amended and approved unanimously. Amended version to be signed by Acting Chairman for Club records.

Matters arising

Russell Bond is reported to be satisfied with his contract and has told Paul he will sign it.

Paul reported it was not the installers who had converted the card machine to take the new coinage. They had failed to respond to numerous requests so the manufacturers were traced and they supplied the instructions so we were able to convert it ourselves.

Chairman's Report

In Glyn’s absence, Paul passed on comments received from him.

Have we been able to obtain the info we needed from the Paysubsonline system? Malcolm advised a lot had been archived but he now had access to it.

Was the committee able to ratify the new subs? This could be agreed at committee level but needed to be ratified at the AGM.

Thanks to Dan for all his work on the website and the squash teams and were the committee and the Treasurer happy to pay? Malcolm replied yes.

Tennis club nights and sessions are proving successful and it appears new members as a result. Thanks to Jane C for her overseeing duties.

Treasurer's Report

Malcolm reported the membership spread sheet with figures for the Trust, showed a payment of approximately £3.5k was due.

A payment of £802.41 is due to Devon Squash

Malcolm confirmed RB is satisfied with the new contract.

Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

Membership Secretary's Report

Total membership 258

Senior Members 127

Juniors 29

Family Members 13

HM Forces 1

Honorary Members 3

Joint Members 20

Off Peak / Day 12

Apprentice / Student Members 6

Tennis only seniors 43

Tennis Joint 4

Tennis only juniors 14

Tennis family 9

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Recreational Trust Report

The kitchen had no been fully refurbished, just some painting to be completed.

There had been a full page ad and feature in the MDA, representing all the Trust’s member clubs, pulled together as a joint effort by Richard T and Nicki in the bar.

The budget had been produced by the Trust Treasurer and approved at the last meeting.

There had been discussion about providing extra help in the Trust office to assist Paul and also to provide holiday and weekend cover.

Squash Section

Dan Gough produced a report which Paul read:

All the teams have started their campaign, 4 mixed squash and 1 racketball, 2 Ladies squash and 2 racketball. The balls have been collected and Malcolm has the invoice.

Due to low numbers in the Premier division, the fixtures have been doubled up, each team facing one another 4 times during the season. Jarred London will continue playing this season, travelling from Bristol.

A railcard has been purchased, saving 33% on fares. Jared’s involvement allows us to encourage Juniors to play in the First team, something Darcy Boyle has now done.

Wignall’s Kitchens and Bathrooms have kindly agreed to continue their sponsorship of the 1st team this year, at around £650.00. this should cover the £40 match fee paid to Jared.

Many thanks to Dan Wignall and his company for their continued support.

The website, created about 5 years ago, was being targeted by hackers causing issues in the Google search results.

The software used to build the site was old and needed to be replaced. I have rebuilt the entire site, taking about 10 hours which commercially would be £21 per hour. I have not charged the club for this but do need to recover the costs for the new template, £55 as it is a paid product.

If the membership is still causing issues, I suggest a complete check of all members with payments received, I have heard there are several tennis members with no associated payment details – covered earlier in the meeting.

Dave Brown has asked if the club will host the Devon O55 team inter county weekend during the last weekend of October. I have said yes but let me know if there are likely to be any issues. All present were happy with the arrangements.

Tennis Section

In Jane’s absence, Paul read a brief tennis report:

There are two Ladies teams in the league again this winter with a flourishing pool of players since we attained summer division 3 status and the introduction of the “tennis only” rate. Many thanks to the committee for the new rate which expressed your belief in us.

The A team played their first match of the season, on Sunday and came away with a creditable 4-4 draw.

The club tournament is in full swing after a slow start, many thanks to Andy Lloyd for persevering with it.

Any other business

Malcolm had a small expenses claim which he presented to the committee. Payment was approved.

Lee Manning asked that special thanks should be passed to Dave French from the committee for all his work within the squash club over many years as he has now finally decided to hang up his racquet for the last time.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 2nd November 2017 7pm

AGM Tuesday 28th November 2017 7.30pm