

Southwark City Tennis Club: Agenda and Previous Minutes for Meeting Mon 20th Feb 2006 (Meeting nos 8)

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (Tom)
2. Discussion on Facilities and Opening Hours (All)
3. Progress against the Club's Plan (John)
4. 2006 Events – John

AOB – Wimbledon tennis tickets, Southwark wide meeting, date of next mtg

Approvals sought

1. £143 to Surrey LTA , renewal of affiliation
2. £188 for Club allocation of Wimbledon tickets.
3. Up to £200 purchase of extra battery and service for JC's ball machine for use at the Club.

Attendance: Pat Turner (PT), Nicola Donnelly (ND), Pat Balogun (PB), Councillor Colomba Blango (Cllr CB), Andrew Bowles (AB), Adeniyi Bello (BN), Jane Holliday (JH), Bob Hubbard (BH), Charles Hubbard (CH), John Connolly (JC) and Tom Ulicsak (TU)

1. Minutes – TU went through the minutes updating on status of Open items. Updates given in the table below.

2. Facilities – this topic generated quite a bit of discussion. Cllr CB began by stating that there was some general dissatisfaction with how the Centre was performing including:

- a. Continual mistakes on booking courts
- b. Chaotic unclear who was in charge
- c. No visibility of the management structure – poorly managed
- d. Opening hours unclear, centre shut for periods during the day.
- e. Wasted opportunity / space of the kitchen area.

CB gave an example of an Eastern European guy who was trying to collect court fees at the weekend. Cllr CB stated that the Club needed to increase membership, develop talent, schools activities and involving community participation with volunteer coaches. Needed discussion with Jill Davis the Director of Environment and Leisure at Southwark. PB responded by pointing out the role of the Club versus the Centre and that the Club had limited control over facilities. ND also pointed out that SC had limited resources and needed to manage the Centre hours with only two staff. TU said that the lack of income from the kitchen also limited the resources available to the Centre. PT stated that the Club was delivering many of the objectives indicated under a 4-year plan. Cllr CB observed that the two courts at Brunswick Park should be utilised by the Club for its activities.

PT suggested a way forward was to involve Parks, Sports & Leisure and the Club to agree responsibilities. Cllr CB requested an update by 20 March in the form of a written report, this was agreed.

Post meeting comment – TU the Club and Council are in discussion with the contractors about the state of the 4 macadam courts. It is likely that rework could be required to ensure that the courts remain in good condition for their expected 10 year lifespan. This would potentially entail the following delay works (1 week), court hardening (3 weeks), court painting (1 day) and drying (1 week) – allowing for weather delays and scheduling with the contractor this could easily mean that the courts are out for some 6-7 weeks. The work is necessary and there seems no alternative but to

get the work done as early as possible to try to avoid the summer period. There will be a negative effect on the Club and Centre. CH wanted the contractors to put in place fencing to allow the continued use of the acrylic courts, JC observed that penalty clauses should be in place. A contingency would be to use the Brunswick Park courts and to stagger the painting of the courts so that the 7&8 can be done in advance /later and remain in use.

3. Progress – against the Plan. JC also presented a draft programme of activities for 2006. The Committee to comment please.

AOB – approvals agreed for purchase of Wimbledon tickets, LTA affiliation and budget for servicing and battery for JC's ball machine and its use at Club coaching sessions. Meeting dates to be circulated with a priority to get a convenient date to allow SC to attend.