

Girton Tennis Club AGM

4th March 2014

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Alan Richardson, Rafi Blumenfeld, Alan Franklin, Roger Coey, Kevin Keeves, Ms Hong Bian, Zhiliang Yuan

Apologies

Barrie Spencer, Mark Lawton, Janet Graaff, Jessica Bamber

2. 2013 Minutes

Final version as published on the website, correctly show Roger Coey as attending and were accepted.

3. Matters Arising from 2013 Minutes

Neither Youth Club contact nor activities during the Girton Feast produced any new club members.

The Girton Parish News is not able to circulate leaflets so this approach was not used to raise awareness of the club. A regular monthly report has been included in the Scoreboard section of this publication. The club now has a Facebook page.

4. Chairman's report

Roger thanked the committee for their support of the club and gave special thanks to Alan Richardson for his guidance of young tennis players and Kevin Keeves for membership work, website administration and organising the excellent Xmas meal.

We competed in the League with Mens and Mixed teams and Roger thanked the team captains for their leadership. The Men finished in 6th position in Division 9 having played 6 matches, lost 4, won 1 and drew 1. The Mixed team finished at the bottom of Division 7 having played 6 matches, losing 5 and winning 1.

Increasing our club membership is still a priority and the general economic difficulties may be having an impact on this.

There have been fewer issues that required committee attention this year and the Parish Council seem to be trying to hold the fees at the current level. The hole in the fencing raised concern (now repaired) and the quality of the court surfaces is now causing difficulties. The GPC are considering options for repair or resurfacing.

5. Treasurer's report

Please see attached. Conclusions are that the club suffered a small loss of £50.28 last season and this would have been over £100 if we had not received an unexpected donation from the Girton Feast committee. Rent has risen from £1862.85 to £1935.65. We would like to get back to having a small operating profit. It was agreed that we wouldn't make a MUGA usage donation until the club returns to this position. The accounts were approved by the Chairman.

6. Appointment of Officers

The following were proposed, seconded and accepted:

Alan Franklin – Secretary

Kevin Keeves – Membership Secretary

Andy Luff – Treasurer

Committee Members: Alan Richardson, Rafi Blumenfeld, Mark Lawton,
Roger Coey, Jessica Bamber and Lesley-Ann Parker

Team Captains: Mens – Mark Lawton Mixed-Jessica Bamber

Andy Luff agreed to be Vice Captain of the Mens team.

7. Membership

Last season we had 62 members as compared to 75 the previous year.

Increases in all fees had enabled the club to operate with only a small loss. To help increase membership in 2014/2015 it was agreed that we would freeze costs for family membership and only set a small increase for junior members. The early payment discount will still apply and, if possible, be advertised in the April edition of the GPN. Before early discount of £5 the fees will be:

Single Adult: £58

Family: £115

Junior: £25

8. GTC Rules

There used to be some guidance about ‘court etiquette’ including footwear and when to allow newcomers to play when the courts are busy. It was agreed that some of this information would be useful to display on the courts and the committee will investigate what could be displayed and where. Club home match dates should also be displayed on the notice board at the Rec.

9. Projects and Development

Court Surfaces: The GPC are responsible for maintenance and have quotes for full re-surfacing (around £20k) or just clean and re-bond (around £7k). We await their proposals and may be able to make a small contribution towards the costs if necessary.

Practice Wall: Alan Richardson has indications that this would be accepted by the GPC and is keen to progress it when he retires next month. The Town Charity has offered financial support for this new facility.

10. AOB

Alan Richardson will purchase some new balls including enough to support 8 home matches during the coming season.

The Xmas 2014 dinner will be on Sat 6th December at the Crown, Girton – subject to availability

The committee and club members are encouraged to make use of our GTC Facebook page.

11. Next Meeting No date was set.

Meeting closed at 21.25

A committee meeting followed the AGM and Roger Coey was unanimously elected as Club Chairman which he accepted. However he stated that he would not be willing to be nominated for this position again in 2015.