

## **Ham and Petersham Lawn Tennis Club**

### **Minutes from AGM – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

#### Apologies for absence:

Jim Strong, Wendy Butler, Roy Law, Mark Fox, Libby Siebert, Sue Jackson

#### Attending:

Martin Adams, James Kober, Clive Clavering, Quill Cheyne, Barbara Adams, JP Guillonnet, Katrina Leddeboge, George Helyer, Sally Bruce, Mary Harper, Zino Arbane, Charles Doe, Marcia Stibora, Sara Kaznowski, Richard and Milana Chamberlain, David Guest, Gill Arbane, Ralph Ford

#### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

#### Coaching Report:

JP provided a coaching report. Aegon teams were well represented and performed well overall – the club had 11 junior teams and 2 adult teams.

GA mentioned that Junior tennis was not available on a Saturday morning and Clive commented that the aim was to improve current courts – both to be discussed at the next meeting.

JK added that the men's team had performed as follows:

Men's summer team 2014 – winners

Winter League – winners

Winter knockout Surrey – finalists

Summer league 2015 – winners

Summer knockout Surrey – winners

Mixed summer leagues – winners

Team made up of Alex May, Niklas Weber, James Kober, Mark Fox, Ben Clavering, Zino Arbane Jake.

Mixed team made up of James, Alex, Zino, Elizabeth Kober, Sarah Jackson, Nadia. All attending

commented long may it continue. The men's team is in Division 21 and beat teams in Division 7! Winter league in division 15 and summer league in division 19 – slowly going upwards but working with Surrey LTA to achieve faster promotion.

*ACTION POINT:* SK suggested that we have a board with players and matches and results and a trophy cabinet.

#### Chairman Report:

Martin provided a report. A point of note was the plan for a bonfire night party in November to raise money for the club. Mary continues to liaise with Grey Court School. Finances are solid – Roy is not currently able to chase outstanding memberships. Looking for a webmaster to update website. Special thanks to everyone who has helped this year-particularly Clive for the premises and grounds, Sally for the American tournament organisation and George as President.

*ACTION POINTS:* Bonfire Night Party in November to raise funds for the club. Making the shutters more secure (to check with insurance criteria). To investigate a regular cleaner.

#### Finance Report:

DG provided with up to date accounts. Possible contingency for trees and roots, court repainting, nets replaced, deal with the tree by court 1. LTA repayment has 3 years left (£2k every 6 months) and if we offer Grade 6 tournaments – could take £350.

Recommendation for subscriptions to remain the same, with a sliding scale if people joined midway in the year. 19-28 year olds were to be offered a special rate to encourage them to remain with the club. Change to the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March – was 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> April. Due to demands for courts the club could consider asking Grey Court School to use before 5pm if we had a justifiable reason – we need to be reasonable with our requests as they contribute 50% towards major maintenance costs

*ACTION POINTS:* Membership is at capacity so to be selective with membership – if becomes an issue to create a waiting list. GA requested a single adult and child rate.

#### Membership Secretary:

Numbers are slightly lower than last year, coaches are chasing for outstanding memberships – if not paid cannot enter Wimbledon Ballot draw.

#### Clubhouse:

Sid has helped with the grounds for the last year – huge asset. Consider either mini courts or 2 more courts to share with Grey Court School with available space. Other possible considerations are – fencing off the pavilion for security, cycle racks, veranda, changing area and signs.

*ACTION POINTS:* Fridge – do we need? Solar lights for night time; alternative security for door and windows (depending on insurance); fresh coat of paint; trees cut back; score boards and removing sofas (fire risk). Finally, look into WiFi.

Committee Voting and Election of Officers:

All current officers were re-elected:

Chair – Martin Adams

President – George Helyer

Secretary – Jude Oliver

Secretary Social – Sally Bruce

Secretary Membership – Roy Law

Treasurer – David Guest

Membership Secretary – Roy Law

Communications Secretary – tba

Webmaster – Gill Arbane (tba)

All roles to be agreed and finalised at the next meeting

Any other business:

Barbara requested that there could be a guarantee on one court for members on a Sunday all day – i.e. protected members time – to be considered by the committee.

Pauline O'Brien – a long term member – was unwell following a stroke – a card to be sent from the club and an as a guest to future American Tournaments

Could members buy tennis balls through the club - it was agreed this could be arranged if needed. There are to be club balls for social tennis available and have a recycled box for tennis balls.

The meeting closed around 9.45pm

**Sad note. A few days after the AGM we learnt the sad news that Roy Law had died. Roy was a popular member of the Club, an excellent Membership Secretary and Webmaster. We are very fortunate that Ralph Ford has stepped in as a Membership Secretary, and Steve Hayes has redesigned our excellent new website and also acts as Webmaster.**