



Southwell Lawn Tennis Club Committee Meeting
Wednesday 12th February 7pm at the Pavilion

Present: John Green, Jane Orme, Shelagh Mitchell, Barbara Thorne, Martin Done, Jason Kilkie

1. **Apologies:** Marion Wraith
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted
3. **Matters Arising:** Tennis Ball and Match Fee Issues resolved. Martin submitted a proposal for a new website. No further negotiation with East Bridgford Tennis Club regarding shared courts. LTA Registration completed and Insurance quote accepted. Marion to contact the Town Council regarding the unsatisfactory lighting around the car park.
4. **Chairperson:** Ongoing Issue. An appeal for volunteers for a Chairperson and new Committee Members to be sent in the AGM Invitation.
5. **Website:** Thanks to Martin for his proposal. As advised by Martin, a quote from another supplier should be sought, Barbara to follow up. Martin reiterated that his proposal for the website includes re-writing and re-designing with a review of imaging and structure and not just building a website. Shelagh commented we could look again at using Clubspark as the platform for the website and will send details of other tennis clubs using Clubspark such as Keyworth.
6. **Risk Assessment Action Plan:** Shelagh submitted information on the 20/21 Membership Form to include emergency contact numbers and medical information, although we at present have no way of using this information in an emergency. It was discussed that perhaps the committee members' own contact details be made visible in the clubhouse in case of emergencies. Martin offered to re-design the membership form. All committee members have Clubspark access. Shelagh may provide further training as needed.
7. **Floodlight Report:** Thanks to Chris for submitting his excellent report. Chris found that LED systems are currently in the development stage for smaller projects like tennis clubs, costs are high and it would be at least 2 years before this route can be explored further. John will request a quote from our original floodlight suppliers and also for a report on the existing lighting quality. Jason commented that our floodlighting compared with other clubs is not very good.

8. **Coaching Initiatives:** Jason confirmed that the Brackenhurst initiative at Trent Uni is on hold due to daytime issues but he is developing a good relationship with the Uni for the future. Jason is looking at further initiatives such as Pop up Tennis and Jason will be organising an Open Day for the Club. Tuesday morning coaching sessions are going well and a further coaching session is being discussed for Wednesday evenings between 7 and 8 and 8 and 9pm for beginners/improvers and experienced/advanced players. Ongoing discussion as to whether these sessions are to be club funded or whether players be requested to make a contribution. Jason also mentioned the possibility of integrating 17/18 year olds with older players with a view to match playing in the future. Also, Jason may offer a 4/6 week Introductory Course for complete beginners possibly starting April/May.
9. **Social:** Thanks to Jane for organising a successful 'Mince Pie' night at the Final Whistle. A further social gathering is being planned by Jane for 25th April at The Full Moon at Morton. A choice of food for a sit down meal or a buffet is offered at £20 per head including a band. Jane will finalise the food with the pub. We may ask for a deposit or full payment up front, money could be placed in an envelope in the club box. Martin will design a flyer and a Clubspark publicity email will be sent to members.
10. **AGM Preparation:** Date agreed as Wednesday 25th March at 7pm and John has kindly agreed to chair the meeting. Shelagh will send an email to members giving at least 2 weeks prior notice.
11. **A.O.B.** Wimbledon Ballot opt in for tickets finishes 14th February. Strange brown marks on Court No 1 John to investigate further. Appointing a Young Ambassador may be an advantage to the club.

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 23rd June at the Pavilion