

# *Hart Squash Club*

## **HART AGM SATURDAY 28 Feb 2009 – FOR 2008 (Black Horse Crookham Village)**

### **Present:**

Stephen Brinkworth, Adrian Pepler, Jan Vlok, Mark Corr, Sohail Anwar, Iain McArthur, Graham Tilson

**Apologies:** Colin Chiverton, Matt Lawrence

### **Minutes of previous years**

Minutes agreed.

Stephen wrote to Hart DC re favourable terms for older users of the Centre, to be advised that over 60's are able to purchase a Premier card for the price of a standard card and that no further concessions were being planned.

### **Election of Committee**

All members re-elected in situ.

### **Chairman's Report**

Adrian thanked everyone for their contribution to the smooth running of the Club. Extended thanks to everyone who contributed to successful Club, especially those who turn out to represent the Teams in Berks matches. Extended thanks to SB for running of Leagues and Club Nights etc, who responded with extending thanks to Jan for his assistance

He reiterated his comments from the Newsletter sent out in Dec.

### **Team News**

Teams doing well, with 1<sup>st</sup> looking retaining position in Div 1. A level we have never played at before. Both other Teams doing well in their respective Leagues. Vets playing well in Div 2, and currently in top position, although Bounty have a game in hand.

### **Treasurers Report**

Stephen reported that the Club showed an excess of income over expenditure of only £5 last year, primarily due the purchase of new T shirts for Team players (£286) . Club night showed a surplus of £35 due to usage of members 365 Cards (SB & JV), (this was necessitated due to Hart Leisure changing policy last year and requiring us to pay the full cost of court booking, despite lengthy discussion with them). Even though HDC prices are due to increase for 2009/10 in view of the price rise last this year, Club Night charges to remain at £2 for members, and £2.50 for non-members. All juniors still free. To be reviewed after 6 months.

Despite current economic situation, it was recommended that membership fees remain at present level as we are likely see little change in expenditure, and with current levels of savings, this provides a welcome buffer for any exceptional expenditure. Agreed.

### **Other Matters**

No Team squash to be held again this year, but we will hold event in 2009, end April but with no catering as prizes will be handed out in Black Horse. Discussed prizes, and general view that squash consummerables preferred, balls, socks sweat bands etc. SB & JV to get sorted.

### **Squash Balls**

- Matt Lawrence raised with Committee issue of recommending use of single yellow ball during the Winter months, as the double yellow can destroy the game on cold courts. After discussion, it was agreed hat this should be recommended, but Graham pointed out that we had already put this into the Club Constitution Point A n of the Appendix. Stephen to remind players of this when he sends out the Leagues, and also remind players again when Leagues sent out for Winter period.
- Stephen to see if he can find an updated version of the Poster "Choose the Ball to suit your Court", otherwise will make his own

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- This raised the question of heating on Courts, and Mark tasked with drafting a letter to the Council, which Stephen will send on behalf of the Club, also questing wisdom of using the Bouncy castle of the better courts, especially after recent refurbishment.

### **E-Mail Addresses on Ladder sheets.**

- Item raised by Graham, and initial view was negative as we did not wish to display e-mail addresses on the downloadable sheets due to Data protection issues. However, Graham was suggesting something different and whilst recommending sending out the ladders via e-mail, this was discounted by Stephen as his ISP does not permit large bulk e-mails – have problems responding to Team circulations via the Reply to all facility. After discussion, it was thought that use of the Google Groups facility could be investigated, in that members would be invited to join the Hart Squash Group, where a list of members e-mail addresses could be found. This Group would be managed by Stephen/Jan/Graham/Adrian, who would only allow paid up members to participate (Stephen to have ultimate authority due to having the Membership records). This was considered a very feasible alternative and Graham was to investigate and report back to Stephen & Jan. However, agreed that we would instigate the e-mail addresses on the Ladder sheets placed on the Notice Board – **but not** on the Web site.
- Discussion moved onto having more than 1 telephone number displayed on ladders, and if we are to include the e-mail address, this can be catered for, although we will need to establish from members their main contact number, and a back-up in case of need. This will be done over the course of the next few Leagues, with members identifying their preferred contact number. Jan to amend the League spreadsheet macro, and Stephen to amend the other mail merge document, and also the Application form.

No further items, the meeting was concluded at 9.15pm.