

## Monday, 9th February 2009

**Present** Mike Marsden, Richard Swan, John Raven, Tracey Allen, Jim Grundy, Mike Williams, Mike Catlow, Mike Bond, Christine Kitchen, Peter Kitchen, Steve Reynolds and Charles Gayle

**Apologies** Mike Watson and Sue Shirley

### 1. Area needing attention

Broken Gate	John had taken the gate home to repair
Vermin	Pestakill had made several visits to treat the area under the roof. There had been no activity since their previous call and so will not return to the club until the next regular three monthly appointment.
Lock on door to men's changing room and toilets	Steve Hardman was going to sort this out in the next week and would then start work partitioning the Ladies Changing Room.
Central Heating	There was still a fault in that it was switching itself off and could not be turned on again until it had cooled down. Peter Gornall had purchased a part to rectify the problem.
Holes In car park	A quote had been received to fill in the holes and plug the gap beneath the railings for £1100. Go ahead would be given to Peter's contact in March as soon as the weather had improved.
Line movement on court	Mike will meet with Chris, the Sales Director of Playrite, to see what is to be done.

### 2. Clubhouse, Grounds and Bar

We had had an excellent Curry and Quiz evening two weeks ago, won by a team consisting of Caroline, Lesley, Theresa and John. The event raised £190 plus bar takings.

The telephone is costing a lot of money for little purpose other than a few calls enquiring about the club. The secretary will speak with BT regarding its removal – if possible having calls on 717045 directed to a home number. The website address and publications referring to that number will be changed.

Thwaites Brewery is laying off people. We may not receive the £500 sponsorship in future.

Nicola finished working on the bar the previous week.

John will see if we can get a replacement till on ebay.

Peter will be asked to completely disconnect the old shower.

Floodlights must be switched off at 11pm

### 3. Accounts

The main income had been as follows (last years shown in brackets)

Subscriptions	£14970 (£14068)
Bar – Net profit	£4496 (£5024)
Room/Court Hire	£2390 (£2027)
Sponsorship	£500 (£500)
Junior Development	-£58 (£-449)

Major areas of expenditure are shown below. Several had been one-off

Maintenance (including sand and sagging floor in the bar)	£7462
Grounds	£2426
Insurance	£1160
LTA Affiliation	£1150
New Railings	£2031
Cypress Trees Removal	£1500
Fuel Costs	£3166

Overall there had been about £1000 deficit – not unreasonable in view of the costs above.

Although we have an anticipated outlay of £1100 on the car park and £4000 on the netting savings will be made on not having to repay the loan and juniors receiving coaching on Friday evenings must be members of the club.

### 4. LTA Affiliation

A discussion took place about the merits of affiliating with the LTA. This year we will receive only 5 pairs of Wimbledon tickets due to low take up of British Tennis and the charge per member is to be increased. However to play in The Ranson Trophy and the National League you have to be affiliated and also to receive any loan from the LTA

The recommendation proposed by Mike Catlow and seconded by Mike Marsden was to continue this year, bring Scott to the club to be grilled on the actual benefits and review the area in future.

### 5. Membership

FPM 79, Country 15, Weekday 17, Student 8, Junior Full 5, Junior 41, Junior (10 & under) 12  
In addition there were 22 house members.

It was recommended that subscriptions be held at this season's levels.

### 6. Committee

All members present except Mike Catlow agreed to serve next year. Mike Williams would like to hand over the Membership Secretary as soon as the facility to administer it on the website is in place. Mike was thanked for his excellent work as captain over the last 7 years.

### 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is the AGM on **Wednesday, 11th March**