

Minutes of tennis committee meeting Wednesday, 12 August 2020

1. **Attendees:** Stuart Trotter, Martin Lee, Shona Ross, Isobel Campbell, Keith Fowler, Ed Gallagher, Sheena Crichton, Ash Webster

2. **Apologies:** Charan Singh

3. **New head coach:** ST welcomed Ash to the club. AW said he was trying to get to grips with numbers etc. He's had 95 responses to the survey - a lot of people (85%) of adults wanted coaching. He's not expecting all the junior classes to run but hoping to combine so there are not lots of classes with very few kids. Carole Wilson will do ladies doubles skills and drills. SR will do some ladies and oversee Miss-Hits (to be run by Innes and Emma). SR and AW will help a couple of the younger coaches get organised. AW has spoken to Sena who will help on a Wednesday with kids and also do some individual lessons.

There is a huge demand for men's and ladies team training but at the moment there is a problem from a cost perspective as only 4 from different households allowed on a court at any one time. There is a meeting next week which may allow an improvement in numbers. Juniors can have up to 15 per court so there is no issue there.

KF said we could ask members to pay more as there are fewer per court but also questioned whether the tennis section would be prepared to promote the new coach and subsidise the coaching during this Covid period. AW is keen to keep the price the same for all sessions. IC thinks any subsidy should be very short term and SR agreed. It was suggested that a 4 week subsidy would be sensible. KF thinks restricting the numbers is actually the bigger challenge. AW would like three courts with 12 ladies/ gents as a two hour session. One suggestion was having 12 for one hour coaching and then a different 12 for the next hour coaching but the alternative would be the same 12 for an hour coaching followed by an hour playing. AW thinks we should charge £7.50 per person for one hour plus matchplay for one hour.

There was a lot of discussion as to the best time for team coaching and AW will speak to team captains.

AW would also like to develop **junior social tennis** which would be coach run and asked if we could cover this financially in the tennis section. AW suggests no charge to the club children but a charge to non-members. Family tennis is important. KF asked about funding for this and AW has some people who would volunteer but he also thinks it would be good with some level two coaches e.g. Murray and Innes, who would be paid. AW would oversee the level two coaches but they would take control of the session. KF suggested we trial it for four weeks. The suggestion is we start this from the first week in September.

AW is trying to advertise everything via Clubspark where he has created some backup classes e.g. cardio, but that won't run until later. ML said he would prefer everything was on the website to save overload on the emailing system as there is a limit on daily emailing. AW is also keen to speak to schools. SC said she could put him in touch with Kelvinside Academy.

ST asked if AW had been invited to be the junior admin. person but it was decided there should be just one platform for senior **and** junior.

AW said initial numbers for junior coaching are quite low but hopefully these will pick up.

ST reminded AW that if he is doing anything on the Clubspark to please check it's our club picture and not Western tennis club that appears.

ST thanked AW for all his hard work so far.

4. **Covid officer:** AW said that the LTA needs to have a named Covid officer for each tennis club. The person needs to fill in a risk assessment template. Presently there is a Covid officer in the club for rugby and cricket and the café has its own risk assessment. EG has agreed to be the named Covid officer.

5. **Previous minutes:** proposed by IC; seconded by ML.

6. **Matters arising:**

Roles and responsibilities: ML has had some positive feedback and is going to put the email about vacancies on the committee out to the club mentioning that ST will be stepping down at the AGM too. SC suggested it would be good to bring others onto the committee soon who might be interested in taking on more responsibility. ML will send out the e mail this week. ST asked for suggestions of interested people.

KF wanted to know who would be the **liaison group** for the new coach. It was decided that the small subgroup of IC, SR & KF would continue to be the group who would meet with AW. ST suggested that perhaps AW could attend a full committee meeting every now and again.

CS has sent a letter resigning from the committee due to work commitments.

Security of main gate: EG hasn't got any further with this. ST to pass on Roddy McNeil's number to EG. KF asked if we need a security gate and it was decided possibly not as in the future we could resort to the padlock with a new number once members are allowed through the clubhouse.

Etiquette poster boards: SC now has these and will leave them in the benches for EG to put up on the fences.

Guests: there will be no change and **guests will not be allowed** at the moment.

Email domain for tennis: KF set this up for ST but ST didn't know how to use it so he will speak to KF.

7. **Treasurer's report:** the main account has £4759.11

The coach's account with BoS has £83

The PayPal account has £748.65 deed and £417.68 on hold. There is £1166.33 in the PayPal account.

In total there is £6008.44.

EG had been speaking to Jennifer during lockdown and got £276 back in VAT through the Sports Club.

8. **Social media:** ST has put it on hold for Hillhead juniors. AW has been putting lots on the Twitter account so he now needs to join the Facebook page to take that forward. Sandy is updating the website. AW will do lots on social media but Sandy will do the overview of other tennis stuff. SR suggests ML asked for a small team to run social media on the committee as we need it updated on a daily basis.

9. **Tennis competitions:**

Ladder update: quite a few matches have been played but there are now just three weeks left for them to be completed before the end of August. ML asked if it was possible to remind people through the ladder software to complete the matches. KF suggests we could now have a doubles competition and a junior one too. AW could be brought in for this. KF will speak to AW.

Forthcoming matches and player pools: captains need to see who is available. ML to send ladies captains details to ST so he can contact them about the pools of players.

Facilities for matches: there was a lot of discussion as to what would be available due to the café possibly not being open late into the evenings. Matches can only proceed if we have toilet facilities and lighting. ST asked if Rory from the café could be paid to stay on but he is only available Tuesdays and Thursdays and there is a problem about handing keys to somebody who is not on the cafe staff. KF suggested rewiring the lights to the tennis corridor but we would still need access to the building. ST suggested a timer for the lights so that they would go off at a

certain time in the evening. It was decided that the committee needs to send a strongly worded message to the board to liaise with the cafe about toilets and lighting so that we can take the club forward with matches as members are paying fees and expect to be able to play in the evenings now that the nights are starting to draw in.

We **do** have balls for matches.

10. **Maintenance:**

Welding of broken fence post: KF has a telephone number for a blacksmith so he will call him for a quote.

Wind breaks: KF would like these put up and it should only take a short amount of time with some volunteers. Someone needs to speak to Cammy for access once volunteers are found.

We need **more benches** brought onto the courts.

Wooden gates to be taken out of the viewing area now that more children will be arriving for coaching.

Shoe brushes are to be put out again.

The one-way system is probably not necessary all the time but will be kept in place for the moment.

Bins: it is important that the café get these emptied as it is a health hazard. SR will speak to Richard.

Bumps on court 4,5 & 6: KF said these were pointed out to the contractors at the time they were laid and the contractors said it was within the tolerance level. KF suggested we find out when the next maintenance visit is and ask their opinion.

11. **Sandy's latest letter:** the contents were discussed and all details of competitions etc will be published. SC will reply to Sandy.

12. **AOCB:** IC questioned having coaching for juniors after 7 pm. We will wait and see what the uptake is in junior coaching.

ST said he still had not bought gifts for the children who took part in the coaching interview practical sessions but KF said not to worry.

SR wanted to check that AW is on ML's database so he will check this.

EG asked if the cafe would sell balls and ST did not see any reason why not.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 15th September 2020 at 7 pm

Actions

Speak to team captains re suitable team training times	AW	Completed
Advertising coaching	AW	Completed

Covid risk assessment template to be filled in	EG	Completed
E mail advertising for people to fill committee roles	ML	Completed
Security of main gate?	EG	Completed
Etiquette poster boards to be put up	SC and EG	Completed
E mail domain and understanding of it	KF and ST	This will not work so completed
Facebook	AW	Completed
Ladder update and reminder about completion of matches	KW and AW	Completed
Player pools for forthcoming matches	ML and ST	Completed
Contacting blacksmith re fence post	KF	Completed
Wind breaks	KF plus volunteers	Completed
Benches, wooden gates and shoe brushes	EG plus volunteers	Completed
Bins - contact to be made with Board	SR	Completed
Bumps on courts - find out next maintenance visit	KF and ST	In progress
Reply to Sandy's letter	SC	Completed
Check AW is on database	ML	Completed
Balls to be given to cafe for sale to members	EG	Completed