

Tennis committee minutes 23rd June 2020

Attendees : Stuart Trotter; Keith Fowler; Isobel Campbell; Martin Lee; Ed Gallagher; Valentina Bonetti; Charan Singh; Shona Ross; Sheena Crichton

2. **Apologies** : none

3. **Minutes of previous meeting** approved by IC and seconded by SR

4. **Matters arising** :

ST mentioned a new member has been in touch re-needing the code. It was noted that this is all sent out at time of joining. SC noted that people are booking then not turning up. If we notice persistent offenders we should note them however as long as people are being sensible around the courts there is no need to keep reinforcing the rules. People have been in touch commenting positively on the work that has been done to get the courts ready for opening.

Gel dispenser. This will be coordinated by the sports club and EG has found a cheaper supplier.

Email. We should have five email addresses for the domain so KF will set up a chair at Hillhead and one for booking too.

ML is intending sending out a kind of job description to the members to see if anyone is willing to step up to his role as he will have to step down at the end of this session. SR suggested sharing this with the Sandy so he could put it on the website. It could also be put on the outside noticeboard and KF and ST have a key for this.

Coaching. 18 applicants so far for the position of Head Coach. Quite a few from overseas. KF thinks it should be the person himself/ herself who takes responsibility for being able to work in UK. Sub-committee is to shortlist them before first meeting next Monday. Shortlist of five suggested.

EG mentioned a cheque which has been unable to be cashed but has found that Jackie and Billy will be able to sign it and then it can go into our account.

5. **Ongoing tennis during COVID-19.** EG & KF asked if there was going to be any sort of competition. CS suggested a box league maybe over a few weeks rather than a few months. We could use the same format as before. ST mentioned an online app on LTA. CS said it could also be done as a ladder. CS is happy to help and send out an email via ML to tell people how to get involved. CS and ST Will do the final draw together.

Club championships. It was decided that we may try to run a Championship from mid August until the end of October.

VB might have to leave the committee sooner than expected, possibly mid July. It was suggested ML could add VB's post to his to ask for volunteers to step up.

6. Feedback on handover from GM. EG picked up all the equipment, keys etc. SR noted they were not up-to-date registers but EG said that was all that was handed over from GM. There seems to be a lot of confusion around the registers and IC and SR have spent a massive amount of time trying to sort out email addresses for junior members and non-members. There is a large number of memberships due to run out so Lizzie Miller is contacting them. IC has made a list of non-members but there is a large amount of information missing from GM's registers. IC asked that a separate group of emails be set up for the non-member coaching group. She suggested we include something saying we'd like to suggest they become members as it will mean a reduced fee for coaching. Others felt the extra £2 was sufficient for non-members. ST and ML will cross check the members between them to see if we have up-to-date lists. Lizzie needs to send a full list to email so he can cross check.

7. Treasurer's report. We have £4826.75 the total. (Coaching money £3083.96 plus £1742.79 in main account). Another £140 needs to come off this for wood, sanitisers, balls, junior balls, plants, cones, grips for rackets. EG has re-gripped most of the racquets for coaching. He also paid £60 to GM for admin. IC pointed out that the signatories are no longer members of the committee and need to be updated new signatories are to be ST, EG, IC and SR is also happy to do so if needed. EG suggested that, instead of refunding money to people who had paid for coaching, once coaching starts again they can get replacement lessons. However if they wish a refund they should get in touch.

8. Social media. It is hopeful that a recent member (Anthony Coia) will be able to help with this. SC met with him and has put him in touch with Sandy.

9. New members. SR has spoken to Carole and Carole has now agreed to hit with new members and then guide them to people at a suitable level. Sena has asked if he can coach one to one. Until a new head coach is appointed it has been passed by the committee that Sena and Carole can coach at the moment.

10. Security of main gate. EG has received quotes from a security firm. £2100 plus VAT for a gate with card swipe or £2350 plus VAT for using the gate with a phone app. Maintenance would be £200 per year. There would also be an internal button to hit for exit. ST thinks things will be solved after lockdown however EG will continue to look into it. EG pointed out there were a number of doors to go through to get to the courts and people might prefer the gate in order to touch fewer surfaces. VB voiced concerns about it breaking down but EG said the firm responsible would come out and fix it immediately. If linked to the card, KF says the card stops working once a member leaves the club. EG suggested a £20 deposit for the card and that way they would definitely ask for their money back when they left.

11. **New reduced league format to start mid August.** Teams of four (2 couples) with no promotions or relegations this year. KF says we need to decide how many teams we are going to enter. Prescribed dates will be sent out and we will then need to block off courts. ML to put an e mail out to team captains to check the enthusiasm for this.

12. **AOCB**

Congratulations to ML for getting engaged during lockdown.

Date of next sub-committee meeting Monday 29th June at 3 pm. The shortlists will then be discussed and shared with the other committee members.

IC questioned having more meetings regularly of smaller groups rather than long full committee meetings.

Date of next full committee meeting Wednesday 22nd July at 7 pm.

