

# The Stirling Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

## Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> August 2007 Clubhouse, 7pm.

### Minutes

**Present** Ian Carmichael (Chairman), Nicola Illingworth, Denness Wilson, Sally Fulton, Neil McLean, Janet Brown, Jamie Brown, Mark Worsley. Brown Ferguson (Active Stirling) attended.

#### 1 **Apologies**

John Mills, Paul Barnes, Ross Lang.

#### 2 **Minutes of previous meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**

Section 11 (Grounds) First line should have read: 'Moss killer applied to courts'

Following this correction, the minutes were approved.

#### 3 **Matters arising**

##### Changing Rooms

Tidying up work is continuing under Nicola's organization. The acknowledgement of Billy's contribution with two cases of beer was discussed, and felt to be appropriate. Billy had confirmed the quality of the beer.

##### Mini Tennis

Brown Ferguson of Active Stirling spoke of plans to introduce tennis to seven year olds in local schools, and follow this up with visits for the children to local clubs such as Livilands and ourselves, so that those who develop an interest in tennis are able to sustain it. He had discussed with Gordon Watson the prospect of following this up further with a course of Mini Tennis coaching during the winter, perhaps using the schools' indoor facilities. Support may be available for club members to be trained as coaches.

Subsequent committee discussion welcomed the opportunity to cooperate with both Livilands TC and the Council. It is the interests of the club that any Mini Tennis coaching which follows on from this initiative should be compatible with LTA guidance (see 5 below).

Benefactor

Discussions with potential benefactor to support junior tennis development are continuing.

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

Ian's report is appended.

Maintenance spending higher than forecast, but savings on insurance.

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

Mini Tennis Grant

Club Vision cheque for £500 from Tennis Scotland received, presumably to support Mini Tennis, (although application yet to be completed).

LTA

Material received relating to the LTA's coaching strategy for under 10s. This was highly consistent with the approach of Brown Ferguson (noted above) and with the conditions of last year's lighting grant. Leaflets are available to be distributed to those involved with Mini – Tennis.

Information received on CASC status with potential tax advantages passed to IC.

Davis Cup tickets available to members. Publicised on notice board.

6 **Membership report** (NM)

Numbers slightly up since last year.

Discussion around Associate Membership led to the view that Associate Members would not normally be considered to have playing rights.

Up to date list of Committee Members to be posted in corridor.

7 **Squash**

In the absence of a Squash Convener, there is a continued lack of organized squash within the club. IC will speak to Kevan regarding booking sheets and internal mini-leagues.

There was discussion on the costs and benefits of affiliation to Scottish Squash. It was felt that Ian should find a sensible way of maintaining our membership while containing the cost.

**8 Tennis**

Hannah Worsley won the club Junior Tournament in June. The club recently hosted the Central District Junior Championships. A few of our members entered, Hannah Worsley winning the U-10 girls, and coming second in U-12 girls.

Club Championships are continuing well under Ross' guidance, with all competitions due to finish on the forthcoming Finals' Day.

**10 Coaching & Juniors (JB & JB)**

Latest round of coaching has just begun, with numbers slightly down.

Junior squash coaching: Nicola to look into this.

Jamie spoke of interest in a Stirling High School tennis team, and offered to lead its development. The committee were keen to encourage this and were happy for the courts to be used for 1 hour per week.

Jamie has undertaken the first stage of a tennis coaching qualification. (*J or J, is there an official title?*)

**11 Grounds & Clubhouse (DW)**

House

Electrical work – light in lane, fan & light in ladies changing room, floodlight timer, and bulb holder in boiler room - to be done by end of August.

Missing shower curtain in ladies. No clear view on whether this needed replacement.

Barry Davidson is kindly supplying paper towels, and can offer soap dispensers and supply of soap. The committee appreciates Barry's generosity.

Coin slot for Court 1 lights jammed.

Archie reported abuse of toilet rolls following district junior tournament.

Grounds

Bike tyre marks on court. New 'No 1' sign fitted to court 1.

Pole protectors still awaited.

11 **Social Activities**

Barbeque was postponed due to heavy rain but will take place after the Finals.

Raquethon planned for 15<sup>th</sup> September. Ally McMurray will organize.

12 **Committee Succession Planning**

The Squash Convener, Treasurer and Membership Secretary positions have yet to be filled for next year.

13 **Other business**

15 **Next meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 7pm.