

## DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 24 November, 7pm at the Rugby Clubhouse, Chumleigh Gardens SE5 0RJ  
Rugby Clubhouse

1. Attendances recorded and proxy vote details taken
2. Approval of last AGM minutes (meeting 40 on 25 November 2013 displayed on website <http://southwarkcitytennisclub.jimdo.com/meetings-and-management/>)
3. Vote 1: Appointment of Directors of the Charity - Nomination Tom Ulicsak
4. Vote 2: Adoption of Policy on Club Financial Reserves (see document)
5. Vote 3: To approve a budget of £6,000 to be spent on supporting tennis in the local area over the coming year with additional amounts to be allocated based on grants and fundraising.
6. Vote 4: SCTC Based on the current level of reserves and the Club's objective of being affordable the Directors of the Charity are recommending that SCTC Membership Fees are kept at current levels.
7. Secretary Review of Year
8. Any Other Business
9. Dates of Meetings for 2014 - proposed

### Proxy and Advance Voting

Noting that as of 23/11/2014 there were 483 members aged 16 or over. Requirement is for a minimum 10% turnout, 49 votes needed.

**Attendance:** Clive Brown, Rosemary Smith, Veronica Usideme, Debi Campbell, Robert Benjamin-Hardie, Cynthia Riet, Anjum Misbahuddin, Becca Beach, Amanda Lynn, Mel Johnson, Jackie Hodge, Denis McMillan, David Hayman and Annette Jabbie.

**Apologies:** David Babatunde, Debs Clare, Reelika Shanahan, Sam Mhangami, Junior Babalola-Davies, Ben Benjamin, Jack Tadman, Martin Ebert, Umran Ali, Alex Kaminski and Milton Gayle.

### **Voting**

1. Minutes of last AGM approved
2. Vote 1 to 4 were all approved (see Appendix for electronic and proxy voting details).
3. 2015 Meetings agreed Monday 7pm on 9 February, 11 May, 7 September and 16 November
4. AOB - see notes below.

### **Discussions**

#### **Covered courts**

- Southwark Council along with a number of other London Boroughs are in discussions with the Lawn Tennis Association at a senior level about how best to develop tennis in their respective boroughs.
- Noted that this LTA / Council process is not influenced by Southwark City Tennis Club.
- Noted that officers of Southwark Council received a proposal from Be Active in January regarding covered courts but, while not being rejected, neither is this being progressed.
- Noted that a Southwark City Tennis Club video prepared by Jeremiah Quinn making the case for covered courts will soon be released.
- Noted that Burgess Park will have another phase of its revitalisation programme delivered in the next few years. Currently a consultation process is underway. This contains a question about sports provision which could be a useful mechanism to convey the wish for additional covered courts.
- Noted that links need to be developed inside Council to convey the benefits of additional facilities.

- Concern was expressed that the above wasn't sufficient to ensure Southwark City Tennis Club's aspirations for the covered courts was achieved.

Noted that the resurfacing of the courts was becoming a critical issue.

### **Budget**

Discussed some potential options for spending the allocated budget of £6,000. This could include formal coaching badges, nutrition, schools tennis, sessions at additional venues and junior performance tennis. Agreed that ideas should be developed for the next meeting.

Mentioned that discussions had begun for an exchange of adult players with a club in Barcelona with <http://www.ctlasalut.com/es> A budget may be needed to provide some hospitality. Ben Benjamin and Mel Johnson have led on this.

### **Be Active and Southwark City Tennis Club**

Discussed the separation of the two organisations <http://www.beactivesocialenterprise.com/home/values-and-aims/> Noted that Be Active's activities are very much linked to the lease on the tennis courts at Burgess Park which expires in 10 months. Be Active is receiving some £32,000 annually from Give It Your Max, Norton Rose Charitable Foundation and BOOST to develop tennis for young players. These grants are awarded direct to Be Active on an annual basis with each funder requiring reports and financial information to justify the award.

As a separate body Be Active determines how the coaching programme is structured and reports to these funders direct. Noted that this does not leave Southwark City Tennis Club with direct influence over the coaching programme.

Current split of membership fees and Be Active card is roughly £2,500 to Southwark City Tennis Club and £7,500 to Be Active.

Southwark City Tennis Club does have freedom to raise and spend funds as it sees fit.

### **Junior Tennis**

There was a passionate discussion about the junior tennis programme. Parents present at the meeting are seeking further investigation in to implementing elements of the Tennis Avenue Programme as well as to consider the way in which other venues are delivering junior coaching. The view was expressed that Be Active had resisted looking at other teaching practices and methods of coaching that could benefit the children. A number of people expressed their frustration with not having Be Active's Head Coach Umran Ali present and requested that he attend the next meeting. Discussed the approach of Tennis Avenue <http://www.tennisavenue.com/> which runs a tennis school for some 30 children as well as a junior coaching programme. It was argued that elements of this model of coaching, with quick rotations and juniors feeding one another, was a more efficient mechanism and could be incorporated without cost into the Be Active run sessions.

As background it was noted that at Tennis Avenue children are able to go on trips to the Czech Republic and other international venues to compete. Noted that Tennis Avenue charges £200 upwards a month with a significant amount of coaching included in this price with the children participating very much focused on competing. It was pointed out that the current Be Active programme is community focused with a performance strand and the opposite is the case for Tennis Avenue, any comparisons need to bear this in mind. An overview of the different Be Active run sessions is presented on <http://www.beactivesocialenterprise.com/juniors/>

Noted that Southwark City Tennis Club does not just cater to junior players.

**Actions**

- Use the Burgess Park consultation process to raise the issue of covered courts directly with Southwark Council.
- Develop plans for expenditure of the £6k on tennis development ahead of the February committee meeting.
- Be Active’s Head Coach Umran Ali and Charity Trustees Amanda Lynn and Tom Ulicsak to meet with Hareen Wasantha from Tennis Avenue.
- Request to Be Active to set up a parents event.
- Junior tennis sub-committee to be formed.

**General Comments**

**Appendix: Record of Electronic and Proxy Voting**

Proxy Votes received		Vote 1	Vote 2	Vote 3	Vote 4	Delegated Vote Amanda Lynn	Elec/Signed
Robert Benjamin-Hardie	14/089	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Wei Sun	14/862	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Daniel Clarke	14/761	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Ian Teacher	14/737	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Olga D'Arcy	14/851	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
James Allen	14/685	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Natasha Musandu	14/793	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Kathryn Dennies	14/756	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Rushan Tonge-Bobia	14/709	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Tia Lewis	14/711	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Martin Ebert	14/201	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved	No	Signed copy
Alicia Jayjurecka	14/364	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Anthony Upton	14/095	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Carlos Diaz	14/361					Tom Ulicsak	Email
Cynthia Riet	14/005					Yes	Elec
Danny Campbell	14/373	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Dean Louw	14/085					Yes	Elec
Derek O'Brien	14/551	Approved	Approved	Rejected	Approved		Elec
Elena Nunziata	14/365	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Elizabeth Ulicsak	14/167					Yes	Elec
Flaviu Turc	14/471	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Gabriel Emordi	14/461	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Innes Ebert	14/202	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
James Lush	14/157					Yes	Elec
James Parish	14/205	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
JayRalph Ralph	14/462	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Jeff Hudson	14/289	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Jeremiah Quinn	14/799	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec

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Jimmy Gayya	14/193	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Jo Underhill	14/146	Approved	Abstain	Approved	Approved		Elec
Jorge Diez Alvarez	14/650					Yes	Elec
Marie Martignon	14/282					Yes	Elec
Martin Riols	14/416					Yes	Elec
Massimiliano Ghittino	14/131	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Michal Zagula	14/159	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Mike Stubbs	14/611	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Niall Costigan	14/478	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Oliver Morris	14/320	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Patrick Mathurin	14/452	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Paul Hutchin	14/033	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Pauline Ulicsak	14/166					Yes	Elec
Peter Boyse	14/199	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Sam Swain	14/086	Approved	Approved	Approved	Abstain		Elec
Steve Dingu	14/838	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Tesh Patel	14/029	Approved	Approved	Approved	Approved		Elec
Umran Ali	14/174					Yes	Elec
Thomas Madden	14/921	Approved	Approved	Approved	Rejected		Elec
Delegated votes to Amanda Lynn						9	
Delegated votes to Tom Ulicsak						1	
Number Approved		37	36	36	35		
Number Rejected		0	0	1	1		
Abstain		0	1	0	1		
<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	