



Maidenhead Lawn Tennis Club Committee Minutes

Date:	14 th August 2025
Time:	7.00 pm
Location:	MLTC Clubhouse

Agenda

Agenda No.	Agenda Item	Action	Outcome
1	Status of this meeting		
2	Resignations from the Board/Committees		
3	Club Sub committees		
4	Court Maintenance		
5	Social Events		
6	Payment of expenses		
7	Tournament 2025 Update PS		
8.	Coaching Report		
9.	Ladies Captains Report AM_(in absentia, not read out at the meeting sent by email)		
10.	Any Other Business		



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LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Attendees:

Name	Position	Initials
Alex Saxton *	Hon. Treasurer	AS
Robert Flynn	Head Coach	RF
Owen Stanhope*	Communications Director	OS
Sue Carter*	Facilities Director	CS
Alan Frampton	President	AF
Claire Roberts	Match Secretary	CR
Paul Serjeant (by invitation)	Head of Tournament Committee	PS
Helen Brookes	Junior Safeguarding Representative	HB
Mike Bottomley	Bar Chairman	NB

Apologies:

Name	Position	Initials
Anita Moiser	Ladies Captain	AM
Dave Scarborough	Vice-President	

Absent: Karen Kirtland, Dave Scarborough, Simon Brittain, Tom Parker, Clive Hogan, Andy Macbean

*means Director of Maidenhead Lawn Tennis Club Limited

Meeting Chaired by: Alex Saxton

Minutes taken by: Helen Brookes

Note: The meeting is not quorate so no issues will be voted on or motions passed.



Minutes:

Agenda Item and Discussion
<u>1. Resignations from the Board/Committees</u> Committee members expressed some disquiet about the ongoing lack of information about the reasons for the resignations of the previous Hon Secretary and Chair and asked for clarity. Their resignations were for personal reasons. Alen Scropetta's recent resignation as the new Hon Sec was mainly for personal reasons and we wish him well for the future. There remains a difficulty working with HSBC in successfully changing signatories on the club account.
<u>2. Club Sub-committees</u> Meetings of these appear to have fallen by the wayside. This means that there is little feedback to the Board, which in turn means that items which could be decided at Sub/committee level are taking up a lot of time in Board/Committee meetings unnecessarily. AS said that committees are able to decide on actions within their budget without discussing with the Board, unless the action is seen as a major item or expense
<u>3. Court Maintenance</u> Thanks to the Facilities Committee for arranging for courts 1 to 3 maintenance. Courts 4 to 6 maintenance to commence 25th August. In the future the replacement of the surface of courts 4 to 6 should be discussed with the membership at an appropriate time. It was suggested a survey offering options such as: • Keep all surfaces as they are • Replace courts 4 to 6 with clay • Include a brief description of the positives and negatives of each surface. AM Wanted to say thank you to Sue C for getting the new net sorted so quickly between mini zone and 7, this was something the ladies were very concerned about.
<u>4. Social Events</u> Arrangements for the September Ball are moving forward well with Orapin in charge. It was mentioned that the first information was emailed to members about 4 months ago but there has been nothing since
<u>5. Payment of expenses</u> It was suggested that until Andrew Town and Richard Hedley are replaced they should remain as signatories with HSBC. There were no objections
<u>6. Tournament 2025 Update: PS</u> 263 players entered 497 entries



50 events advertised and 39 going ahead

442 matches to be played

One of the longest tournaments in the UK, lasting 133 days

83 matches to be played to provide a full roster on finals day Sun 7/9 - this is manageable

Anita and Ben Kofi have been very helpful in chasing people to play their games

Total revenue £3,096 (+/- 1% because we are not thorough about ensuring everyone pays)

As in previous years:

- We are on target to break even
- Pat has the catering organised and under control

7. Coaching Report: RF

The club's futures Squad has had a successful indoors and outdoors season

3 Local Primary Schools have been visited and 32 children were invited to take part.

This has been whittled down to 20 taking part in Project Futures. 10 children have started their Futures journey.

25 juniors are taking part in the Berkshire County closed championships coming up

Junior coaching groups are full

Adult cardio group is full

Adult Beginners Group is full

There are a few places available in the Improvers and Advanced Adult Groups

96% occupancy for the summer camp.

Lewis Brown is undertaking Level 4 training, which he is enjoying

Lauren Paris-Jones has joined the coaching team and has agreed to stay in Sept. She is moving towards Level 3, but has been advised to progress to that after she has completed her Master's Degree. Gregor Webster, (Club Champion) has joined the coaching group over the summer holidays

Gauri has left coaching at the club.

Amber is currently trying other work experiences but still helps out at at Ladies Team practice.

8. Ladies Captains Report AM (in absentia, not read out at the meeting)

Ladies teams doing very well with all teams finishing mid to top of their leagues. Shout out to Su Reid who has overseen the 5s getting promotion (and being a big part of that team).

We were due to have a large whiteboard or similar to put at the entrance to the club on match days, this hasn't happened, will it?

I also wanted to repeat that Catherine Botwright and Rosie Morton will be stepping down as Ladies Vets teams captains at the end of this season. We need someone to take over this role. This isn't something that I am willing to take on, though I would of course help any new vets captains however I can.



9. Any Other Business

- Use of Bar: MB

There is poor attendance at the bar which is losing money. It was felt this might be due to changes in the drinking culture, changes in lifestyle preferences for younger members with families and proposed changes in drink driving laws.

PS mentioned that the café/bar at the Padel courts was well used, with a better ambience. The bar serves coffee and croissants etc as well as alcohol and players must walk through it to get to the courts.

It was suggested that it might be relevant to implement a membership bar survey in the future.

- Social Tennis

Keep an eye on court allocation, if not all courts being used it is possible to play arranged matches but players must come off as soon as the court is needed for social tennis.

- Membership Numbers

Not sure of the current status. RF has asked Keren for the figures.

- Use of changing Room Facilities

It has been noted that a member is using the changing room to do laundry and the hand dryer to dry clothes



Actions:

Action No.	Description	Owner
1.	Clarify the members of each subcommittee	HB
2.	Email the board regarding survey of membership regarding new surface for courts 4, 5 & 6	SC
3.	Confirm that courts 1 to 3 are official LTA surfaces	RF
4.	Arrange for an update message re the Dinner Dance to be sent to members	AS
5.	Investigate the Padel Bar/Café to identify any learning we can put in place for our bar	PS
6.	A message about appropriate use of the facilities to be placed in the Newsletter	AS
Actions outstanding from previous meetings		
	Not discussed	