

**BALCOMBE TENNIS CLUB**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING 1 MARCH 2007**  
**AT TANDY'S HOUSE AT 8.20 P.M.**

**Present:** Tandy, Karen, Liddy, Gerrit, Baz and Neil.

**Apologies:** Judith and Michelle.

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**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Minutes of last meeting on 1 February 2007 and matters arising**

- Minutes agreed.
- Terms of reference – Michelle not present so no update.
- First aid box – **Action:** *Liddy to sort out the situation regarding the first aid kit and its relocation in the Club hut.*
- Kitchen cupboards – unlikely we can sell these.
- Padlock - **Action:** *Tandy to buy a new padlock. She will try Dockerells in Burgess Hill.*
- Public liability insurance and LTA affiliation – dealt with later in the meeting at item 5.
- Logo – dealt with later in the meeting at item 8.
- Coaching – Marcus has sent his own newsletter to Gerrit and Gerrit has modified it and emailed it to members.

It was agreed that Marcus still owed the Club money for using the courts for his junior coaching sessions. The Club is supposed to get £1 per session per child who is not a member. **Action:** *Tandy to contact Marcus.*

Marcus will attend the Club's 'Registration Day' on 22 April but will not be able to come until 12.30 p.m.

- Bank account – Liddy confirmed we get 3.8% interest on the Standard Life account but she has not been able to find one available to the Club with a higher rate.

## **2. Financial report**

It was noted that the Club's priority must be to try to ensure that we have sufficient funds available when the courts need resurfacing, which is likely to be in the next 5 years.

## **3. Membership update**

Neil confirmed that for the 2006/07 season there had been 47 memberships with a total number of members of 138 – 73 adults and 65 juniors.

## **4. Lease negotiations**

Baz confirmed that he had told Mr Greenwood's surveyor that we accept his offer of a new 7 year lease and made contact with the Club's solicitor, Roger Jackson of Stevens Son and Pope, who will act for the Club.

Mr Jackson has advised that we have a lease for 6 years and 364 days in order to avoid additional legal and Land Registry fees, which apply to leases of 7 or more years.

He estimates his costs as £300 + VAT but reckons that we may have to pay Mr Greenwood's solicitors fees for preparing the lease. According to Mr Jackson no fees were charged to us by the 'other side' when the lease was renewed previously. So we will have to wait and see.

## **5. Public liability insurance and LTA affiliation**

Baz confirmed that the Club was now covered for public liability of £5,000,000 via the Club's insurance brokers, Sutton Winson, by adding it back on to our existing policy, which includes cover for the Club hut.

The cost of this cover for the period 8 February 2007 to the policy renewal date of 11 May 2007 was £27.30. The estimated cost of the additional cover for the year from 11 May 2007 is £105.

All agreed that there was now no reason to remain affiliated to the LTA and that the Club would allow affiliation to lapse. It was also agreed that the situation would need to be explained carefully in the Newsletter for the new 2007/08 season.

## 6. Membership fees

Karen reported that the fees at Plumpton Tennis Club are £190 for a family and £95 for an individual adult.

It was also reported that at Cuckfield Tennis Club there are only individual memberships, which are £85.

The following membership fees were agreed for the 2007/08 season:

- Family (2 adults + 2 children) £125 (+ £5 per additional child)
- Adult £70
- Couple £110
- Junior/Student (with NUS card) £25

Anyone who wants a key for the Club hut has to pay £20.

## 7. Registration day

It was agreed that this would be Sunday 22 April from 12 noon. **Action:** *Tandy to arrange coffee and cake on the day. Action: Gerrit/Tandy to get a flyer organised and sent around the village.*

## 8. Logo

From the examples circulated the 'Essendon' one was selected.

## 9. Newsletter

It was agreed to keep it simple and do it along similar lines to the one for the 2005/06 season. It needs to include an explanation of why we have allowed LTA affiliation to lapse, the date of the Registration Day, the date of the Summer B-B-Q (perhaps 8 July at 5 p.m.?) and the subscription form.

**Action:** *Neil and Tandy to prepare a draft for circulation and agreement.*

Arrangements will be made for the newsletter to be delivered around the village, put onto the Club's website and for laminated versions to be put up around the village.

## 10. Coaching

Covered in item 1 above.

### **11. Any other business**

It was agreed to look at the possibility of encouraging members to shop on the internet via the Club website (in order for the Club to benefit from commissions) at a later date once we have seen how the new membership fees go down with the members.

### **12. Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 26 April. Time and venue to be agreed.

**The meeting ended at 22:15.**

**Baz**