

**MINUTES OF PAPWORTH TENNIS CLUB AGM AT THE VINTER ROOM PAPWORTH
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2015**

Present:

John Peal (Chairman), Stephen Welburn (Treasurer), John Booker (Secretary), Linda Cox (Membership Secretary), Hannah Curtis (Committee Member), Laura Porter (Committee Member), Katie Biss, Mike Biss, Christine Stenchen, Terry Stenchen, Debra Barker, Karen Hotchkin, Julia Hyde, Harry Webster, David Barker, Terry Voice, George Grundy.

Apologies for Absence:

Jo Wheeler, Fiona Cummings, Andy Douglas, Caroline Douglas, Rick Dyke-Price, Lisa Seely, Margaret Williams, Caroline Norton, Richard Heath.

Minutes of Meeting held on 26th March 2014:

Approved unanimously.

Matters Arising:

None

Treasurer's report:

Steve Welburn presented his report. A copy of the club's accounts showing income and expenditure for the year ending 28.2.2015 was distributed at the meeting. Anyone wanting a copy should contact the Treasurer.

A Financial Summary for the year 2014/5 and a Financial Plan to Feb 2017 are attached.

The following items were noted:-

Court Lighting Costs-

Lower tariff with EON energy saved £290 in FY2014/15.

Another lower tariff secured from May 2015.

Club Funds-

3 year bond (£30,000) with Investec started Oct 2013

Providing FSTE 100 is over 6,549 by October 2016, PTC gets a 12% return (£3,600) from Investec.

On 25th March 2015 FSTE100 was at 7009 (up 7%)

Cambridge Building society account (£17,068)

1% return which generated £145 (from the average amount held in 2014).

Coaching/ Fee Income –

Due to problems in establishing a stable coaching programme particularly for juniors we lost members and coaching income.

Facilities –

Court cleaning costs are down as we now do the necessary work (moss spraying) ourselves. The Clubhouse project refers to the installation of a handicap friendly ramp and replacement of the door to the clubhouse for which we received grants totalling £2,400 from South Cambs District Council and The Varrier Jones Foundation towards the total cost of £2,500.

Equipment-

Costs increased following purchase of new nets, and chairs for the Clubhouse. The replacement of the posts is not included as this is planned for next year.

Following a request from the floor the committee will now look to replace the posts for Courts 2 & 3 this year.

Chairman's report:

John Peel welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented his report.

The key points are summarised –

Membership – declined by 35 members (mainly juniors) due to the coaching problems mentioned previously.

Facilities – Upgrading continues with the wheelchair access, new chairs and replacement of nets. Stephen Peck our grounds man has successfully taken over the moss spraying from expensive contractors.

Coaching- The arrangement with O&I and their coach Alex Doffman to takeover coaching supported by Diane Cobb has bedded down well after a difficult period.

The Chairman read out reports from Alex and Diane.

Diane –

There is a good and well established coaching programme at the club, where coaching is offered for all ages and abilities. Our coaches are Diane Cobb (07964 839688) and Alex Doffman (07515 356884) who both offer private and group lessons. The junior programme is increasing and we have age appropriate sessions, overseen by 'Over and In' that run on both Saturday mornings (9.30 -11.30am) and a Wednesday after school (3.45-6.30pm). There are some spaces on both days and these are bookable by going onto the Over and In web site – www.overandin.com

I run an adult group coaching session on a Tuesday morning in term time (9.30-10.45am) and any new players are very welcome to come along. A six weeks tots mini tennis course is starting at the club Thursday 16th April (11.15-12noon), please contact me to book a place. We run a successful schools' tennis programme and I go into local schools and do coaching sessions in curriculum time – this gives children an introduction to tennis and hopefully encourages as many as possible to take up tennis, join one of the coaching sessions and become a junior member. We have a good link with Pendragon Primary School and the children are able to walk down to the club for coaching.

Alex-

When I joined Over and In back in September I started working at Papworth on a Saturday morning, however, numbers were quite low, with about six children in total over four groups due to what I believe was difficulty in securing a regular coach at the club.

Fortunately as the months have gone on and we have got Christmas and winter (mostly) out of the way, numbers have begun to improve and I'm getting 10 – 14 children now playing on Saturday mornings, and I am confident we will be seeing a lot more juniors over the summer for those Saturday morning sessions.

As part of my plans to increase participation we ran a highly successful half term tennis camps at the clubs seeing 10/ 15 children per day come through the half term break, with some continuing on with the Saturday morning sessions.

Finally, I am happy to report that we have managed to get adult coaching going on a Thursday night for team members which is fantastic. A huge thank you to Debra Baker for organising these sessions which have now been running for the last few months.

I'd like to suggest running a session on a Thursday from 6-7pm for anyone who wants to improve in time for summer. Again if anyone is interested in this or any one to one coaching please get in contact and I'd be really happy to do it. If anyone would rather it be another night (or day) just get in touch with me and we can sort it out.

Thanks for the warm welcome I've had it's a pleasure working with the club. Hopefully see you on the courts soon!

Teams:-

The Chairman read out reports from Team Captains –

Debra Barker – Mixed (division 6)

Had a tough year and have been relegated to division 7.

Andy Douglas – Men's doubles (division 6).

This was a very difficult summer season for the Men's doubles team against some very strong opposition teams, especially Haslingfield, Huntingdon, and Cambourne but ultimately a productive season where the team successfully retained its status in division 6 for another year. With a win against Victory BSE and draws against Gt Shelford, Newmarket and Cambridge LTC earning us 5 valuable points, we managed to stay in this challenging division by securing the draw away at Gt Shelford in the last match of the season. Actually it really was a close call as achieving the draw meant Gt Shelford was relegated.

My thanks to all the players for their efforts over last season, although it's certainly getting harder to 'get a team together' with one match having 14 x declines.

Hannah Curtis – Ladies

Managed to stay up –just!

Lisa Seely –Business House League

We won the mixed division in 2014. It was a keenly competed contest and we were under pressure to beat Gransden in the final match (always tricky as they get EVERYTHING back) but our hard work and determination paid off and we are the champions.

Lisa would like to thank everyone who played for this league and will be calling on you again this summer.

VETS –

Last season we played well and moved up a division (from 5 to 4 so we have a way to go..)

We only have one more match to play and I am hopeful that we have done well enough to stay in this division for next season. This season's matches have been very close with lots of deuces and tie breaks, so every point has counted.

To play VETS women must be over 40 and men over 45. Again Lisa would like to thank everyone who has braved the cold and dark to play this season.

EVENTS:-

2015 dates

Alicante Cup -

26th April

Open Day

17th May

Special Day

Subject to availability of a high ranking LTA player being made available by O&I

The winter Social in February was a great success. The Chairman believed that with our improved coaching, facilities and marketing initiatives (600 flyers have been distributed to 6 local villages and a drop is being made within Papworth) we will reverse the fall in membership. He thanked committee members, team captains and all members for their support over the past year.

Appointment of Officers:-

Present Officers-	Chairman	John Peal
	Vice- Chairman	Vacant
	Treasurer	Steve Welburn
	Secretary	John Booker
	Membership Sec	Linda Cox
	Welfare officer	Hannah Curtis
	Coaching	Diane Cobb
		Alex Doffman
	Co-opted member	Laura Porter

John Peal offered to continue as Chairman and as there were no other nominations Debra Barker proposed and Hannah Curtis seconded that he be elected, approved unanimously.

The Chairman then proposed that the remaining officers and committee be elected 'en bloc' Katie Biss proposed and Harry Webster seconded that they be elected, approved unanimously.

The Chairman asked members to consider serving on the committee- Fiona Cummings has agreed to join.

Most Improved player:-

County Councillor Mark Howell has donated a cup to the club to be awarded annually to 'the most improved player'. After discussion with coaches, team captains and committee it was agreed to award the cup for the year 2014/15 to Lisa Seely.

Any other Business:-

As no other items were raised the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

Post AGM:-

Wimbledon draw – a ballot was held and the winners were – Karen Hoskin, Julia Hyde, Laura Porter, Richard Dyke- Price, Katie Biss, John Booker, Terry Stenchen, Fiona Cummings, John Peal, Andy Douglas and Debra Barker.

Two reserves were drawn – David Barker and Rick Heath.