

Minutes

Present

The following 10 members signed the attendance sheet: Chris Barnes, Carol Grant, Geoffrey Redfern, Graham Hollway, Ian Wasse, Ian Poole, Jayne Barnes, Jo Oswald, Matt Hunt and Rosalia Eccleston.

1/ Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Coralie Hammond, John Eccleston (social member), Sandy Wasse, Savio Gaspar, Steve Ray and Wayman Morris.

2/ Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were proposed and seconded as a true and accurate record by Carol Grant and Ian Wasse. All present voted in favour of acceptance and the Chairman duly signed them.

3/ Matters Arising

The following matters arising was noted from the 2011 AGM minutes: The committee were asked to ensure that the mess at the entrance to the tennis courts is cleaned out periodically. This had been done in 2012.

4/ Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented members with his report for the year (see Appendix 1). The highlight was the mens first team winning the Coventry League Premier Division for the first time in Hampton's history and following this up by beating the winners of the Birmingham League to become the unofficial West Midlands champions. The report was proposed and seconded by Graham Hollway and Jayne Barnes. All present voted in favour of acceptance.

The meeting thanked Geoff for his report and the whole of the committee for their work during the year.

5/ Junior Section and Coaching Report

The junior section report for the year (see Appendix 2) was presented to the meeting. A number of initiatives were discussed including funded coaching for the autistic youngsters. The report was proposed and seconded by Jo Oswald and Rosalia Eccleston. All present voted in favour of acceptance.

Geoff Redfern thanked Ian Poole for his hard work during the year.

6/ Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the year including the analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2012 (see Appendix 3) was presented to the meeting as part of the Chairman's report. Geoff Redfern thanked Carol Grant for her hard work during the year.

Subscription fee income increased by £171 from £19,854 to £20,025. Members increased by 6 from 256 to 262. Adult members (including 18-25's) stayed the same at 134. Junior members increased from 122 to 128. It was noted that juniors under the age of 7 are not required to pay a membership fee and are therefore excluded from the membership numbers.

Contribution including fund raising activities decreased by £1,286 from £23,462 to £22,176.

- Fund raising activities generated £2,706 compared to £3,989 last year. The main fund raising event was the K&D ASICS Arden 9 Road Race held in June, assisted this year by Knowle & Dorridge Running Club.
- Funds generated from the operation of the tennis section decreased by £3 from £19,473 to £19,470.

The sinking fund contribution was £9,146 uplifted by RPI from £8,400 in accordance with the requirements of the contract with the LTA. The total of the sinking fund now stands at £26,383.

The report was proposed and seconded by Ian Poole and Matt Hunt. All present voted in favour of acceptance.

The meeting thanked Carol for her report.

7/ Election of Officers and Committee

Two new nominations to serve on the committee had been received from Jo Oswald and Savio Gaspar. In addition the following two changes to the Officers of the Committee were also proposed:

- Geoff Redfern will stand down as Chairman of the Committee and Chris Barnes will replace him
- Provided that Jo Oswald is elected to the committee, Carol Grant will stand down as Treasurer and Jo Oswald will replace her.

Jo Oswald and Savio Gaspar were elected to the committee as proposed and seconded in the AGM papers.

The existing committee members were all re-elected and the changes to the Officers of the Committee were approved as proposed by Graham Hollway and Ian Poole.

The new committee is therefore as follows:

Chairman – Chris Barnes

Secretary – To be confirmed

Treasurer – Jo Oswald

Committee members – Carol Grant, Emma Shalley, Geoff Redfern, Savio Gaspar, Steve Ray, Wayman Morris.

The meeting thanked Geoff Redfern for all his work during his two years as Chairman, Chris Barnes for all his work in his eleven years as Secretary and Carol Grant for all her work in her ten years as Treasurer.

8/ Issues raised by the Membership (having previously been received in writing by the Secretary.)

The meeting was advised that there had been no pre-notified questions.

9/ Any Other Business

The following matters were raised for the committee to look into:

- Could members be reminded by email and/or notice to sweep up after using the courts and to padlock the gates if they are last to leave the courts?
- Could a combined squash and tennis tournament be organised?
- Could finals day be moved to the Autumn so that the Tournaments did not run during the league season?

No further business was raised and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-15pm.

Appendix 1: Chairman's Report

The title of my report this year should be "**punching above our weight**".

Membership

The first example of this is our club membership. This year has reached a new peak of **262** members! This is 12 consecutive years of growth in tennis membership numbers and is quite amazing when you think we are only a relatively small village. This total of **262** is **Excluding** all the numerous under 7's on the coaching programmes. The Hampton stars of tomorrow all play for free. We are always keen to show an annual growth in the membership as growing numbers should demonstrate a popular, busy, optimistic and fun club.

Coaching

Ian's report will follow shortly but on behalf of the committee may I say a big "thank you" to Ian for continuing to grow and improve the coaching programme. Ian and his team do a tremendous job.

Tennis teams

Hampton's tennis teams have had nothing short of a spectacular year.

Hampton's Men's 1st team were entertaining and unstoppable as they won the Coventry and Warwickshire league for the first time in Hampton's history by 8 clear points. They then then went on to play Sutton Coldfield, who had won the Birmingham league, in the midlands final. Hampton won this match **3-1**! Making them West Midlands champions also for the first time.

Our other champions this year were the men's third team who won the division 5 championship by 9 clear points.

Regarding the other Men's teams. The seconds were third in their league and the 4ths were 4th in their league.

The ladies first and second teams were in the promotion hunt all season but both just missed out in the end with both teams finishing third, and equal third, in their respective leagues. The ladies third team had a good season too and finished 4th in their league.

Thanks as always to the captains for organising all the teams, the matches, the after match suppers, the lifts, the practising, and the collecting of the trophies etc... Those efficient organisers responsible are Tony Eccleston, Mark Joannides, Steve Ray, Terri Mason, Chris Durbin and Emma Shalley.

Fund raising

You have the accounts in your packs which we will go through later. Suffice to say that as usual the tennis section has provided a significant financial contribution to the prosperity of the club. In addition to our increasing receipts for membership, our principal event, the Arden 9, was successfully and profitably managed once again.

Chester has led the way to establishing a partnership with Knowle and Dorridge running club to ensure that the Arden 9 continues to go from strength to strength. This partnership should also ease the considerable administrative burden that Chester has handled for the Arden 9 every year.

This season's Annual Dinner celebration will be held at Hampton Manor on Friday January 11th.

Objectives

Last year I introduced to the Chairman's report an "objectives for the year ahead" section.

- *Increasing the amount of tournaments available, both social and competitive* – which we have made strides towards having social or team practice nights every week night plus our first sessions of cardio tennis which will be starting up again soon (refer to Ian)
- *Encouraging more feedback for future improvements* – due to feedback we have more social tennis sessions on Saturday afternoons

Chairman

I'm not setting objectives for the coming year as this will be down to the new Chairman as in September I told the committee that I would prefer to step down from Committee/Chairman duties after this AGM. As with all figures stepping back a little from public life my excuse is, of course, that I would like to spend more time with my family.

Special commendations

- The superb committee members who make this club run very smoothly, Carol, Wayman, Chester, Jayne, Jo, Emma, Savio and Steve.
- Jo Oswald for her ideas, help and support, and particularly for taking over the role of PA to Ian from Jayne
- And lastly to Tony Eccleston for putting together a team of tennis players capable of putting Hampton tennis at the top of table, getting all the other clubs in the midlands talking about us, and definitely punching above our weight.

Thank you, Geoff Redfern, Chairman

Appendix 2: Junior Section Report

This last year we as a committee have outlined more specific targets and goals for the coaching team to work toward. In terms of membership we specifically targeted the drop off rates from girls seen not only here but in other local clubs.

- Targeted girls participation at all levels and set up the tennis chick sessions to help with this
- Setting up girls only groups on a Friday to cope with the throughput from these sessions
- Targeting girls in two nearest primary schools George Fentham and Meriden
- Introducing the junior social on Saturday afternoons to compliment adult session and provide a chance to play outside the group sessions

We have also developed a strong link with Warwick University national performance centre, who assist with our own coach education and allow us a base for our elite players to train in the right environment. We have more children undertaking private lessons due to the general level of performance becoming stronger each year. We have had a lot of success at mini orange 9 and under level with 2 players reaching the highest national rating possible and achieving huge success in the Aegon team competition and at county and national rank tournaments.

We have also worked towards keeping the over 14 age group healthy by not only encouraging them to get involved with assisting with the coaching program but by completing the tennis leader awards and subsequently level one and level 2 qualification.

We have also encouraged the stronger and keener juniors to be invited to mens and ladies practice to hopefully represent the club and continue the extra ordinary achievements the current squad have achieved.

Finally we have an all new look coaching team for this year with a mixture of home grown talent and experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam (Peace), Emma (Shalley), Tom (Greensall), Bel (Chefri) and Beth (Starkey) for all of their hard work and commitment in driving the program forward in all aspects and with all levels of ability.

I'd also like to thank the committee and especially Jo Oswald for really being a huge asset to not only me but the club in her organisation and ideas to help growing us in the right direction.

Ian Poole
Head Coach

Appendix 3: Analysis of Income and Expenditure 1 Nov 2011 to 31 Oct 2012

	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<i>Per LTA funding application</i>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
				<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscription fees	20,025	19,854	18,592	14,621	14,195
Floodlight Income	2,386	2,162	2,348	900	900
Grants					
Funds received & b/fwd	1,330	4,808	11,030		
Application of funds	(1,330)	(3,998)	(6,522)		
Funds not yet applied c/fwd	0	(810)	(4,508)		
	0	0	0	0	0
Other costs					
Maintenance & repairs	(1,641)	(960)	(1,419)	(937)	(893)
League / affiliation fees	(542)	(493)	(1,787)	(1,600)	(1,550)
Tennis balls	(480)	(490)	(460)	(495)	(445)
Trophies / tournament prizes	(90)	(108)	(143)	(200)	(200)
Clothing	199	0	173		
Printing costs	0	(70)	(12)	(200)	(200)
Miscellaneous	(387)	(422)	(188)	(250)	(250)
	(2,941)	(2,543)	(3,836)	(3,682)	(3,538)
Wimbledon tickets					
Income	4,324	4,227	3,869		
Costs	(4,324)	(4,227)	(3,869)		
	0	0	0	0	0
Contribution pre fundraising	19,470	19,473	17,104	11,839	11,557
Income from Fundraising	2,706	3,989	4,675	3,500	3,500
Net income before sinking fund	22,176	23,462	21,779	15,339	15,057
Sinking fund allocation	(9,146)	(8,837)	(8,400)	(8,400)	(8,400)
Net income after sinking fund allocation	13,030	14,625	13,379	6,939	6,657

<u>Income from Fundraising</u>	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2009/10</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Arden 9 Mile Race	2,435	2,294	2,732
Auction of Promises	0	1,390	1,630
Quiz Nights	0	0	260
Annual Dinner	271	305	53
Total	2,706	3,989	4,675

1. LTA Loan repayments £10,720 per annum - £5,360 payable 6 monthly commenced January 2010.
2. The total allocated to the sinking fund in the 3 years to April 30th 2012 is £26,383

Comments on accounts

Subscription fees at £20,025 were 1% up on last year.

Floodlighting income was up £224 on the prior year. If you recall 2010/11 had particularly severe winter weather in December and January. It should be noted that the Sports Club pays the power costs of the floodlighting and it is difficult to segregate the energy costs between the various sections.

There was a brought forward unspent grant balance of £810 from Sport England. In addition, new grants were received from Coventry City Council (£400) and Fentham Trust (£120). The money has been fully spent in the year on coaching initiatives (including training tennis leaders) and on junior tennis equipment.

It is important that the courts are properly maintained and we have continued our commitment in this regard. There have been two visits from Euro Clay this year including the laying of fresh sand. This has led to maintenance costs being £681 higher than last year – fresh sand will not be required every year.

The remainder of the costs were very similar to last year.

Prior to the benefit of any fundraising, the contribution to the Sports Club was £19,470 – almost identical to the prior year.

On the fundraising front, the Arden 9 was again a tremendous success raising £2,435. A conscious decision was made not to do any additional fundraising at the annual dinner this year, so the overall level of fundraising was £1,283 down on the prior year.

Just a reminder that the recommended sinking fund amount to provide for the replacement of the courts that we have is £8,400 per annum, uplifted each year for inflation. Also, the LTA loan repayments are ongoing and these are £10,720 per annum (£5,360 payable six monthly).

In terms of the question, “are we achieving the levels included in the financial evaluation of the new courts?” these figures have been included as a comparison. As previously indicated, those original figures were very prudent. No significant assumptions were made regarding growth of the membership, and as a consequence, we are significantly ahead of the projections made.