

Cardinham Sports Club

Minutes of general meeting

7 pm, Wednesday 31st August, at the clubhouse

1. Present: Rob (chairman), Mark (treasurer), Chris W (secretary), Lance, Trevor, Viv
Apologies: Les, Alison, Chris B
2. The minutes of the meeting of 9th March 2022 were reviewed and approved.
3. Matters arising (other than those to be discussed later)
4. Club issues
 - a. **LTA affiliation, constitution, land lease, trustees, trust registration, etc.** - it was unanimously agreed that the club continues its **affiliation with the LTA**, now that we have better communications with them. The **lease** is still pending - Emma (landowner) has said she will ask T. Simmonds to do the paperwork; we still have to finalise who will sign on behalf of the club, and whether they would sign as individuals or as per their designation in the club committee. The point was also raised about **trustee registration service**, which is required for all trustees to be registered in national register - Trevor will ask Kim (our local LTA rep) about this. Lance is pressing for movement on our tenancy as we are a bit stuck if we don't have any such agreement, as we can't apply for any grants or loans if we don't have secure tenure.
 - b. **Court keys, membership, pay-and-play, etc.** - **Cardinham School** will again be invited to renew its affiliate membership, and it was agreed this should continue to allow all its children to play even outside of school – as long as they are with parents or other designated adults. The **changing of the court padlock** will take place at the end of this month. Chris reported that there had been hardly any pay-and-play bookings over the summer; it was suggested that if we join LTA's free Clubspark booking system we might get more coming - we will discuss with Kim of LTA.
 - c. **Tennis coaching, etc.** - Trevor reported that Cardinham School is interested in **youth coaching** scheme, LTA can support with £250-worth of either coaching or kit; our member Jackie B is a coach and is happy to give coaching and/or trainee coaches can be sorted through LTA.
 - d. **Electrics: testing; plus supplier and contract; solar panels?** - The electrics have passed the test; and we have the certificate - only the light on the gate post has had to be disconnected. It was agreed we stay with EDF. We will ask Kim about the LTA-recognised electric-buying-group that we could join, which apparently achieves lower prices by force of numbers of clubs clubbing together.
5. Review of recent events
 - a. **Skittles Evening**, Saturday 7 May - yes, went well, yielded new members; enjoyed
 - b. **Cycle ride**, Sunday 15 May - five people, the event was enjoyed
 - c. **Round Robin tennis**, Saturday 23 July - went ok, but largely members only
 - d. **Court clean-up** - was all spread out, different people at different times, but worked ok. It was suggested that we agree a standard routine of annual events, incl. Court clean-up, an open tennis day early in easter holidays (to encourage new members), standard timing for quiz, skittles, croquet etc... will make planning easier.

6. Upcoming events

- a. **Croquet tournament, Sunday 11 September** - we've got enough croquet sets, we can encourage people to bring plates of food to share, all is sorted with cricket club. *(PS the croquet was subsequently cancelled following the death of the Queen)*
- b. **Skittles evening** ~~Saturday 15 October~~ (date to change) - will be on 8th October, prepone a week so as not to clash with Cardinham hall quiz.
- c. **Christmas gathering, Trethorne**, will now be on 26 November, per person likely to cost about £20 for two games + meal; we will need to pay deposit to guarantee the booking; do we ask each person coming to pay a deposit?
- d. **Quiz** (date to be decided) - pencilled in for Saturday 25 March.

7. Any other business

- a. **Walking tennis** – it was suggested we try walking tennis, to enable and encourage less able-bodied people to play; we might try a round robin with the option of the two-bounce rule - proposed for Saturday 24 September, 2pm.
- b. The suggestion was raised about contributing to and/or combining the **Cardinham PopUp Pub with a quiz** - Trevor will float the idea
- c. **Kim** will be coming to see us next week (Friday 16 Sept), so we can discuss many of the issues discussed today; Rob and Chris will join, others are also welcome if they find they can make it. *(PS – meeting was held, but online - see separate report)*
- d. Rob thanked everyone in the committee for all their hard work (liaising with LTA, sorting electrics, working on constitution and the lease issue, etc.) while he was away.

Next meeting: to be on **Wednesday 9th November**, 7 pm - at Lance's house.