

Minutes

Present

The following 14 members signed the attendance sheet: Chris Barnes, Carol Grant, Geoffrey Redfern, Wayman Morris, Stephen Ray, Tania Mascord (social member), Michael Durkin, Jayne Barnes, Ian Wasse, Graham Hollway, Gill Lewis, Rosalia Eccleston, Jane Hodge, Ian Poole, and Susan Lawrence.

1/ Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sandy Wasse, Savio Gaspar, Joanne Ray, Josh Crisp Jones, Emma Shalley and Coralie Hammond.

2/ Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

3/ Matters Arising

The following matters arising was noted from the 2010 AGM minutes:

- LTA affiliation fees – the committee were asked to consider specifically what to do with the money that will be saved from the reduction in LTA affiliation costs rather than simply losing the gain within the accounts. It was noted that this also means that we are less likely to receive grant funding directly from WLTA in the future and that funding for coaching initiatives would be considered by the committee on their merits rather than by allocating a specific budget to be used in lieu of the savings to be made on affiliation fees.

4/ Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented members with his report for the year (see Appendix 1). The mens first team had achieved promotion back into the Premier League after two seasons in division 1. The report was proposed and seconded by Wayman Morris and Rosalia Eccleston. 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 social tennis for beginners, more singles and doubles competitions, cardio tennis for adults and a welcome meeting for new joiners. The report was proposed and seconded by Graham Hollway and Jane Hodge. 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 2011 (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 £1,262 from £18,592 to £19,854. Members increased by 1 from 255 to 256. Adult members (including 18-25's) increased from 130 to 134. Junior members decreased from 125 to 122. 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 increased by £1,683 from £21,779 to £23,462.

- Fund raising activities generated £3,989 compared to £4,675 last year. The main fund raising events were the ASICS Arden 9 Road Race held in June and the Auction of Promises held at the Annual Dinner.
- Funds generated from the operation of the tennis section increased by £2,369 from £17,104 to £19,473.

The sinking fund contribution was £8,400 in accordance with the requirements of the contract with the LTA.

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

The meeting thanked Carol for her report.

7/ Election of Officers and Committee

One new nomination to serve on the committee had been received from Emma Shalley. Emma and the existing officers were all re-elected as proposed by Graham Hollway and Mike Durkin as follows:

Chairman – Geoff Redfern

Secretary – Chris Barnes

Treasurer – Carol Grant

Committee members – Steve Ray, Wayman Morris, Emma Shalley

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 matter was raised for the committee to look into:

- The entrance to the tennis court is messy. Please could this be cleaned out periodically?

It was noted that the village will hold a number of events at the Sports Club in June 2012 as part of the Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations.

No further business was raised and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9-05pm.

Appendix 1: Chairman's Report

Membership

Membership has reached a new peak of 256 members. This is only up one on last year, but everyone counts! The junior numbers are down by a few, but increased adult numbers make up for this.

This total of 256 is **Excluding** the under 7's who all play for free. This is 11 consecutive years of growth in tennis membership numbers.

The importance of maintaining this level of membership is that this figure keeps the club well ahead of the projected figures given to the National Sports Foundation in November 2008, as a part of the new tennis courts funding application.

Coaching

Ian Poole's report will follow shortly but on behalf of the committee a big thank you to Ian for growing and improving the coaching programme during each of his 4 years at Hampton. Ian now has 4 other coaches working with him providing coaching to adults and juniors throughout the week.

Teams

Hampton's tennis teams enjoyed another good season.

The mens 1st team were promoted back to the elite premier division after two years in division 1, after finishing in second place in their league. The mens 2nd team, who were promoted to this same league last year, finished in third, one place behind the 1st team, so an amazing year there too. Well done.

The mens 3rd team were relegated after one year in division 4 but strength in depth is improving and they will be targeting promotion this coming season. The men's 4th team achieved mid table security finishing 4th in division 6.

Thanks as always to the captains: Tony Eccleston, Mark Joannides, Steve Ray and Geoff Redfern.

The ladies 1st team retained their position in division 3 which was a good result after losing both Katie Marsdin and Lucy Wasse from the team as they have both moved away. The 2nds after being promoted the year before, similar to the men's 3rd team, went back down but will be targeting promotion again this year. The ladies 3rd team stayed in division 6 just missing out on promotion to division 5. This is their best season so far.

Special thanks at this point goes to the captain of the Hampton ladies 3rd team, Rosalia Eccleston, who after setting up the third team some 5 years ago, will be handing over the reigns next season to Emma Shalley. Could we please show our gratitude to Ro.....!?

The ladies also play in 2 winter tennis leagues, the Helen Cole winter league and the Vets winter league. They had some good competitive games but weren't quite good enough for promotion. Thanks to the captains: Carol Grant, Terri Mason, Chris Durbin and Rosalia Eccleston. The men have the winter off.

Fund raising

No music gigs or blues nights to report on this year, but as usual the tennis section have strived to make a significant contribution to the prosperity of the club. In addition to our record receipts for membership, our events, such as the Arden 9, the annual dinner and the Auction of Promises were all very successfully and profitably managed.

Whilst mentioning the annual dinner, this season's event will be held at Hampton Manor on Friday January 13th.

Special commendations

- The superb committee members who make this club run very smoothly, quietly and efficiently.
- Jo Oswald for her ideas, help and support, particularly with recruiting juniors.
- Susan Lawrence for initiating a new style of tournament play which was trialled this Autumn and was over-subscribed. It will also run next February and March instead of the usual maxi tennis.
- Jayne Barnes for helping me, Chris Barnes and most of all Ian with all the admin, reminders and good housekeeping duties that are essential to get completed on time.

Objectives

Lastly from me, I've added a new category this year onto the AGM report, called objectives. During the next tennis season our aim will be to put additional effort into:

- Increasing the amount of tournaments available, both social and competitive.
- Encouraging more feedback for future improvements.

Thank you.

Geoff Redfern
Chairman

Appendix 2: Junior Section Report

The Junior program over the last year very much focused on maintenance and building on from previous years. We have had:

- more juniors competing.
- more success in our mini tennis teams.
- more of our senior juniors competing in senior club matches which is great for the future success of our adult based teams.
- more coaches.
- more of our juniors (12-18 year olds) becoming tennis leaders which has greatly influenced the quality and consistency of our coaching programme.

We have a very stable coaching team and I'd like to say a big thank you to Sam Peace, Jane Hodge, Tim Jones and Richard Westman who have helped to raise the standards yet again, especially in the performance side where many of our 8 and unders have been put on special programs. This includes 2 squads and an individual which has seen our team competing very well and achieving excellent results in the county programme. Many of our under 8s are also competing externally showing commitment from both sides and really looking to reach their full potential. We have also had another 3 juniors completing their level 1 LTA qualification so there is a real homegrown feel about our coaching team as it takes shape for the long haul.

Competition has been a real focus this year with both Sam and Richard running a huge amount of matchplays on Saturday afternoons to get all standards of players competing even if in a less pressurised arena.

Schools Links. At present we have links to all 3 of our closest primary schools: George Fentham, Meriden and Lady Katherine Leveson. It was pleasing to have created a fantastic link with George Fentham school this year which consolidates our market for attracting juniors and general awareness of what the club offers.

The junior program has taken a very different shape since the summer months with a lot of our senior juniors moving away to University etc, so the build up of junior members is heavily saturated in the 3-9 year old market. However with the system we now have in place I feel confident with the team I have in place that we can continue to raise the standard of junior tennis and make Hampton an attraction at all levels of the game.

Ian Poole
Head Coach

Appendix 3: Analysis of Income and Expenditure 1 Nov 2010 to 31 Oct 2011

	2011	2010	2009	2008	<i>Per LTA funding application</i>	
	£	£	£	£	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
					<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
Subscription fees	19,854	18,592	18,544	13,337	14,195	13,781
Floodlight Income	2,162	2,348	890	0	900	900
Grants						
Funds received & b/fwd	4,808	11,030	902			
Application of funds	(3,998)	(6,522)	(1,100)			
Funds not yet applied c/fwd	(810)	(4,508)	200			
	0	0	2	0	0	0
Other costs						
Maintenance & repairs	(960)	(1,419)	(255)	(1,260)	(893)	(850)
League / affiliation fees	(493)	(1,787)	(1,410)	(1,389)	(1,550)	(1,500)
Tennis balls	(490)	(460)	(400)	(568)	(445)	(400)
Trophies / tournament prizes	(108)	(143)	(223)	(39)	(200)	(200)
Clothing	0	173	65	(274)		
Printing costs	(70)	(12)	(154)	(280)	(200)	(200)
Miscellaneous	(422)	(188)	(190)	(312)	(250)	(200)
	(2,543)	(3,836)	(2,567)	(4,122)	(3,538)	(3,350)
Wimbledon tickets						
Income	4,227	3,869	3,343	1,848		
Costs	(4,227)	(3,869)	(3,343)	(1,848)		
	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contribution pre fundraising	19,473	17,104	16,869	9,215	11,557	11,331
Income from Fundraising	3,989	4,675	6,144	5,360	3,500	3,000
Net income pre sinking fund	23,462	21,779	23,013	14,575	15,057	14,331
Sinking fund allocation	(8,400)	(8,400)	(8,400)		(8,400)	(8,400)
Net income after sinking fund allocation	15,062	13,379	14,613	14,575	6,657	5,931
Income from Fundraising	Total					
Arden 9 Mile Race	18,326	2,294	2,732	2,774	2,772	
Auction of Promises	8,068	1,390	1,630	585	0	
Blues Nights	4,216	0	0	0	0	
The Big Racket	2,183	0	0	0	0	
Quiz Nights	1,809	0	260	438	237	
Annual Dinner	1,300	305	53	252	267	
Old Play	1,113	0	0	1,113	0	
Sundry donations	1,058	0	0	0	50	
WLTA Club of the Year prize	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	
Play Tennis Day	797	0	0	102	128	
Christmas Raffle	653	0	0	653	0	
Barston Fete donation	500	0	0	0	500	
Get Wrecked Party	406	0	0	0	406	
Wine Sales	379	0	0	0	0	
Arden 9 Mile Children's Race	195	0	0	0	0	
Christmas Party	143	0	0	143	0	
Cheese & Wine	106	0	0	0	0	
Karaoke Evening	105	0	0	0	0	
Manor	81	0	0	81	0	
Wimbledon Barbeque	76	0	0	0	0	
Wimbledon Draw	75	0	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous	189	0	0	3	0	
Total	42,778	3,989	4,675	6,144	5,360	

Note 1 - LTA Loan repayments £10,720 per annum - £5,360 payable 6 monthly commencing Jan 2010

Note 2 - Income from Fundraising Total includes amounts from earlier years

Carol Grant, Treasurer 2010/11

Comments on accounts

Subscription fees at £19,854 were 6.8% up on last year reflecting a combination of the inflation increase and, whilst total members are broadly in line with the prior year, adult members have increased offset by a slight reduction in juniors (with adult subscription rates being higher than junior rates).

Floodlighting income is slightly down on the prior year principally due to the 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.

You may recall from last year that we received £1,030 from the LTA and £10,000 from Sport England and part of this grant income had not been spent by the end of last year and £4,508 was carried forward into 2010/11. During this year a further £300 of grant income was received from CWS. The grant amounts have been applied in supporting the junior coaching initiatives, including assistance with floodlighting costs and hire of indoor facilities. It has also been used to help training some of the older juniors with tennis leader and level 1 coaching qualifications.

It is important that the courts are properly maintained and the norm will be two formal maintenance visits; one at the start of the summer season and one around this time of year. £960 is the cost of the two visits this year.

As mentioned last year, the basis of calculating the LTA affiliation fees has changed. It is now a fixed amount per court rather than an amount per member. As we have a high number of members per court, we have received a significant saving in this area. However, a consequence of this is that Warwickshire LTA has lower funding and we are less likely to receive grant funding directly from WLTA in the future.

Included within "Miscellaneous" is the cost of the new court booking system of £349.

Prior to the benefit of any fundraising, the contribution to the Sports Club is £19,473, a £2,369 increase on the prior year.

Fundraising is still a significant contribution to the finances of the tennis section and the Club overall and a further £3,989 was raised in the last year with the Arden 9 and the Auction of Promises being the key events.

It should be noted that the recommended sinking fund amount to provide for the replacement of the courts that we have is £8,400 per annum and the LTA loan repayments have commenced and these are £10,720 per annum payable six monthly.

Some people have asked, "are we achieving the levels including in the financial evaluation of the new courts?" These figures have been included as a comparison. As previously indicated, these 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.