

# HIGH WYCOMBE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

9 MAY 2022



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

	Action
<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 4 April 2022 were approved for circulation to the Trustees.	SC
<b>Marketing / Social Media</b> RM has been posting regularly on social media. £50 was spent on advertising junior courses which resulted in 21 enquiries, with 6 children being booked onto courses. Money well spent. RM is making a guest appearance on Wycombe Sound Radio this week which should increase interest in the club.	RM/ CS RM
<b>Membership Update</b> No new adult enquiries in the last month.	
<b>Membership Renewals</b> The number of renewals is not quite back to the figures achieved in 2021-22, but still very good, with a total of 314 members and membership revenue standing at £24,874. Full members – 116; Off-peak - 23; Coaching – 6; Junior Under 8 – 6; Junior 8-11 – 9; Junior 12-16 – 7; Junior 17+ - 1; Age 21-25 – 5; Hitting parent – 5; UTR – 10.	
<b>Coaching Update</b> With effect from 31 May 2022, JB will cease all coaching at HWLTC. RM has successfully recruited a new coach, Josh Oxley, to the team and Josh will be working closely with Ross on the junior and adult programmes. Josh comes highly recommended and has a strong background in coaching, having worked with British pro players Katy Dunne, Amanda Carreras and Suzy Larkin. He has also	



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<p><b>LED Floodlights</b></p> <p>AGi has gathered a lot of information and we may be able to obtain a grant towards the cost. Unfortunately, clay court 3 is now showing early signs of wear so it may not be possible to upgrade the floodlights if the courts need re-surfacing earlier than originally intended.</p>	<b>AGi</b>
<p><b>Ladies Team Coaching</b></p> <p>The ladies have had the full quota of free coaching which has been very beneficial for the teams. JA has organised a couple more sessions with RM. Juniors have been attending match practice and have integrated extremely well into the teams.</p>	
<p><b>Big Tennis Weekend</b></p> <p>Due to the uncertainty of whether there would be enough coaches to help out, it was decided to move the Big Tennis Weekend date to Saturday 16 July. However, this clashes with a Ladies home match. 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>Singles Play</b></p> <p>Singles play is not proving to be as popular as at first thought. AGa will contact Mick Picciano for an update and only one court will be pre-booked for singles play.</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 provide details</p>	<b>RM</b>
<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p><b>Ukrainian Refugees</b></p> <p>One of our members is hosting a refugee Ukrainian family including two girls aged 10 and 14. It was agreed the girls would be given free membership. RM offered to give them a 50% discount on coaching and the Committee agreed the other 50% would come from the men's coaching quota.</p> <p><b>Bar Manager</b></p> <p>Penny Halliday has moved away and Maggi Newcombe has offered to take on the role of Bar Manager.</p> <p><b>Court Congestion</b></p> <p>During May-July there are nine HW&amp;DML home matches on either a Monday or Thursday. Coaching on these nights also uses two courts, which only leaves two courts for social play. RM agreed to look at whether he can combine some of the juniors so that he only uses one court when there is a home match.</p> <p><b>Filming Request</b></p> <p>We have received a request by an independent group to use our courts for a small filming project on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 May. It was agreed in principal that the clay courts court be used for a fee of £5 per court per hour. With 25 people</p>	<p><b>AGi</b></p> <p><b>RM</b></p> <p><b>RM</b></p>

in the group, it would effectively mean all 3 courts would be out of action. RM will ask for further information.

**Tennis Balls**

There is a severe shortage of tennis balls and Sportscene have been unable to supply us this year. The club has obtained the Wilson US Open balls through another source and we have enough to last until September, but it is unlikely we will be able to get another supply until next year. Prices are also increasing rapidly. RM has contacts with a company called "New Balls Please" and will get some sample balls. We are also getting a sample of balls from a company called Diadem.

**Match Practice Balls**

Balls for ladies' match practice are new every two weeks and then used for Thursday night social play. The men have new balls every week and they are then used for weekend social play. Balls need to be kept separate and AGi will clearly mark the baskets and drawers so balls are used at the correct times.

**AGi**

**Date of Next Meeting**

Anniversary party meeting –Monday 6 June 2022 @ 7.30pm  
Full Committee Meeting - Monday 4 July 2022 @ 7.30pm

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