

Papworth Tennis Club AGM Minutes

8pm Thursday 17 March 2016

Vinter Room Papworth Everard

Present: John Peal (Chairman), John Booker (Secretary), Steve Welburn (Treasurer), Fiona Cummings, George Gundry, Max Cummings, Alex Doffman, Heidi Bartlet, Peter Baliki, Debra Barker, David Birdsall, Hannah Curtiss, Adrian Parfitt, Laura Porter, Ewan Raffel, Lisa Seeley, Christine Stenchen, Terry Stenchen, Terry Voice, Caroline Douglas, Natalia Fagnoli, Karen Hotchkin, Fiona Hughes, Julia Hyde, Alex Jouvray, Duncan Astle, Katie Biss

Apologies: Jo Wheeler, Sally Attwood, Sara Webster, Harry Webster, Caroline Norton, Mike Biss, Margaret Williams, Andy Douglas, Sam Douglas, Justo Perez, Trudy Cambridge, Marius Berman

Minutes of meeting held 26 March 2015

Approved unanimously

Matters arising

None

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer presented his report with a copy shown at the end of these minutes.

Coaching

Reports attached and sent to all members before the meeting

Captains' reports

Reports attached and sent to all members before the meeting

Chairman's report

John Peal welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Below is a summary of his main points on his views of the last year:

The club feels very stable with membership up by 18% to 140 members. Looking at LTA rules the club could accommodate 240 but it was felt that this would be too many for the size of the club. However, getting more members remains a priority. John confirmed that we have bought 175 shoetags with the goal of selling out!

Coaching – Over and In, Alex and Diane, are giving lots of coaching options encouraging more members of all ages.

Facilities – Keen to look after the fabric. There is always work to do but we do our best to try and jump on these things and make them right as soon as possible. This has been seen with the deep cleaning of the courts and the planned re-painting of the courts in March 2016. Its big costs like this that has caused an increase in subs for this year, but there was no increase last year. These repairs are deemed necessary if we are to encourage new members and keep our current ones.

Finances – very stable with special thanks to Steve W. for his excellent stewardship.

Systems – Tracking membership, payments and e-mails is always a challenge. We would like to adopt the LTA's "Club Spark" software which would streamline operations with big benefits. IT could also be used so we could set up members using direct debits.

Teams – Team reports all sent out but a fantastic season for the ladies team winning their league. More evidence of the club becoming more stable and growing well is the launch of a second men's team.

Committee changes – John Booker (secretary) and Linda Cox (membership) resigned from the committee. John thanked John for his work as secretary as well as being the playing fields rep and Wimbledon ballot administrator. He also thanked Linda for her efficiency in keeping membership up to date with a very clunky system, and also her commitment to other roles including co-ordinating all the fish and chips for the quiz nights.

John also resigned as Chairman of the club and thanked everyone who had helped him whilst he has been in post, with particular thanks to: Debra, Terry, Andy, Caroline, Carole, Mike and Katie, Lisa, Rick Stokes and the current committee who have been so willing, dependable, shrewd and good humoured. Steve made a presentation of golf vouchers to John to mark the clubs sincere appreciation for his dedicated, hard-working and enthusiastic 8 year term as Chairman.

Approval of change to Constitution

A change in the constitution was put to members; current wording of section 9.7 to be changed to allow the chairman to hold more than one position. Approved unanimously.

Appointment of officers

Chairman - Steve Welburn

Vice-chair John Peal

Treasurer – Steve Welburn

Secretary – Fiona Cummings

Membership – John Peal

Hannah Curtiss – Safeguarding and welfare

Laura Porter - PR

George Gundry – PFC and IT support)

Adrian Parfitt– Facilities

Ewan Raffel - Social media

Most improved player

Duncan Astle was named as the most improved player and presented with the Mark Howell trophy.

Any other business

Katie Biss asked what had happened to the Peter Prescott trophy (most improved Junior). Lisa Seeley said that her daughter had the trophy. It was agreed that in future years Alex should decide on the most improved junior player.

It was suggested that covers are bought for the current benches to be used during the winter months.

Storage for the wheelchairs was discussed and this will be brought to future committee meetings.

Alex asked if anyone would be interested in a monthly club tournament. Many of the members agreed they would be interested and Alex said he would start to organise this on a monthly basis.

Post AGM the draw for Wimbledon tickets

9 pairs of ticket were drawn with 2 reserves

Captains' and Coaches' Reports – Papworth Tennis Club AGM

Thurs March 17th

Many thanks to all contributors.

Captains Report / Papworth Mens Doubles – LTA Division 6 / Summer 2015

The Men's LTA doubles league summer 2015 proved to be another very tough league and a big challenge for the team where we played against some very strong opposition teams, especially Cambridge club, St. Neots and Cambourne, the league's final placed top 3 teams. Although a tough season, it was ultimately a productive season where the Papworth team successfully retained* its status in the division for another year following wins against Buckden and Risbygate and a draw against Cambourne.

My thanks to all the players for their great efforts over the season, they have all done really well, especially with injuries aplenty and the challenge to get a team together on several occasions. Now though, our focus is on the 2016 summer season and the challenge to win matches and climb up to the next division.

Andy Douglas. Men's Captain.

** Following LTA changes, the team will play in Dvn 7 for summer 2016*

Ladies' Doubles

The Papworth Ladies have had a very successful year's tennis. In the summer league they finished in second place after only losing one match to the eventual league winners. However in the winter league, they decided that second place was not good enough and went one better WINNING the league. They had some tough games but managed to pull it out of the bag every week, not losing a single match.

This now means we win a shiny trophy and will be promoted. Every member of the team played superbly well and I look forward to our upcoming challenges in both the winter and summer leagues. Thank you to everyone who played including: Laura Porter (who had to put up playing with me week in, week out!), Debra Barker, Karan Hotchkin, Sue Hoyland, Sally Hayman, Julia Ilott and Lisa Seeley.

Mixed Teams and Vets

Summer League 2015

Placed in Division 7 of 9 clubs in total we ended up coming 3rd out of 6 teams. With wins over Cambridge, Cocks & Hens, Ely 2 and Great Shelford, drawing with St Neots and losing to the league winners Ely 1. Our ratio of winning sets won was 67%. Thanks to the following players for their efforts : Ladies - Lisa Seeley, Karan Hotchkin, Diane Cobb (guest appearance), Laura Porter and Debra Barker and Men - Andy Douglas, Terry Stenchen, Terry Voice, Stewart Gainey and David Barker. Please let Debra know if you are interested in playing this season.

Winter League 2015

We went up last season to Division 3 (of 6) and it was a pretty tough season. We managed one win only against the league losers Haslingfield. Hopefully this season will be slightly easier as we move back down to

Division 4. Thanks to the following players for their efforts: Ladies - Hannah Curtis, Karan Hotchkin, Sue Hoyland, Laura Porter and Debra Barker and Men - Andy Douglas, Terry Stenchen, Terry Voice, Stewart Gainey, David Barker and Coach Alex who made a surprise guest appearance against Saffron Walden.

Please let Debra know if you are interested in playing this season.

Winter Vets League 2016

With two matches still to play we are having a great season. We started with an 8-0 win over Cambridge Club (albeit their 6th team) but it was very enjoyable. We have two further victories (both hard fought) over Gransden 1 and Gransden 2 by 5 sets to 3. With two matches to play against Orwell and Royston we hope we can do our injured captain Lisa proud.

Thanks to the following players for their efforts: Ladies - Sue Hoyland and Debra Barker and Men - Andy Douglas, Terry Stenchen, Stewart Gainey, David Barker, John Peal and Tim Hooper.

BHL 2015 (Lisa Seeley)

Having won the Mixed Division League 1 the previous year, we fought to defend our title... and nearly did.

Some matches were a breeze (8:0 vs Ely and 8:0 vs Bourn). But we were beaten by Gransden (boo) – twice – which resulted in us taking second place overall. This season, Operation ‘win the trophy back and beat the Gransdens’ does commence.

With big thanks to all the players – Hannah Curtis, Sue Hoyland, Karan Hotchkin, Julia Illott, Debra Barker, David Barker, Stewart Gainey, Terry Stenchen, Andy Douglas, Steve Welburn and Trevor Illott.

Diane Cobb: Wednesday junior after school coaching sessions are going well and numbers are still good, despite being in the winter term of lessons. In the yellow ball session for juniors aged 10 to 14 there are currently 5 players with 3 of those being girls which I'm really pleased about as typically we (& most tennis clubs) have a much higher proportion of boys compared to girls playing tennis. I attended the Miss Hits course run by Judy Murray aiming to attract girls aged 5 to 8 into tennis & it is something I am interested in doing and see that there is a real need to do it to encourage more girls to play tennis.

We continue good links with Pendragon Primary School in the village and currently the 2 respective year 6 classes are coming down to the club to each have an hour's lesson each week. I go into Fen Drayton primary school each summer (they pay me directly & always prefer to have coaching in June/July). Hopefully, we will be going into Elsworth in the summer term, after the Easter holidays.

Wheelchair tennis coaching took place last Summer and Autumn. They are resuming on Wednesday 13th April and the club will shortly be receiving a grant from Stepping Stones. The sessions are being advertised earlier this time round, so hopefully there will be some more players to join in the sessions.

Tuesday morning adult group still going each week in term time - averaging 4 players each week, but would be nice to have a few more.

Tots tennis sessions took place in Spring and Summer in 2015 - will hopefully start a new course after Easter.

Alex Doffman: This year has seen a positive change with regards to coaching at Papworth Tennis Club with the further establishment of Alex at the club. There have been a range of sessions added to the weekly calendar.

Adding to Diane's already successful Wednesday sessions, Alex has continued to grow and improve the level of tennis for juniors further on a Saturday morning - as well as creating a Junior Matchplay Social Night which runs successfully on a Monday to give the kids a lot more opportunity to hone their skills. This has been well supported over summer, with every court being used, and over winter a stubborn few have roughed it out every week, much like the adult socials!

Adult coaching has been introduced, with sessions for beginners and intermediates running intermittently on a Tuesday, followed by a more successful Tactics and Matchplay session for 2 hours on a Thursday. Alex is keen to add more players to both of these sessions, if you want to register your interest with him then simply shout at him at the end of the meeting and he'll do his best to accommodate you. Alternatively we sent out an online survey, which can be completed anonymously, and we're encouraging everyone to take 2 minutes to do this, whether it's for positive or negative reasons, as Alex is very keen to continue to build on the early successes he has made and make sure he is providing the members with what they want.

In more recent news Alex has organised a Second Mens Team to be competing this Summer, which is fantastic. The team will be competing at home on some Sundays, so it would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible to support the team on!

Finally, Alex would like to offer more competition opportunities to run alongside the main competitions at the club.

He is open to running some competitions on Sunday mornings, perhaps once a month, that he refers to as 'American Tournaments'. These tournaments are designed specifically to allow anyone of any ability to play and compete, and makes for entertaining competitive fun. If this does appeal to you, then please let Alex know and he will start making plans for the first one of the year.

ANALYSIS OF PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB FINANCES FY15/16

PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB INCOME & EXPENDITURE 1/3/15 - 29/2/16 (Pre- Audit)

INCOME	2015/16	2014/15	EXPENDITURE	2015/16	2014/15
Balance B/F	£52,766.78	£ 46,627.77	LTA Registration	£440.00	£ 400.00
Membership	£7,861.65	£ 7,120.50	League/Match Fees	£60.00	£ 175.12
Coaching			Tennis Balls	£232.73	£ -
Junior	£150.00	£ 1,085.00	Coaching	£515.00	£ 792.00
Adult	-	£ -	Social Events	£63.58	£ 334.06
Other income			Alicante Cup	£33.52	£ 82.87
Lighting Tokens	£15.00	£ 4.00	Finals' Lunch	£14.44	£ 36.90
Tennis Balls	-	£ -	Publicity Leaflets	£213.20	£ 219.00
Tournaments Jnr	£37.50	£ 45.00	Website	£59.40	£ 128.86
Tournaments Adult	£53.00	£ 65.00	Insurance	£805.00	£ 992.85
Raffles & Fundraising	-	£ 125.00	Stationery & postage	£44.89	£ 52.91
P/Everard PC- Electricity	£339.91	£ 341.70	Leaving Gifts	-	£ 49.14
Alicante Cup	£236.00	£ 205.00	Equipment	£328.42	£ 669.75
Visitors Fees/Non members	£50.50	£ 125.40	Club Hut Cleaning	£110.00	£ 140.00
Social Events	£15.00	£ 251.00	Kitchen/Cleaning supplies	£23.52	£ 26.59
Finals Lunch	£33.00	-	Hall/court Hire	£75.00	£ 24.00
Misc	£15.00	£ 83.00	Grounds Maintenance	£220.00	£ 348.01
Cambridge B/Society Interest	£195.98	£ 145.58	Electricity/Lighting	£1,810.50	£ 1,129.44
Bank Interest	-	£ -	Court Cleaning	£2,832.00	£ -
Investec (3 year Investment)	-	£ -	Floodlight Repairs	£634.20	-
			Membership refund	£113.50	-
			Trophies/engraving	£21.00	£ 22.00
			Sundries	£289.03	£ 233.67
Movement in Year	£9,002.54	£ 9,596.18	Club House Ramp/Door	£2,428.80	-
Total Income	£61,769.32	£ 56,223.95	Total Expenditure	£11,367.73	£ 5,857.17
Total Expenses	£11,367.73	£ 5,857.17			
Grants	£0.00	£ 2,400.00			
Carried forward	£50,401.59	£ 52,766.78			
Papworth Tennis Club Funds					
Barclays community a/c	£12,623.34	£ 5,800.69			
Barclays postal a/c	£0.04	£ 0.04			
Cambridge Building Society	£7,668.29	£ 17,068.26			
Investec	£30,000.00	£ 30,000.00			
Cash	£171.12	£ 102.44	S Welburn		Date
Banking outstanding	-	£ -	PTC Treasurer		
Current funds	£50,401.59	£ 52,971.43			
Unpresented cheques	£0.00	£ 204.65			
Total Bank	£50,401.59	£ 52,766.78	Audited By		
Less Sinking Fund	£40,500.00	£ 36,600.00	Karan Hotchkin ACMA		
Available Funds	£9,901.59	£ 16,166.78			
Summary In Year Movement		2014/15			
Income	£9,002.54	£ 11,996.18			
Expenditure	£11,367.73	£ 5,857.17			
less grants	£0.00	£ 2,400.00			
In Year Movement (less grants)	-£2,365.19	£ 3,739.01			

KEY POINTS

Income

- Membership income increased by 10%
- No income from social or raffles as Quiz Night was postponed
- Coaching income now goes through Over&In

Expenditure

- Completion of Clubhouse Ramp/Door project was £2,428
- Coaching expenditure includes £440 for Junior Club nights
- Floodlight repairs and servicing was £634.20
- Court cleaning bill was £2,832 (£432 for moss treatment in Sep & £2400 for all court cleaning in November)
- Electricity bill was up 80% - see below:

PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB - ELECTRICITY									
Consumption	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Price	Bowls&PP Refund	Net Cost to PTC	
2010/11	Quarterly Kwh figures not available					£1,394	£363	£1,031	
2011/12						£1,319	£689	£630	
2012/13						£1,546	£507	£1,039	
2013/14						£1,419	£306	£1,113	
2014/15	761	983	3819	2865	8428	£1,129	£341	£788	
2015/16	3083	1705	4370	5064	14222	£1,810	£390	£1,420	
% Change from 14/15	305%	73%	14%	77%	69%	60%		80%	

Summary

- Reported loss of -£2,365.19 looks worse because £2,400 grant was taken into last year's account but expenditure on Clubhouse Ramp/door was paid this year. Net effect over last 2 years' is Club funds have increased by £3,773.82.
- Major expenditure planned for FY16/17:
 - o Repaint all 4 courts - £8,817
 - o Replace court posts - £720
- Total Expenditure of £9,537 reduces Sinking Fund to £30,963