

TS&LC Committee meeting minutes 16/10/2024

Held at: TS&LC

Opened by Neil at 7.04pm

Present - Neil Counter, Tim Smith, Julian Roberts, Gary Walton, Cheggars, Nick James, Tim May and subsequently Jon Wills. Jo Beaumont was invited (ladies subcommittee) and was also present.

The meeting started with considerable discussion on the minutes of the previous committee meeting held 11/9/24 which had still not been published on the web, (Although they were produced within 24hrs of that date.) There was concern that some of the wording might be inflammatory, and Tim S also expressed his disappointment at the three-week delay after the last meeting before points were followed up with Jamie. After some strong discussion it was decided that Tim S would produce minutes asap after each meeting (within 48hrs) and the committee members had another 48 hrs for further comments, and if no interaction, deemed accepted and therefore ready to be posted on the web. Jamie had asked Tim S for this “transparency” and reasonably quick action in making the minutes available for all members to see.

The last minutes were proposed by Cheggars, seconded by Julian and approved unanimously.

Action point... Julian to liaise with Zef regarding minutes from 12/9/24 and AGM 2023 (still not published) and to put 2024 AGM minutes in the correct section.

Treasurer

Gary produced a super set of interim accounts from May 1 to 16 October. He believed the club was on target and has 51k in reserves.

Jo questioned the bar GP as it had dropped from circa 33% to 29%. This was due to rising wholesale costs while bar prices had not increased for 2 years. After discussion it was thought better not to increase prices at the moment. It was felt that a “break even” scenario was being achieved which was acceptable for a member’s club.

As no court repairs had been done last summer, a quote for £1400 from Courtcraft Ltd was discussed to mend the cracks in the plaster and also fit the new adjustable tin on the show court. Cheggars proposed we proceed - seconded by Julian and passed unanimously. Tim S to action with target date Nov 8

Membership

Julian stated at the end of last year (30th Sept) we had 116 full time members. as of 16/10/2024 we had 101.

Juniors have increased from 34 to 36 and daytime 16 to 18.

Julian stated there were some issues such as injuries which had slowed certain individuals from rejoining yet but was hopeful they will soon.

There was considerable discussion on the 4–9-year-old junior 9 am Sat group and whether they should be asked to join the club properly (£27.00). Jamie had informed Tim M and Neil that he thought it could put them off. Cheggars pointed out that the committee voted a “three sessions before joining” policy as a fair requirement for all new players, at the last meeting. The debate expanded to new players attending club night and the new lady’s evenings.

A compromise was sought with “exceptions” allowed for the very youngest 4–9-year-old juniors and for the first cycle of 6 sessions for new ladies.

Intermediate ladies should be members. No coaching for non-members at all.

Proposed by Tim M and seconded by Julian. Passed 7 votes to 1

Ladies

Jo stated we are 4 weeks into a 6-week initial cycle of coaching sessions. There were around 24 Ladies involved and a wait list. Cost £18 for 6 weeks

She asked for the necessary courts for another 6-week cycle on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This was seconded by Cheggars and passed unanimously.

Internal leagues

Players were not fulfilling fixtures.

It was decided to keep the leagues at around 4/5 players

If a player refuses or fails to play on two occasions the other may claim points.

A quick discussion on Racketball growth at the club followed

Bar

Klaren had raised a question on levels of beer in stock which Cheggars had already answered as it was delivered free from the brewery! It was part of their deal with the club and court 3. With rugby afternoons planned and 4.5 barrels left it was thought they all would get consumed.

A WhatsApp group with Neil, Cheggars and Klaren has been set up to enhance communication.

Cheggars thanked Klaren for her bar management efforts.

Premises

Nick stated he had a list of jobs outstanding.

This included the parking lines (yellow paint in stock), skirting boards (plastic) and yearly roof check by Mike Wheeler.

Nick stated there was space for an inexpensive timber lean-to outside the ladies which could help with our storage problems. This was discussed without commitment.

Discussion was held on health and safety plus fire reg issues following useful info supplied by Matt Worthington regarding non-combustible materials only to be allowed under the stairs. The club risk assessment and good old common sense was deemed acceptable.

Jamie's coaching materials and black boxes should be stored in the corridor behind CT1 as they had been bought to fit in this space and de-clutter the club.

The table tennis table was discussed again on a “use it or lose it basis”

The table is now being used at club night and by individuals as well.

It was proposed by Jon to re-vote on the issue (from the last meeting) and seconded by Julian. 5 were in favour of keeping and 3 abstained – review the ongoing usage of this club asset at next meeting.

Club clothing shop

Cheggars had done considerable work with VX3 on an online shop facility for members with direct ordering and no cost to the club. Falmouth are already using this system.

Designs and branding were looked at and ease of access to place an order.

Cheggars will proceed to next stage.

Jamie

Following his meeting with Neil and Tim M on 1/10/24 Jamie asked if off peak courts could be used for coaching at £2.50 rather than £5.00.

Discussed and proposed by Tim S, seconded by Neil - passed 5 to 2 as a trial until the next meeting and then review.

Other points such as taking a register and converting juniors to members were now in hand.

Peak courts

Defined as follows...

CT 1 4.30pm to 7.30pm

CT 2 4.45pm to 7.45pm

CT 3 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Sound system and camera

Neil to contact Aaron (who helped with camera installation) to wire the new sound system, which has now arrived, and to integrate.

Jon Wills

After several years on committee Jon resigned. He was thanked for all his help. Jo Beaumont was duly elected on to the committee in his place.

Meeting closed 9.10pm and next meeting date set for December 4th 2024.

Post meeting notes added by Nick James:

Maintenance issues

1. Outside Plastic Facials have been cleaned to remove staining etc, improving look to outside of the club . (Thanks to Neil for coordinating).
2. Men's shower room floor to be cleaned/ treated after some product testing/ treatments taking place.
3. Routine maintenance on going on ad hoc basis.
4. Storage issues continue to be reviewed, to update at next meeting.
5. The bar refurbishment still undergoing discussion.