

Tennis committee meeting Tuesday, 15 September 2020

1. **Attendees:** Stuart Trotter, Keith Fowler, Shona Ross, Isobel Campbell, Eddy Gallagher, Sheena Crichton
2. **Apologies:** Martin Lee
3. **Head coach's report:** KF, IC and SR had a meeting with Ash on Friday. 90% of people attending coaching are booking online. Ash has been meeting people and promoting the coaching so he can consolidate classes where there aren't enough people. There has been a massive improvement in children attending classes. Many adult classes haven't been running very long but all being well-attended. Ash has been observing all the coaching to assess where everyone should be.

Ash has assessed the profitability of coaching. Profits have been good so far which gives great confidence to the committee that Ash is planning and keeping an eye on these. There has been a good level of detail in his tracking. The sub-committee is very pleased that the system is very tight now regarding coaching money.

Ash has a few concerns: facilities such as toilets and indoor spaces for tennis tots when weather is poor. He is also concerned about switching on and off floodlights. SR said the gym is opening on Monday but indoor space for Ash may be some weeks away yet. There are different guidelines for every user of the indoor facilities and this is what is complicating matters. Ash is aware of this.

There is also a concern that the Gents 1st team have organised their own training sessions on Thursday evenings and are reluctant to engage with other players in the club. Ash is aware of this, as is the sub committee, and they are going to review this in a few weeks as it is unfair that the Gents 1st team should be seen as an "elite" group considering Gents 1st and 2nd teams are in the same division. It is expected that Gents 1st and 2nd teams will train together in future.

The sub-committee asked how well previous coaches are being used by Ash and, at the moment, Ash is overseeing most of the coaching but probably this will be spread out more evenly in the future.

It was stipulated that there should always be at least one court available for members at all times.

IC was wondering how safeguarding is working if Ash is coaching single-handedly. If a child needs to be taken to the toilet there is a problem with Ash coaching other children at the same time. She is waiting to hear back on this matter.

Overall the sub-committee is pleased with everything and there has been very positive feedback from parents.

The American doubles tournament went well with good attendance.

All matches have been played so far apart from two which have been rearranged. There have been mixed results.

4. **Request from Jen.** There was a unanimous decision that we pay the money requested by Tennis Scotland as we have £9008 in the bank (SR reminded us that £1000 of this was Ali Romanis's money and should be kept separate).

5. **Covid officer's report:** we are using approximately 5L of hand sanitiser a month. SR wanted to know if the risk assessment was up-to-date for tennis and suggested we should check this monthly. ST asked how far back we can check Clubspark as 21 days is what is recommended by the government for track and trace. IC said we can trace this far back.

6. **Previous minutes:** proposed by ST and seconded by KF. SC will now remove any sensitive issues and send to Sandy for publication on the web site.

7. **Security:** nothing to be changed

Bumps on court: this is postponed due to finances but we will probably need some sand.

Guests: we continue to NOT allow guests at the moment.

8. **Treasurer's report:** there has been a problem with the banking card but hopefully this is now sorted. There is £8265 in the main account and Ash has £1530. By the end of August there were 11 payments from Stripe totalling £4021.32. The fee for Stripe is around 2.1%.

about this as Ash has had to take money into his own business account from people who cannot pay via Clubspark.

9. **Social media:** Innes Ross and Kirsty Bannantyne are going to be helping the Sports Club with this so maybe we can get them to help with the tennis section too. SR will coordinate this.

10. **Maintenance:** we need some sand but not sure how we go ahead with this. Would this need to be financed by the tennis section? EG thinks if we could get sand from a company locally we could cut costs so he will speak to Jen.

EG had a blacksmith along to the courts today to sort the fence.

SC asked that EG was recognised and thanked for all the wee maintenance jobs he regularly does around the club.

Switching of floodlights to outside of the café. KF is keen to get this moving and the Board is happy to go along with this. Jimmy McColgan in the club is happy to do this for us. It will all be done very safely in a lockable box and there will be a timer switch: lights to be on from 9 am to 10:30 pm and hopefully will be completed this week. Roddy McNeil is trying to source the parts to fix the floodlights. KF suggested we need to discuss replacing the lights at some point as they are quite old now. This could be very expensive.

EG asked if we should open the bins and it was agreed we should now do this.

11. **Ethan's letter to the committee:** Ethan had asked about team selection and this was discussed. This year has been particularly difficult due to the Corona virus situation and with lack of possibilities to have team practices the team captains went with the pool of players they had already. This will not be the situation in future when hopefully things will go back to normal.

What's App group: it was felt this is too difficult to set up as a whole club thing. SR said some clubs have a sheet on the wall where new members can sign up but obviously, once again due to the Corona virus situation, this is not possible. It was generally felt that most people in the club go along to sessions and meet people and

set up their own What's App groups. Obviously there has been a lack of social tennis due to the Corona virus but hopefully this will improve in the near future.

The ladder competition: there was quite a bit of discussion and SC pointed out that there should have been correspondence with those involved in the ladder before abandoning it for an open club championship. KF said he felt it got everybody involved playing but it was important that the club championship was opened up to as many as possible. SC said she had no problem with opening up the championship but that committees in future need to make sure that they adhere to the rules they have laid down and communicate any changes to participants prior to changing them.

12. **AGM:** this will be held on Tuesday, the 24th of November at 7:30 pm. ST to alert ML to send out e mail to state whether it will be an actual or virtual meeting via Zoom. IC suggested we put out an e mail about the posts needing filled.

13 & 14 **Clubspark and limiting court time:** IC has handed over to Fraser and is delighted that he has agreed to administrate Clubspark for us. IC mentioned that the court usage is extremely high so asked if we should limit the amount of court time people can book. ST said he doesn't think it unfair if we are all getting booking access at the same time. IC is concerned that with so many new members we maybe need to look at when juniors can book as well. She also said that numbers in the tennis section are approaching saturation point. IC also asked if ML would direct all queries from Clubspark to Fraser from now on.

15. **AOCB:** Sandy's email was discussed. SR suggested that someone on the committee keeps an eye on the website. KF said he was happy to edit the website and ST offered to go through it as he has time over the next couple of weeks. It was agreed that anything needed changed be e mailed to Sandy after this meeting and not wait for the minutes to be proposed at the next meeting.

16. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 21st October 2020 at 7 pm
Sub-committee meeting with ash Monday 5th of October 2020.