

Monday, 25th February 2008

Present Mike Marsden, John Raven, Jim Grundy, Christine Kitchen, Mike Williams, Peter Kitchen and Mike Catlow

Apologies Mike Bond, Sue Shirley, Mike Watson

1. Membership and Finance

Figures were 117 Adult Members and 51 Under 18s. Affiliation to the LTA is now £8.70 per adult member.

The Treasurer provided an Income and Expenditure Report showing a surplus of about £2000, similar to last year. Income and Expenditure were both lower than in 2006/7.

Electricity and gas prices had recently soared. Whilst we can reduce the length of time that the heating comes on and ensure that floodlights are not needlessly lit, such as when there is an event, it was felt that we had to recommend an increase in annual subscriptions but only to three categories of membership.

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| Full Playing Members | £3 |
| Country Members | £2 |
| Winter Members | £2 |

2. AGM

Invites had been sent via email and the post. Neville had been asked if he would be the new president.

3. Various Club Matters

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| Wall removed | The many people that helped with this were thanked. Several skips were filled with bricks. |
| A replacement fence has been fitted | This makes the area much more visible and secure. The cost was of the order £2200. |
| Removal of cypress trees | This was being done at a cost of about £1500 |
| Vandalised Ladies changing room door, light, bench on veranda and gate to enter club | Steve Harman was doing this work. Expected to be £500 |
| Kitchen window | May need new lintel |
| Quote for CCTV | Very expensive. The above measures were likely to be more effective |
| Sagging floor in bar | A joist underneath the floor has woodworm. Peter Gornall will do the repairs. |
| Outstanding work on the floodlights | The grounds man will finish the job and cut back the trees. |
| Donation from the Joyce Sanderson | It was agreed to purchase a couple of vandal proof hardwood benches for the viewing area with a plaque in memory of Keith. Others are needed for on the courts |
| Car Park | After the trees had been removed, the car park would be swept, surplus gravel removed and the holes filled |
| Sand the courts | This would be done after Easter |
| Dance | The band had been excellent, everyone had enjoyed the evening but numbers had been low. |

We had incurred high levels of expense. However it was encouraging that several groups had been enquiring about membership. We all needed to encourage new members to boost the club and help raise income.

It was intended to change the brewery. The barrels would be cheaper with two lagers and Worthington bitter. Counter prices would be maintained or slightly increased.

The possibility of members having a swipe card to obtain discounts at the bar may be investigated.

4. Coach

A new player has been coming to the club. He is in his second year at UCL studying Sports Coaching with the accent on Tennis. He is already a level 1.

He will be around throughout April and May – the ideal time when ‘Rusty Rackets’ want coaching to enable them to join in general social play. Two people at the weekend had asked about private coaching. This would seem to be ideal especially if he could be encouraged to stay in the area following the completion of his course.

5. Juniors

Ian will recommence Friday evening junior coaching on March 28th.

A junior team (any combination of boys and girls) has been entered into the Ribble League as well as a boy’s team in the Fylde League. Both intend having some singles play in matches.

People taking juniors to matches were expected to have had CRB checks.

6. Next meeting

This will be an informal meeting on **Monday, 17th March** following the AGM on the 12th. A newsletter is to be sent to junior members.