

Monday, 18th May 2009

Present Mike Marsden, Mike Williams, Tracey Allen, Jim Grundy, Mike Bond, Christine Kitchen, Peter Kitchen, Steve Reynolds, John Raven

Apologies Charles Gayle and Sue Shirley

Finance	We had £4200 in the bank after all bills had been paid
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Membership	
Green Card	This had been reintroduced this year. They were issued to members when they had paid and showed details of matches, officers and events
Administration on Website	Simon Stockton had done a fantastic job with this. It enables us to easily enter details of people that had paid, produced summaries and the ability to email members or produce sticky labels for those with no email address.
Payment of Subscriptions	Many playing members had not paid yet. Some were expecting a form to renew. Details had been provided in the last newsletter. A reminder will be sent and next year a renewal form will be sent via email or the post

Change of signatures for cheques	It was agreed that the former captain Mike Catlow and secretary Mike Marsden be removed to be replaced by Christine Kitchen (Captain) and Peter Kitchen (Secretary). The signature of the treasurer (Jim Grundy) would still be necessary.
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Matches	
Teams	These were all sorted.
Bands on nets	Richard was ordering two replacements
Match balls	After matches, balls must be returned to the box provided. Good quality ones can be purchased (at 3 for a pound) or used for junior games. Those of inferior quality can be put into a separate box in the Ladies Changing room for public use.
Playing – not to be postponed early	Team captains must not cancel matches too soon because it is raining in the afternoon. The courts dry out very quickly. It is difficult to find alternative dates. In particular they must not be pressurised by away teams not wanting to play
Handicapped Tournament and Presentation Evening	The tournament was progressing but could not be completed by the planned date. Finals will be played whenever they can. The presentation evening went ahead as planned consisting of a table tennis competition and a Jacobs Join. A big thank you to all involved. Chris Ward won the main tournament and Elidia Pearson won the best of the losers in the first round. Another table tennis tournament will be held in October.
Preston Tournament Final	We will be holding the finals from 1pm on Saturday, 13th June . Monkhouses will be selling tennis clothing and equipment. As we did four years ago we will hold a <i>Strawberry Tea</i> event in aid of breast cancer. Christine will be asking for volunteers to help with refreshments on the day.
Captains Day	This will take place on Sunday, 28th June . All members and former players are welcome.
Engraving Trophies	Each will be taken to the Trophy Shop in town after the particular final has been played.

Clubhouse and Bar	
Faulty doors and gates	John Raven was thanked for fixing the gate, door to gent's changing room and to the cellar. It was felt that the box containing the floodlight switches should be kept locked. John will fit it to have the same Yale key as the changing rooms when he is home for a long period in August.
Drinks pricing	New price lists had been produced for Club evenings and for private events on one sheet. Separate sheets will be produced for each category to display as appropriate.
Engraving president / captains on notice board	This still had not been done. Christine will speak to Mike Catlow.
Partition ladies changing room	The chairs had been stacked adequately in the corner of the changing room so there was no need to spend money on partitioning the area.
Petty cash box	This box with a float of about £20 was placed on the safe so that there was no need for anyone to have safe keys after a match for example. A separate key to unlock the fridge containing soft drinks and bottled beers could be kept in the box.

Car Park	
Holes and concreting under railings	Paul Lawrence had filled the holes with concrete and tarmac and concreted the area under the railings. The edges of some of the holes had loose stones. Christine will contact the firm to ask them to seal those patches.
Request payment for parking	We sent a letter to Highgate Nursery asking them for a payment for the use of the car park by staff and parents dropping off their children. They have given £200 to the club.

Courts	
New benches	Peter Hoyle had fitted the benches by court 3. We had a box with additional brackets that he would be asked to fit at his next visit to the club. Mike Williams would ask Joyce Sanderson if she would like to come to an event at the club to see the benches with the plaque in memory of her late husband.
Sanding and gluing	Mike was finding out how to glue the lines before sand was pushed into the carpets

Juniors	
Friday evening coaching	This was progressing well
Four junior teams	The teams were doing well but it wasn't easy for Tracey to get parents to help take the youngsters to matches with issues of CRB clearance. Elidia was willing to become the Child Protection Officer at the club.
Table Tennis Tables	A new table tennis table has been purchased. It divides in half and is easy to fold up and move into the kitchen. The old table will be retained but only used when there is a tournament.
LTA and school involvement with coaching	An LTA coach, Wayne Jones, is bringing children from local schools as a 'taster' from 10am to 4 pm on Thursday, 4th June
Summer tournaments for juniors	We are running the Preston Junior Tournament on Thursday 13th August and one for under 12s the following afternoon – Friday 14th. We will produce fliers to hand out on the LTA coaching day.
Rusty Rackets	Mike Marsden will provide coaching sessions if there is a demand

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.