



PAPWORTH
T-E-N-N-I-S C-L-U-B

AGM Minutes

2nd April 2009

Held at The Conservatory, Papworth

Present :

Mike Biss, Sally Barnes, John Peal, Moira Bond, Fiona Hughes, Mali Storan, Fiona Cummings, Adrian Parfitt, Ross Jenyon, Gareth Westhorp, David Barker, Sarah Barker, Zoe Douglas, Terry Stenchen, Christine Stenchen, Caroline Douglas, Andy Douglas, Caroline Cree, Richard Cree, Ines Ventura, Terry Voice, Karan Hotchkin, Tim Hooper, Carol Hooper, Jo Wheeler, Doreen Prescott, A Mebli, Thamy Ghaznavi, Sam Ghaznavi, Nick, Ghaznavi, Ken Woodham, Diane Woodham, Katie Biss, Debra Barker, Rick Stokes.

1. Apologies for absence

Katie Biss to arrive late.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM held on 19th March 2008 were approved unanimously.

3. Matter Arising

None

4. Coaching and Junior Tennis Achievement Awards

Terry outlined the junior tennis coaching programme. The club had lost 2 coaches since the last AGM but work was underway to try to secure a full-time coach in association with Gransden Tennis Club. Terry and Andy Douglas would continue to deliver as full a coaching programme as possible in the meantime. Terry thanked all the junior helpers, in particular Sam Douglas, James Hooper and Sarah Barker. Terry congratulated James and Sam on their excellent achievement in winning the LTA 17U Division 3 Junior League for 2008-9.

Awards were presented as follows:-

- Peter Prescott Trophy and £20 for most improved player was awarded to Nick Ghaznavi
- Girls Achievement winner Zoe Douglas received a trophy and £50 and runner up Sarah Barker received £20
- Boys Achievement winner James Hooper received a trophy and £50 and runner up Sam Douglas received £20

Terry extended special thanks to Caroline Douglas for help and support with admin.

5. Chairmans' Report (given by John Peal - Vice Chairman)

John reported that the club had operated without a Chairman for the past 12 months. The club was going through a period of change with a number of members resigning from key roles. Sally Barnes was stepping down as Treasurer and Mike Biss as Secretary. There would be a new team to take the club forward, however as with any club there was a heavy reliance on the support of members. Sally, Mike and Katie have all volunteered to continue to offer their support to the Committee. As Terry had mentioned in his report the club has recently lost the coaching services of Sebastien Scaux. He was thanked for his enthusiasm and Gallic flair. Terry had earlier outlined plans to replace the loss of Seb. This was essential as Papworth generates a high demand for coaching. Further, grant funding awarded in the last financial year requires the delivery of a number of coaching activities.

Katie continues to act as a "Scout" for the club with the work done in local Primary Schools. This work brings children to the club participating in After School Clubs leading to membership and participation in other coaching.

A "Get Back Into Sport" government initiative has allowed the club to provide FOC coaching, however due to the "no fee" element this often results in "no shows" as there is no commitment to attend. The club also received an Awards for All Grant to provide "Free" coaching to non-members. John asked all members to encourage friends, colleagues, neighbours to attend. John extended the club's appreciation of the work carried out by Steve Goswell in successfully applying for 2 grants on the clubs behalf.

John promoted forthcoming events : The Alicante Cup to be held on Sunday 19th April and the Play Tennis Day (a recruitment of new members drive) to be held on Saturday 25th April. All members welcome to attend and also asked to promote Play Tennis Day as widely as possible.

The club strives to provide a balance between fun social tennis and competitions. Thanks went to team captains: Tim Hooper, Andy Douglas, Karan Hotchkin, Debra Barker and Rick Stokes. Anyone wishing to take part in team tennis should approach to relevant team captain.

John re-iterated congratulations to Sam Douglas and James Hooper on winning their Division outright. This was no mean feat.

Some improvements to club facilities had been completed during the past year. Court lines had been repainted and work to form a root cut off wall had been completed last autumn. Leaves had also been cleared. A project has been discussed to provide toilet and kitchen facilities in the clubhouse. This is at an early stage but any progress will be communicated to members.

Membership numbers have dipped slightly which is not helped by the current economic climate and it was for this reason that the Committee agreed to holding membership fees at last years rates. John urged all present to promote the club as widely as possible to try to reverse this trend. The profile of the membership has also changed with an increase in households but a drop in individual memberships.

In November 2008, Papworth was awarded ClubMark status. This achievement involved a huge amount of work, largely by Mike Biss. The status is for 3 years and it is not clear yet whether or not the benefits warrant the effort taken. However Papworth is only 1 of 24 clubs in the Eastern Region to receive this award.

The LTA is promoting membership to British Tennis for all members, the benefit to the club and to members is that our annual Wimbledon Ticket Allocation is linked to British Tennis Membership.

Only 35% of members are currently also members of British Tennis.

The club now has a web site www.papworthtennis.co.uk. John thanked the committee for their help in populating the web site.

John paid tribute to Sally and Mike for their work in transforming the club over a significant period of time. Sally had been treasurer since 2001 and had a key role in the "new courts project". John presented a gift to Sally on behalf of members. (Golf lessons, tennis balls and flowers).

It is hard to express what Mike Biss has given to the club over a long period. He has been quietly effective and very driven to achieve among many a database of members, the new court project, a number of grants, Club Mark status, newsletters and fliers. The club is extremely grateful to Mike for his work. A gift of a CCTV camera for use on his new dutch barge was presented by John on behalf of members.

John also thanked Jo Wheeler who has been responsible for purchasing and storing match and tournament balls for the club for the past 10 years or so. Jo has agreed to continue for one more year but John asked for a volunteer to take over this responsibility.

6. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the annual income and expenditure analysis and a balance sheet were circulated. The treasurer commented that the club was in a very healthy financial position overall. The following items were highlighted:

- Membership trend for the period 2002-8/9 was presented
- Subs are slightly lower due to membership numbers dipping slightly and rates not increasing
- Coaching is the most significant on income side
- Grants received this year = accruals for coming year.

Sally closed by thanking everyone who has supported her over the last 7 years.

7. Appointment of Officers (Mike Biss)

This is a procedural requirement. There had been two resignations over the past year – Sally Barnes (Treasurer), Mike Biss (Secretary). The committee had received no nominations and there had been none from elsewhere. Carol Hooper was Proposed as Treasurer by Andy Douglas, Seconded by Terry Stenchen. Debra Barker was Proposed as Secretary by Carol Hooper, Seconded by Ross Jenyon.

The Vice Chairman, John Peal had taken most of the load over the last year and under significant pressure has agreed to stand as Chairman (the club constitution states that the maximum length that can be served as Chairman is 3 years). Katie Biss proposed John as Chairman and this was seconded by Rick Stokes. This left a vacancy for Vice Chairman. Mike asked for nominations. Terry proposed Andy Douglas. This was seconded by Mike Biss.

Sally and Mike will continue to be involved on the committee.

All the remaining members of the 2008/9 committee had agreed to stand again and Mike asked the meeting to approve their re-appointment en mass. The motion was carried by substantial majority.

8. Wimbledon Draw

The draw was completed and tickets allocated as follows:

Monday 22 nd June Centre Court £80	Fiona Cummings
Monday 22 nd June Court No 1 £74	Mali Storan
Tuesday 23 rd June Court No 2 £66	David Barker
Wednesday 24 th June Court No 1 £80	Gareth Westhorp
Thursday 25 th June Court No 1 £92	James Hooper
Monday 29 th June Court No 1 £124	Michael Bond
Monday 29 th June Court No 2 £100	Terry Voice
Tuesday 30 th June Centre Court £144	Sally Barnes
Thursday 2 nd July Court No1 £92	Fiona Hughes
Friday 3 rd July Centre Court £184	Terry Stenchen

Two reserves were also drawn. Andy Douglas (1st) and John Peal (2nd).

John thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting was closed at 9.00pm and the raffle drawn.

Note:

Written Reports from the Treasurer presented under item 6 are appended to the formal minutes.