

AGM AGENDA
SOUTH PETHERTON TENNIS CLUB
Thursday 8th December 2011
At The South Petherton Pavilion 7-30pm

Apologies for absence

Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising

Chairman's report

Secretary's report

Treasurer's Report

Match Captain's Report

Coaching update

Youth sub committee Report

Election of Officers

Lobster ball machine

Any other business

Date of next meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of
SOUTH PETHERTON TENNIS CLUB 16th NOVEMBER 2010 at 7.30pm
HELD AT THE PAVILION, SOUTH PETHERTON RECREATION GROUND**

PRESENT

Treasurer J Smith (2009)

Secretary P Woodward (2005)

J Reid	M Reid	K Lake	B Lake
S Smith	D Dunning	P Lawton	M Shooter
P Robinson	A Williams	P Shepherd	E Vail
T England	R Williams	R Heard	

APOLOGIES

J Fill, J Lawton, R Whistlecroft, K Bamford, J Elsworth, K Peachey, Grant Lamph, B Newey, M Buckle, J Buckle, J Williams, M Edmond, S Hilcoat, N Grinter, S Williamson, J Modica. A Kersley-Brown

M Reid chaired the first part of the meeting

MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

These were circulated prior to the meeting and read by the members at the meeting. These were agreed and proposed by J Reid seconded by M Shooter. Mr Reid signed them as correct for the records.

MATTERS ARISING

Any matters arising to be covered as part of the agenda

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

K Lake agreed to stand as Chairman and was proposed by R Heard seconded by J Reid
K Lake then chaired the rest of the meeting

P Woodward agreed to continue as secretary and was proposed by M Reid seconded by E Vail

The rest of the committee agreed to continue for another year those present agreed unanimously.

B Lake asked if the number of committee members reflected the current membership?

The committee agreed to review this at the next meeting.

D Dunning asked who were the current committee members

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

MEMBERSHIP for 2010/11

Total 81 adult members

17 junior members (family membership)

10 junior members

Club sessions and tournaments have been well supported with frequently all 3 courts being used well

The club dinner and presentation of awards in November at the Old Bakehouse was enjoyed by those attending and included a quiz prepared by B Newey this year- many thanks to K Bamford and J Elswood for organising the dinner.

A youth Sub-committee has been formed to develop young persons tennis, chaired by T England – there will be an update later in the meeting.

There have been many problems with the league website and recording of tennis match results. R Whistlecroft is attending a meeting with the organisers to look at options.

K Lake is organising the moonlight tournament this year and asks all to pay their entrance fees.

British Tennis Membership remains free and the number of members affects our Wimbledon ticket allocation. M Reid asked for details and terms and conditions.

Action: P Woodward to circulate LTA website details to all members

TREASURER'S REPORT

The income and expenditure accounts were circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

John explained the key points and said the club had maintained assets of around £9942.

Although the utility bills have risen 8% this was mainly due to the power washing of the courts. The contract with the club electricity supplier has expired and John has managed to find another that will give a reduction in cost. John said he would investigate routes of investment for the club funds.

John the treasurer proposed that there was no increase to subscriptions for the next year they would remain at:

Single £60

Couple £110

Family £120

Students £15

Juniors £10

John said he would look at the cost of maintaining the courts (cleaning, painting, resurfacing) and the intervals this is required.

YOUTH SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

T England reported that the sub-committee have met and the project was very much work in progress.

They have commenced a piece of work looking at the current provision and the thoughts of parents/children. Initial findings are that few of the children being coached actually come from South Petherton. Parents seem happy with the coach both personally and professionally.

The plan is to present a draft proposal to the committee.

J Reid asked if the coach paid for his use of the court. This would be discussed at the next committee meeting in January.

MATCH CAPTAINS REPORT

Mens A & B team report – P Robinson

2010 was another challenging season for both the A and B team.

This year we had to contend with 4 mixed A clashes and numerous other clashes with the Mens and Mixed B's. Injury and non-availability also took their toll as did some players pulling out at the last minute! This all made it very difficult to keep pairings consistent from week to week.

I managed to field a team for every match and all matches were played, 14 for the A's and 10 for the B's.

Some epic battles ensued, most notably, with superb wins for the A's over Wincanton and Trull. For the B's there were great wins over Martock and Somerton.

The outcome for the A's was mid table safety, for the B's the division was very close. 3 points separated 3 teams; unfortunately we were 5th, which puts us in the bottom 2. I am trying to establish if we will be playing down next year, I fear we will.

Overall, a difficult, hard fought season and some great tennis, which for home matches always, ended up with Beer and good food at the Brewers Arms!

Ladies A team - Sue Smith

The team have had a very successful season finishing second to Sherborne A once again, even though we beat them at home. In the knockout we reached the semi-finals only to be beaten again by Sherborne. I would like to thank all the team members that played and hopefully next season we can finish in first position.

Ladies B team - R Heard

We had an enjoyable but varied season winning six and losing eight matches. The final score was 70 points although the results compilation fiasco we were credited with only 68. this left us mid table and safe for another year in the second division.

A total of nine different members played and as our new younger members improve we hope to give them some match play and improve our position in the league division.

Wednesday night practice sessions are now up and running.

Mixed A - M Buckle

2010 has proved to be an excellent season for South Petherton A in Division 1.

We finished the season in fourth position behind The Sherbornes and Martock.

Interestingly, we beat Martock convincingly on both the Home and Away games! It's a strange old sport!!!

A total of ten players were used and my thanks go to them all for their determination, humour and commitment to some very tough games.

It's good to be back in Division 1. The one fear of a newly promoted team is instant relegation in the following season! I am pleased to report that we have duly avoided this.

The matches have proved to be a challenge but one that is well within our abilities. Thank you again to all the team.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report available this year as Dennis sadly passed away in October.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Williams suggested the introduction of tea on Saturdays in the summer months to extend playing times for the club session from 1 – 6pm with tea at 4 – 4.30. A rota of volunteers to provide tea would be drawn up for the months June/July/August. This would promote the social side of the club

All present were in agreement.

D Dunning requested that club sessions were used for social play only and not for league matches or moonlight tournament games.

A Williams commented on the poor quality of balls for club sessions.

P Robinson gave an update about the website. To date the website has had 8000 visits and is seen as the flagship site for many of the clubs across Somerset. If members have any information to be added this should be forwarded to Rob Whistlecroft or Paul Robinson. Please can tournament organisers write a piece for the site.

M Shooter said the twinning association were visiting South Petherton next April and may be looking for tennis opportunities.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date of next meeting – to be advised 2011