



## 5<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting (2012-2013 season) 10 January 2012

Present: Cathy, Lee, Gunnar, Arne, Barry

Excused: Susanne,

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved
2. **Outstanding issues:**
  - 2.1. **Training:** Promotion of the first training session via the website, Facebook and e-mail was agreed. New and prospective members who are not on the mailing list will be included in the invitation.
  - 2.2. **Trophy:** The trophy is being engraved with the names of this year's winners. Cathy will arrange for it to be picked up after 17 January.
  - 2.3. **Rules for captains:** Gunnar has informed all captains of the level season of the club's and the leagues rules by e-mail.
  - 2.4. **Secondary membership:** The rules regarding secondary membership have been sent to all concerned members. Each Committee member will keep an eye open to ensure their observance.
3. **League competition:** The results of the mixed competition have been published on the website and in the News-Shuttle.

In view of the unexpected reduction in the number of regular players on the first ladies' team (Sarah and Milou will be largely unavailable), one player will be permanently brought up from the second team. Subject to her agreement and that of the second ladies' team's captain, this will be Lone.

4. **Tournaments:** All team players are to be reminded of the priority league / team matches take over tournaments and will be asked to check whether they are needed for a match before they register for a tournament. Arne will include this information in the next News-Shuttle.
5. **Treasurer's report:** Barry gave a treasurer's report (see annex). The club is making a loss at the moment, which is partly due to lower-than-expected membership income. While activities such as the tournaments are good for the atmosphere in the club, their financial impact is limited (although positive). The same can be said of the regular BBQs and New Year parties. The committee will therefore continue to keep a close eye on membership evolution and more publicity to attract new members (posters, etc.) will be put up in visible places. Nonetheless, if there are no significant improvements, the Committee has no choice but to review its rental expenditure or the membership fee.



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6. **Membership update:** Individual league registrations need to be renewed before the end of January. Players who have left the club as well as players who have not played in a league match or tournament for several years will be de-registered with the league. If they wish to be re-affiliated to play a match or a tournament, the match secretary or the secretary will do so upon request. The list of players to be de-registered is to be agreed with the match secretary. The Committee expects a favourable financial impact from this measure.
7. **Communications update:** Arne will use the web form to send out the next News-Shuttle after the New Year's party. Some positive feedback about the newsletter has already been received.
8. **New Year's Party:** Duties were assigned and the provision of food and drink arranged. Just under 20 people were expected to join.
9. **Any other business:** The Committee agreed with Katrin's e-mail that care should be taken to allow players wishing to play with plastics to do so. This is not only a question of preference, but also one of training as a lot of league matches are still played with plastics. The Committee will remind members that plastics should not be refused if requested by a player – especially a lower-ranked player. Arne will include this appeal in the News-Shuttle.

Similarly, a carefully worded reminder to all players – especially the stronger ones – that the club strongly depends on the diversity of its members and that beginners depend on getting games with more advanced players to improve their game. Everyone is therefore kindly asked to ensure a fair and reasonable rotation of pairings and players after every set played at training nights.



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## Financial report 10th January 2013

### **Membership income**

Subscription income for 2012/2013:	€5,810
Outstanding income:	€130
Total expected income:	€5,940

43 members paid full adult fee,  
Stepu and Sergey paid 2<sup>nd</sup> club fee (€60)  
Meera paid ½ year fee (€80)  
Gerald paid €20

This puts us down by €580 vs 2012, and down by €680 vs budget 2013.

### **Internal tournament**

The club made €73 profit from the internal tournament, won by Cathy and Bene.  
There were 18 participants, who each paid €5, for a total of €90, with €17 being spent on prizes.

### **Hall rental**

Hall rental hours in Wezembeek are being cut by 30 mins on Sundays, which will save us an estimated €300 for the season from Jan-Jul.

### **Potential income**

New Year Party – hope to raise €400 (€373 last year)  
End-of-season tournament – hope to raise €130

This would bring our total fund-raising through social events to €600

### **Overall outlook**

The budget for 2012/2013 had forecast a deficit of €500.  
The actual deficit will be much higher, over €1,000, due to lower-than-expected membership numbers.  
This will bring our general fund at the start of the season 2013/2014 to a dangerously low level of €4,500 – only about 6 months of expenditure.