

# HIGH WYCOMBE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4 APRIL 2022



Attendees            Andy Gibbs, Chair  
                         Sue Chapman, Secretary  
                         Alan Gates, Treasurer  
                         Adam Smith, Junior Representative  
                         Maggi Newcombe, Off-Peak Representative  
                         Clare Smith, Membership Secretary  
                         Ross Murray, Head Coach  
                         Carolyn Nye, Social Secretary  
                         Mike Nye, Committee Assistant  
                         Julia Atkins, Ladies Captain

	Action
<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2022 were approved for circulation to the Trustees.	SC
<b>Marketing / Social Media</b> RM and CS will organise a meeting with Sam Martin to promote the forthcoming activity, coaching programme and membership on Facebook and Instagram. A budget of £200 was agreed for Facebook advertising.	RM/SM/CS
<b>Membership Update</b> Enquiries continue to be received and a couple of new members have joined this month.	
<b>Membership Renewals</b> The number of renewals is disappointing. Approximately 40% of full and off-peak members have not yet re-joined and only half of U21s. A small number of juniors have re-joined. For the rest, renewal will be a condition of signing up for the new coaching courses which start at the end of April. Under 8s will no longer be free but will have to pay a £10 membership fee.	RM
<b>Coaching Update</b> DB has been asked to become part of the coaching team and is aware that Sunday sessions are now part of the programme. RM is still waiting to hear from DB regarding his intentions. Dimi has proved to be unorganised and unreliable. His accreditation has lapsed and therefore he is not insured. He will not be offered any work until his accreditation is renewed and his details will be removed from the website. So far JB has only been asked to cover one Sport in Mind session. However, GB will soon be away and JB is aware he will be required to help cover his sessions.	

<p>As a Performance Coach it is important that RM continues to work with promising juniors on an individual and group basis. With only GB and IC to assist, RM is at capacity and there is no room to grow the club junior programme. If JB and DB do not wish to be part of the coaching team RM will need to recruit but currently there is a lack of suitably qualified coaches available.</p> <p><b>Juniors / Schools</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RM has established a link with John Hampden Grammar School and they will use HWLTC coaches for their coaching sessions.</li> <li>• Hannah Ball School have arranged three taster sessions in May/June.</li> <li>• Crown House pupils will be returning for after-school sessions after Easter. RM will be assisted by GB.</li> <li>• The LTA has asked RM to run Tennis For Free sessions on the Desborough Park courts (Fryers Lane). HWLTC will have the court coaching rights but due to a lack of coaches RM can only run a reduced programme on Saturdays at present. However, it does offer an opportunity to recruit new members for HWLTC.</li> <li>• There will be Easter camps for 5-8 year-olds and 11-16 years.</li> <li>• There will be Easter tournaments for Red/Orange groups and Green/Yellow groups.</li> </ul>	<b>RM</b>
<p><b>Clubhouse Improvements</b></p> <p><b>Chairs</b></p> <p>New chairs have been chosen and will be ordered from Argos – 6 black and 6 mocha – and will cost about £1,400. MNy will order for delivery when he returns from holiday after Easter.</p> <p>Six of the existing chairs which were frayed have been re-covered in a blue material.</p> <p><b>Coffee Machine</b></p> <p>AS advised that on further investigation most coffee machines require cleaning up to 3 times a week. This would prove difficult as we are unlikely to get a volunteer to do this. After discussion it was agreed the club would purchase a domestic 2-cup Nespresso pod coffee machine and a choice of coffee/hot chocolate pods. The pods and longlife cream and milk will be sold from the vending machine. AS/CS will look at machines currently on offer at John Lewis. CS will buy 24 new coffee mugs.</p> <p>To try and improve the taste of the tap water at the club AGi will purchase a water filter jug.</p>	<b>MNy</b>  <b>AS / CS</b>  <b>AGi</b>
<p><b>Wednesday Coffee Morning Session</b></p> <p>This session will be open to members and non-members. RM will draft an email to members and it will be advertised on Facebook.</p>	<b>RM / AGa</b>
<p><b>River Maintenance</b></p> <p>One skip has been filled with debris and another is required to remove the rest of the garden waste. Another working party will be organised after Easter. When all the debris in the corner by the toilet block has been removed the area will be flattened. The plastic chairs can then be stored there under a tarpaulin.</p>	<b>MNy / AGi</b>
<p><b>Car Park</b></p> <p>CN has bought two wooden planters. They do not take up as much room as expected so there is room for a third planter. The final cost of planters, compost and plants will be within the allocated budget.</p>	<b>CN</b>
<p><b>HWLTC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Saturday 25 June</b></p> <p>Ideas and plans for the garden party/afternoon tea will be the focus of the May meeting.</p>	<b>ALL</b>

<p><b>Quiz Night</b></p> <p>The quiz night was a great success. 44 people attended with the club making £300 profit.</p>	
<p><b>LED Floodlights</b></p> <p>AGi has been in contact with contractors and another local club which has upgraded their floodlights to LED bulbs. A grant of up to £5k may be available from Buckinghamshire Council Low Carbon Office and AGi will investigate further. It was agreed that when the lights are upgraded we will install baffles to reduce light spillage.</p>	<b>AGi</b>
<p><b>Ladies Team Coaching</b></p> <p>The first coaching session is 5 April. There will be five subsidised sessions in total with 20 ladies benefitting. The ladies will have to cover the cost of any further sessions. Subsidised coaching is also available for the men's teams if required.</p>	<b>AS/RM</b>
<p><b>Men's Captain</b></p> <p>JB has resigned from the committee and as Men's Captain. AS has agreed to take over as Men's Captain for this season.</p>	<b>AS</b>
<p><b>Big Tennis Weekend</b></p> <p>The LTA are running a Big Tennis Weekend campaign (open days) to encourage more people to join tennis clubs. In the past we have taken part in the LTA campaigns but with little success. Of the dates the LTA is proposing, it was agreed the best date would be Saturday 14 May. There is a men's 2-pair 1<sup>st</sup> team match scheduled in the morning which may need to be re-arranged. RM will sign up to the event, arrange for promotional material to be sent and organise the day. CS/SM will promote the event on social media.</p>	<b>RM / SM</b>
<p><b>Coaching Membership</b></p> <p>Some of the coaching-only members have enquired about booking courts to practise and improve their play so they can join as full or off-peak members. It was agreed courts could be booked on Saturday and Sundays after 5pm. RM will book courts on their behalf on and collect court fees of £5 per hour.</p>	<b>RM</b>
<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p><b>Malcolm Bucknell Tournament / Club Tournament</b></p> <p>CN has asked the committee to encourage people to sign up to these tournaments. Sign-up sheets are on the notice board in the lobby.</p> <p><b>Social Tennis/Arranged Fours</b></p> <p>Some members have requested more court time for arranged fours during the evenings. Currently all courts are booked for Ladies/Men's match practise on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, by 8pm there are usually unused courts. It was agreed that Tuesday evenings courts 1 and 2 and Wednesday evenings courts 5 and 6 would be freed up for bookings from 8-10pm. Saturday and Sundays after 5pm will also be available for bookings (or from 6pm if there is a 3-pair home match.)</p> <p><b>Singles Play</b></p> <p>Mick Picciano wants to restart the Friday evening singles session. He would manage this through a WhatsApp group. RM has first priority on courts for juniors but currently only needs 3-4 courts until approx. 7pm. AGa will book 2 courts and an email will be sent to gauge interest.</p>	<b>Aga</b>

<p><b>Branded Clothing</b></p> <p>Some members have enquired about HWLTC branded clothing. RM has a contact at Topspin Tennis who do branded clothing at reasonable prices and will bring details to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>RM</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 9 May 2022 @7.30pm</p>	