

Farnham Common Tennis Club 2019 AGM

21st November 2019 8:00pm

DRAFT MINUTES – TO BE AGREED AT THE 2020 AGM

Present

18 members including the committee. Richard Cowan chaired the meeting.

Apologies received from

Maggie Southerden, Penny and Paul McPhillips, Sandra and Martin Buckeldee, Karen Coull, Dick and Di Davies, Doug Adams, Gill Prout, Lou Rankin and Will Dix.

Adoption of previous AGM minutes

Approved with no matters arising.

Committee Report (Robert Coull)

As you will be aware, the tennis section of the Sports Club does not currently have a secretary or chairperson, hence I, as Communications Officer, am making this short report on behalf of the eight members of the Tennis Club Committee.

This year the committee has comprised of Paul McPhillips as Fixtures Secretary, Sue Salmon as Membership Officer, Alan Polding as Maintenance Officer, Kirstin Stephens as Welfare Officer, Aman Kohli as Juniors Co-ordinator, Karen Coull as Social Secretary, Lucinda Quixley as Ladies Captain and myself.

Thank you for attending the Tennis Club AGM and for venturing out on such a dark cold night. The quorum is fourteen which thankfully has been exceeded.

The tennis club has had a steady year. The good weather in the summer meant that there were not many Bucks shield match postponements and we were able to hold our normal Frosty and Grand National tournaments for members as well as hosting a LTA promoted Nature Valley Tennis Day to encourage non-members to join the club. One innovation this year was the Social Tennis and BBQ evening in late July which was successful and will be repeated in 2020.

The club championship had more playing entrants than previous years and concluded with a pleasant and sunny Finals Day in September where the spectators were rewarded with close matches. Each of the three Doubles finals being decided by a Championship Tiebreak.

This year was the first full year with Tiger Turf on our top courts. This major upgrade to our facilities has been welcomed by nearly all club members and their knees. The committee would like to thank members for following the clean shoes policy when using the top two courts so that thankfully mud being tramped onto the courts making them unplayable has not been an issue in 2019.

Turning to club membership, Sue Salmon, our membership secretary has compiled the following:

The good news is that membership has continued to increase this year. Overall from a total of 157 at the end of 2018 to a total of 200 now.

Adults have gone up from 76 to 82 members, an increase of 8%

Juniors and young adults from 29 to 38, an increase of 31%

Minis from 52-80, an increase of 54%.

We would particularly like to thank Stephen for encouraging younger players to join the club, and continuing the beginner and improver classes for adults.

We would also like to thank Richard Thomas, our chairman, for operating the Webcollect system and answering all of the membership queries during the year.

So we need to keep up the good work. Any ideas for encouraging people to join, especially adults, would be appreciated.

Sue Salmon, Tennis Membership Secretary

Turning to the work of the Tennis Committee in general; the committee has worked efficiently and harmoniously throughout the year with each volunteer playing his or her part. With eight members on the team the workload has been well distributed.

We would like to thank Simon Bailey and Krysia Edwards. Simon, while not on the committee this year, has done a considerable amount of work for the club in keeping the website up to date and also in registering the club with the LTA. Krysia has continued to organise the Farnham Common Winter League in which many of us participate and enjoy. This has been doing this for the last sixteen or seventeen years which is a fantastic achievement.

Lastly, but not least, we would also like to thank the members of the Main Committee who do a huge amount of work to keep Farnham Common Sports Club up and running. Community multi sport clubs like ours are rare and managing the finances, the membership, the licenses, the grounds, the bar, this clubhouse and hence allowing each section to focus on its own sport should be appreciated by all members of this club.

Welfare Officer's Report (Kirstin Stephens)

I am currently responsible for the role of Welfare Officer for the tennis section of the sports club.

This means the promotion of safeguarding for both children and adults and working with the rest of the Committee and our tennis coaches to ensure that we provide a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

I completed a Safeguarding and Protection in Tennis training course earlier this year and act as the first point of contact for tennis members regarding any concerns about welfare or health and safety. The key policies are available on the website and in the tennis pavilion.

Regarding health and safety, thankfully there have been no significant incidents reported this year. There is an accident record book in the tennis pavilion, from which details are then transferred to the main accident book held here at the sports club.

We are also pleased that a defibrillator was installed on the wall outside the clubhouse this year and some of our tennis committee members attended the training session which was held in October.

Men's Teams Report (Peter St. Lawrence)

Peter reported on the Summer Season for the Men's First and Second Teams. The First Team was not very successful and Peter observed that they had their most successful games when he was not playing. The Second Team did worse than the First and did not win any matches during the season.

Ladies Captain's Report (Lucinda Quixley)

Congratulations goes to the Ladies 2 team who finished 3rd in their division this summer. Congratulations to Krysia for captaining the team and to Gill Prout with the most wins of the season.

Unfortunately, Ladies 1 was not as successful.

Due to a lack of players to play at a competitive level, (I did a survey of our players) we now only have one Ladies team this winter season.

I am hoping that with the new players in the coaching sessions that some of these players will want to join our ladies' team and represent the club at League matches.

I am stepping down as the Ladies Captain and from the committee, I would like to thank everyone for all their help. I will still be around as I will continue to be captain for the medley 1 team.

Maintenance Officer's Report (Alan Polding)

2018/2019 Maintenance Summary				
Maintenance spend £1552 down from £3800 in previous year				
20 Maintenance jobs completed (1 Contractor, 3 Working Party, 16 General)				
Ball machine is now fully functional				
Wet and Forget sprayed on courts 3 to 6 to try to delay pressure washing				
Autumn power brushing continually delayed by rain				
Control of mud on Tiger Turf courts has been reasonably successful, but we need continued vigilance				
250 Tennis Ball recycled				
Summary of Maintenance activity 2018/2019				
Jobs Completed	20			
Jobs Completed by Contractors	1	Floodlight repair	£257.99	28/11/2017
Jobs outstanding for Contractors	1	Power Brushing Tiger Turf Courts	£816.00	
General Maintenance	16		£477.99	
Jobs completed by Working Parties	3	Replace Broken slabs with pressed concrete slabs on stepping stone path		27/11/2018
		Repair pavilion gutter		18/06/2019
		Weeding and spraying courts 5&6		01/08/2019
Total Maintenance Spend			£1,551.98	
Jobs carried forward to 2018/2019	8			
2109 /2020 Planned Maintenance				
Description/Year	2020			
Change Court Locks	✓			
Courts 1 & 2				
Clean Floodlights	£550			
Power Brushing and Moss Treatment	£900			
Courts 3 & 4				
Pressure Wash and Mosskill	£600	To be reviewed after winter		
Courts 5 & 6				
Pressure Wash and Mosskill	£600	To be reviewed after winter		
Annual Total	£2,650			

Juniors and Head Coach's report (Stephen Wright)

Numbers and Participation rates:

- There are over 100 juniors in our coaching programme each week compared with 80 odd last year.
- The clubs junior and adult membership has increased for the 3rd consecutive year. We have paid over £1,000 in non-member payments to the club this year.
- FCTC's overall membership of 200 is fantastic when you consider one of our local rivals, Chesham 1879, have 9 floodlit courts and their total membership is 220.
- Coaching services are available to members 7 days a week.
- This year we increased our adult class coaching offer. Adult intermediate classes take place on Tuesday evenings and adult beginner classes take place on Wednesday mornings. FCTC members can also benefit from attending classes at Chalfont St. Peter and Stoke Poges at members rates.
- There is a regular group of 8-12 dads who play on Saturday mornings while there children attend tennis lessons. We could try to encourage the dads to play for the clubs teams.
- We had over 100 players in our Summer Camps compared with 81 players 2018. Our holiday camps generally are thriving participation wise.

- We have several established links with local schools which have contributed to the junior membership growth.

Aspirantes:

- FCTC is one of 9 clubs in Buckinghamshire selected by the Bucks LTA to run Aspirantes programmes. The first year was a trial which has been renewed.
- FCTC members: Amy Carson, Finley Kidd, Samuel Mooney, Joseph Lally, Patrick Sadler, Mylah and Astrid Anderson are part of the Aspirantes programme. Mylah and Astrid have been selected to train in the 8/U and 9/U County squads this year.
- Our Aspirantes programme is successfully producing County players.

Junior Leagues, Match Plays & Parent/Child Tournaments:

A very successful Summer junior league season:

- 8/U team 2nd place 2019
- 9/U team 1st Place 2019
- 10/U team 2nd place 2019
- 12/U team boys 4th place out of 6 2019
- 14/U team girls team came last but enjoyed the experience 2019
- Sunday Match Plays – run regularly throughout the year. The Bucks LTA are now promoting our match plays. We are the smallest club to run match plays regularly throughout the year. They take place roughly 9 months of the year.
- Parent/Child Tournaments – we ran another successful parent/child tournament this year with 20 players attending. This is the 3rd year in a row that we have run a parent/child tournament successfully.

Coaching Team, assistants and the committee:

- The coaching team consists of myself, Nasreen, Luke and Hugo. We divide the coaching commitments at the club between us. This gives members of the club variety of coaches to learn from.
- We have several juniors who have undertaken coaching qualifications. Lisa has completed her LTA level 1 and is half way through her level 2. Erin has booked onto her LTA level 1. Max, Amelia, Nikash and George are all completing their tennis leaders qualifications.
- The success of the tennis club is not purely down to the success of the coaching programme; it is down to a group of hard working volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure the club runs as smoothly as possible. Could we all put our hands together to show the committee your appreciation for all the hard work they put into the club throughout the year.

Junior of the Year Award – Nikash Ramrakha

Nikash is a role model for our younger juniors at the club. He is involved in all areas of the coaching programme including: term time sessions, private lessons, holiday camps and match plays. Nikash has started his tennis leaders qualification a year ahead of schedule. It gives me great pleasure to award Nikash as the Junior Player of the Year this year.

Election of Officers

The following appointments were proposed, seconded and approved for 2019:

Role	Name
Chairman/Secretary	vacant
Ladies' captain	vacant
Men's captain	vacant
Fixtures Secretary	Paul McPhillips
Communication Officer	Robert Coull
Maintenance Officer	Alan Polding
Welfare Officer	Kirstin Stephens
Social Secretary	Karen Coull
Membership Officer	Sue Salmon
Youth Representative	vacant
Juniors Co-ordinator	Aman Kohli

Prizes & Awards (Committee)

- Junior Player of the Year: Nikash Ramrakha
- Ladies doubles: Jill Anderson & Margaret Southerden
- Mixed doubles: Lucinda Quixley & Peter St. Lawrence
- Men's doubles: Paul Sinclair & Will Dix
- Men's singles: Robert Coull
- Ladies singles: Sue Salmon
- Player of the Year: Will Dix
- Captain's Cup: Simon Bailey
- Most improved player: Doug Adams

Any Other Business

None

The meeting closed at 8:31 p.m.
