

Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Committee Meeting 25th April 2007
Clubhouse, 7pm.

Minutes

Present John Mills (Chairman), Denness Wilson, Nicola Illingworth, Janet Brown, Jamie Brown, Kevan Johnstone, Paul Barnes, Ross Lang, George Machray, Ian Carmichael, Mark Worsley.

1 **Apologies** Sally Fulton, Neil MacLean.

2 **Minutes of previous meeting**, 11th January 2007.

The name 'Martin Shaw' having been removed from the list of those not present, the minutes were approved.

3 **Matters arising**

Meeting with Tennis Scotland re grant conditions

This did not take place due to Bill Duff's resignation. It was agreed that the club should continue to comply with the conditions to the best of its abilities, and await further contact from Tennis Scotland.

Lock up arrangements

PB's proposal, to enable members playing late to lock up and post the key in the letter box, was approved at the AGM, and should now be enacted at the start of the next round of the rota. PB will produce an instruction sheet.

Quiz Night

The committee thanked Paul, as this had been a great success, raising £180.

4 **Changing Rooms**

Snagging list dealt with and contract now completed.

Many thanks to Denness for his hard work and organization.

Nicola will coordinate the decoration with Billy Monteith aiming for finishing at the end of May. Volunteers would be appreciated. To be publicised in newsletter.

Intermittent shower problem to be looked into.

5 **Treasurer's report** (IC)

Ian reported the position to be largely as forecast with subscription income approaching last year's level. Less cash in the bank following spending on lights & changing rooms.

6 **Secretary's report** (MW)

Wimbledon tickets for sale. Notices in clubhouse and website. Allocation by ballot if necessary.

Grant monitoring A 7 year monitoring enquiry relating to the grant (£41455) for upgrading the courts in 2000 has come from sportsotland. MW will deal with it.

Grant for lights All paperwork now complete.

7 **Membership report**

In Neil's absence the committee noted his report showing numbers currently at 186, roughly as per last year with some renewals still awaited. A reminder to go out in the newsletter.

Visitor fees Non-members have been playing at the club without paying visitors fees. It was agreed that these fees should be £2 for adults, & £1 for juniors. PB (*or was it NI?*) will prepare a laminated sign to this effect.

Membership list to be displayed in clubhouse (NM).

8 **Squash**

Kevan commented on the condition of the plastering and floor of the courts, enquiring if money could be found for refurbishment. It was agreed that if the work could be specified in detail and costed, the committee would explore funding. There have been occasions when the floors of the courts have been covered in sand, presumably from childrens' shoes. A notice discouraging this will be prepared and a brush made available.

Squash Convener The committee noted that the lack of an individual to take on this role was inhibiting the running and development of squash in the club.

9 **Tennis (RL)**

The season opening American Tournament, won by Nicola & Paul, had been very successful. Another is planned for May or June.

Championship draws have been made and posted in the club. Ross plans a robust schedule this year. A 'Plate' competition is planned.

Ross will contact Gordon Watson about a junior tournament possibly 26th May.

Denness has distributed balls for teams' matches and has set some aside for winter leagues. More to be bought at Scottish Championships.

10 **Coaching (JB)**

This is going very well with all courses fully booked and the adults' oversubscribed. Currently 78 children attending.

All Disclosure Scotland forms in for club members involved with childrens' teams.

Mini tennis and junior squash coaching is planned.

Possibly grants available to support this.

11 **Grounds & Clubhouse (DW)**

Grounds

New metal plate fixed to entrance gate to ensure gate is self locking.

Gate, letter-box & poles painted.

Loose sand bagged.

Courts treated with moss-killer.

Faulty warning light bulb on court 2 checked. Need to keep an eye on problem of floodlights fusing.

Garages opposite club to be demolished, which may create space for parking.

Light in lane to be fixed. (MW)

House

Flat roof & drains cleared.

Alarm serviced & repaired. New log book provided (as per H&S regs) pinned up inside electrical cupboard.

Cupboard under stairs cleared out. Cleaner has key.

Cleaner also has key for towel gents towel dispenser and waste grilles in ladies shower.

Acid-based cleaner provided for floor tiles.

Paper towels required for changing rooms.

Again, thanks to Denness for all his effort.

12 **Timetable of club activities**

Ally McMurray has prepared a proposed timetable for the coming year, which Ross will develop in detail.

13 **Committee succession planning**

As discussed at the AGM, a number of committee members in key positions have indicated their intention to stand down at the end of this year. Their successors need to be identified and given the opportunity to become familiar with the roles.

14 **Other business**

A newsletter will go out shortly (NI & MW)

15 **Next meeting**

18th June 2007, 7pm.