

Stewkley Tennis Club Committee

January 7, 2020

Attendees: Neil Shefferd, Phil Whitecross, Jeremy Gibbs, George Gater, Kris Pratt, Malcolm Lee, Rob Owen

Apologies: Matt Evens

Minutes

1. Previous minutes - approved
2. Correspondence:
 - Proposed Family Bingo date from Julie Dawson – Feb. 28...
JD to organize. KP to ask Brian to call [Note: Julie has asked Ian O’Neill]; KP to organize prizes; Committee to check cupboards for unwanted Christmas presents; Rec have posters; JG to send a note to membership; ML to look to include in school newsletter
3. Finances:
 - Committee agreed to change cheque authorization to a single signatory for sub-£1k spend
4. Maintenance:
 - JG to send Tom a thank you card for mending the light, and Steve Morris for stile.
5. Welfare and Diversity:
 - KP and NS to continue to monitor the behaviour of members at sessions
 - JG to update welfare posters in the hut
6. LTA:
 - GG confirmed our successful re-registration with the LTA
7. Events:
 - Maintenance Day – Mar. 14 - 9am to 12 noon
 - Wimbledon Ticket Draw – date tbc once GG knows ticket allocation timing

- Nature Valley Big Tennis Weekend – (1) kids-focused: suggested coinciding with national publicity and going for May 16, 17; JG to ask Matt’s availability and if good sign up; (2) adult-focused: suggested July 18, 19; JG to ask Matt’s availability
- Tournaments/competitions:
 - i. Mixed Doubles Tournament – Sunday, May 10 on bank holiday weekend
 - ii. Ladder – ML offered to put ideas together for a format
 - iii. Singles – Suggest open non-members format and give participants a timeline to play games rather than single event. ML to consider format
- AGM – Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 8pm at the Rec Pavilion
- Tennis Club Dinner Dance - Jan. 30, 2021 tennis club proposed [Note: Alison checking that no conflict with Little Hearts Matter plans and preferred Feb. 6 to avoid falling foul of ‘dry January’]

8. Subscriptions:

- JG to call for subs – early for Mar. 1 start: remind members to opt-in to Wimbledon Draw and to settle membership fees in time for the draw to be eligible
- ML to work with member James Clark on better social media, general promotion and comms among members and to attract new members

9. By-laws:

- EGM date (‘end February’) – KP deemed unnecessary

10. Teams:

- KP/NS to enter mixed team in MK summer league – 10.30 Sunday games
- NS to enter men’s team in summer league
- Revisit match fees next year. For now, want to use matches to attract new members

11. AOB:

- According to rules we are quorum (min. 5 at the meeting)
- KP to investigate the names of our four trustees

12. Next committee meeting – Tuesday, April 14 at 8pm in the Rec Pavilion.

Jeremy Gibbs
January 19