

Minutes from Tennis Committee meeting October with sensitive bits removed

Tennis committee meeting Wednesday 21st October 2020

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

2. **Apologies:** Shona Ross

3. **Head coach report:** KF and SR met with Ash a couple of weeks ago. Up until the October holiday numbers were healthy with an average of eight per class. Ash now has the challenge and opportunity to divide up these classes and accommodate more juniors. He's talking about "transitioning" groups and working on this. Where there have been insufficient numbers he has cancelled classes as he is aware of juggling court time. Adult numbers are up to an average of 6.5 per group which is also very healthy. He has started a second men's team training group and is discussing with Carole Wilson re Sunday afternoon groups.

Ash asked about the floodlights and we are working on short-term solutions but hopefully the two lamps can be replaced soon. Jimmy McColgan will keep an eye on the ones that tripped.

The October camps did not happen due to current restrictions.

It was felt there has been a lack of communication and this is being addressed. Some of the court bookings have not been cancelled and this needs to be tightened.

Ash has given a report on the first block of coaching profits and he will now invoice us for his profit share. The tennis section is making good money here. Overall it is a very positive report.

IC pointed out that we haven't discussed non-members' fees. EG says that Ash just needs to tell him how many non-members have been coached. KF says we could get a report from Clubspark as non-members pay a different amount - the subcommittee will discuss this with Ash as we need to clarify where the extra £2 from non-members goes.

SR is concerned about any child needing to be taken to the toilet as Ash cannot leave the court to accompany the child while other children remain on court. This needs to be addressed immediately. ST said a volunteer parent could be vetted or it was agreed that perhaps a junior coach could be used. IC will contact Ash regarding this. There has not been much use of junior coaches so far.

ST said there needs to be a health disclaimer for cardio tennis. We need to make sure that everyone fills one in so IC will include this in the same e mail to Ash. KF asked if this could be linked to Clubspark and this might be possible.

There is a meeting planned with the subcommittee and Ash on the 5th of November with three topics to be discussed: communication; use of courts and recording of bookings; development plan for his coaching team. The subcommittee have also asked for a report from Ash for the AGM.

Championship update: do we need to extend the deadline? Ash does not think so but the committee think a bit more communication is needed about draws. We are still aiming for the finals on the 31st of October. For the future we need to ask competitors to be willing to give their permission for contact details to be shared as this will make arranging ties much easier.

4. **Previous minutes:** approved by IC and seconded by ST.

5. **Matters arising:** **Guests are still not allowed** and this must be reinforced to anyone who tries to bring a guest to the courts.

There have been a lot of new members and SC asked how many members we are allowed before it becomes "too many". The Sports Club decide on this but the recommendation is roughly 60

adults per court according to LTA. ML will ask Lizzie Miller about tennis member numbers and ST suggested we also contact Fraser re numbers on Clubspark.

6. **Treasurer's report:** finally we are online with the bank! EG can now check everything there. Total in account at the moment is £8760.13. Out of this has to come Ash's share and the money for the person keeping the toilets open during the limited restrictions at the moment.

7. **Social media:** Sandy is continuing to do the tennis updates.

8. **Covid officer:** EG obtained a copy of the risk assessment and says we have Dettol sprays for coaches and drag-nets. There is also black and yellow tape on the fence at court one which needs to be added to the risk assessment. IC asked about the bins being opened and EG will speak to SR who in turn will speak to maintenance person. The bins need to be taken off and cleaned and ST has offered to help clean up some rubbish next week. EG says the brush has gone missing and we need it returned.

9. **Maintenance:**

Floodlights - there is somebody coming next week to have a look at the lights so he can give us an estimate. Ash thinks Cambuslang got theirs cheaper so we might contact them. KF has contacted another company too and it seems that we do not need to do all the lights at once but could stagger replacing them. Hopefully KF will have two estimates in time for the AGM.

The *fence post* is now fixed and very solid! There was a discussion about windbreaks which usually come down for the winter before storms arrive.

Sand: EG thinks we should contact Replay to see if they'd sell us the sand as the main cost is the transportation from down south which makes it very expensive. KF says Jen has told him that the Sports Club can now afford to pay for a deep clean of the courts and we decided this would be a good idea at the end of November once the leaves have gone. The time to top up the sand is when the deep clean happens but this would be a major bill.

EG pointed out that there is a black sap problem coming from a tree between courts one and four and it is seeping through our courts. The club owns the trees but they are protected. We need to see what can be done about this.

10. **Junior play:** SC raised the problem about juniors booking courts late in the evening (Child protection). KF suggested that Juniors in the yellow ball class and above should be allowed to book in the evenings but it was agreed that there should be a time limit of 8 pm after which they would need to be accompanied by an adult.

11. **Revised social play:** KF has revised these bookings so that members can book on Clubspark it is a fairer way of booking. The first booking for this will be the 1st of November.

12. **Toilet opening:** we need to hear back from SR.

13. **Letters to the committee:** there has been a letter from Jen (already discussed); an LTA report; letter from Sandy re updating the website - this has now been done; many emails to ML about Clubspark to which he has replied.

14. **Clubspark:** Fraser has now taken this over and is also helping with the club PC.

15. **AGM:** Tuesday 24th November at 7:30 pm. ML has the previous AGM minutes so will send these along with the previous agenda. IC asked that we put out all documents beforehand and ask that all questions be raised before the AGM so that it can run smoothly on the night. It will be an online AGM using either Zoom or GoToMeeting.

16. **AOCB:** ML still has a pendant and badges which need to go to people who won something in national competitions last year but as yet we do not know who they are. ML has contacted John Stevenson twice for an answer but, as yet, has not had one.

IC asked if SR had said any more about the Judy Murray thing next Friday. It is believed that Judy Murray will attend.

SR had asked if we wanted Denny to work from 2 pm to 10 pm on the three Monday evenings when we have winter league matches (26 October, 9th and 23rd November) and it was agreed this would be good.

There was a lovely tribute to Ali Romanis last Tuesday with 16 ladies attending.

The Board would like to pass on their best wishes to Jean Ogilvie who fell and broke her hip on court last week.

17. Date and time of next meeting: There will be another short committee meeting before the *AGM on Wednesday, the 18th of November at 7 pm* online.