

Pen-y-ffordd Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting, Sunday 7th December 2014, 2.30pm

Minutes

Attendees

Nige Edwards (NE), Kate Barlow (KB), Val Stewart (VS), Dave Hughes (DH), Richard Larkins (RL), Tim Jones (TJ), David Dalrymple (DD), Karen Glendenning (KG), Sally Johnstone (SJ), Mike Herd (MH), Simon Briscoe (SB)

1. Review of previous year

- Club Membership
 - Family memberships: 28 (+56%)
 - Adult memberships: 19 (+217%)
 - Junior memberships: 43 (+87%) made up of 27 juniors & 16 mini juniors
 - Total memberships: 90 (+91%) of which almost two thirds (59) were paid online by PayPal
 - Total no. of members: 176 (+76%) of which 83 are juniors; +159% compared to 2012-13
 - Membership income: +95% after PayPal fees deducted

The focus for 2015-16 needs to be retention to maintain these membership levels

- Fund Raising
 - £12,500 promised by Teresa Briggs Trust as contribution to court re-surfacing; at least £7500 more must be found from elsewhere in order to resurface Court 1 and Court 2 and hence release these funds
Obtained via application submitted by Nige E, Val S and Dave H
 - £1350 Community Chest grant awarded for purchase of coaching equipment
Obtained via application submitted by Mike H
 - £200 grant awarded by Pen-y-ffordd Community Council
Obtained via application submitted by Karen G and Nige E
 - £150 donation received from Hanson Cement
Obtained via application submitted by Nige E
 - £242 donation from Round Table
From Father Christmas float collection Monday 8th December, arranged by Elaine Shickell / MH / NE
- Recognition
 - The club is one of three finalists for the Tennis Wales Club/Centre of the Year award. Nige Edwards and Mike Herd are representing the club at the awards evening on 24th January 2015, other members are welcome to attend (tickets are £30 per person)
- Competition
 - Men's Doubles midweek league team – promoted to Division 2
It is hoped that there could be 2 men's teams for the 2015 season
 - Ladies' Doubles midweek league team competed for first time in many years

2. Management Committee for 2015

- No nominations or resignations received for existing committee positions hence the existing positions were retained (*SB Proposed, DD Seconded*)
- New committee member nominations
 - Simon Briscoe, with responsibility for internal club competitions (*KG Proposed, TJ seconded*)
 - Sally Johnstone, to act as the club's Child Protection Officer (*NE Proposed, RL seconded*)
 - Tomos Edwards, to act as the club's junior representative (*KG Proposed, SB seconded*)

3. Membership Subscription Fees for 2015-16

Summary of annual fees during current subscription year

- Family: £135
- Adult: £85 (aged 18+ not in full-time education)
- Student: £55 (aged 18-22 in full-time education)
- Junior: £40 (first child aged 9-18)
- Junior Addl: £25 (second and subsequent child aged 9-18 at same address)
- Mini Junior: £25 (aged 8 or under)

Agreed membership structure for 2015-16

- Family: £145 (one or two adults plus any children at the same address)
- Adult: £90 (aged 18+ not in full-time education)
- Adult addl: £55 (additional adult at same address)
- Student: £45 (aged 18-22 in full-time education)
- Junior: £40 (first child aged 9-18)
- Junior Addl: £25 (additional child aged 9-18 at same address)
- Mini Junior: £20 (first child aged 8 or under)
- Mini J Addl: £15 (additional child aged 8 or under at same address)

This is the first increase in the adult membership charge in many years; the family membership increases in line with this but still provides a highly favourable second-adult membership fee.

4. Member Benefits

- The club's membership numbers have now reached healthy levels so it was felt that it is no longer necessary for the club to provide give-away offers to brand new members – the offer of free private coaching for brand new members will not be offered in 2015.
- The club has, in recent years, paid the club coach to run five weeks of junior coaching free of charge for junior members. However, misunderstanding of this benefit has been commonplace, plus many juniors join every year after the free coaching block has finished, and so completely miss out on this benefit.
A free five week coaching block will not be offered to junior members in 2015. This member benefit will be replaced by an alternative, more flexible free coaching benefit, the details for which will be decided at a future Management Committee meeting.

5. Guest Fees 2015-16

- The guest fee for a general play session will be £4
- The guest fee for a Club Play session will be £5
- Court hire will continue to be exceptionally available at a cost of £8 per hour

6. Any Other Business

- Recommendation from Tennis Wales for accounts to be approved by a qualified accountant, this being essential when applying for grant funding – RL stated that he believes this would cost £100-200.
All PTC members to try and find an accountant who might be prepared to do this for significantly less than this.
- Possible grant for floodlights – DH and MH met with Pam Griffiths and Jenny Broughall from Tennis Wales on 3rd December. The club needs to achieve Tennismark status in order to apply for this funding.
 - MH to produce a list of the criterion that the club is currently is not currently satisfying.
 - DH is to meet again with Chris Platt of Platt construction to obtain information relating to planning permission (and also to discuss the route that cabling would take, plus the level of grant funding that would be required).
- Clubhouse floor and completion of the clubhouse interior – RL stated his opinion that funds should be used to undertake this work and not prioritised for court resurfacing. Previous enquiries have found that this work (including levelling the uneven floor surface) would cost £1300-£2000.
Committee members to use their contacts to try to find someone who could do this work for a much lower price.