

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020

Present (Remotely): Chris Smith, Mark Challen, John Stephens, Malcolm Dunk, Rebecca Smith, Steph MacKay, Adam Farley, Lena Grannell, Laurent Compagnon, Mel Carew

Apologies Neil McLeman

1. Minutes of last meeting 8 June 2020 approved.
2. No matters arising that are not on the agenda
3. Finances : Neil has submitted a short written report which reflects a healthy bank balance boosted by the Covid grant and increase in membership subs. Main expenditure this last month has been the purchase of a trimmer for the bank and the paying of the annual bar licence.
4. Membership : Lena has reported a continuing flow of new members , now total of 140 adults. There are also a number of juniors although only a small number of them book courts. The LTA guideline is 60 per court. The committee had a lengthy discussion about whether to cease accepting new members temporarily, noting that other clubs have done so. Different opinions were expressed about whether this was appropriate and what the reason for the decision would be. Membership secretary recommended suspending new members and reviewing at the next committee meeting , and this was mainly based on what kind of facilities and tennis opportunities the club would be able to offer to a significantly increased membership. **AGREED** to suspend new applications and response to queries would inform potential members that we are offering a waiting list and we will be in touch when things change.
5. Coaching time: there is a lot of coaching taking place, and a lot of new members having coaching , query does this impact on availability of courts ? **AGREED**
 - a) To reinstate the court booking fee for coaches at £1 per hour
 - b) Confirm that coaching should only be for club members
 - c) Re state the agreement reached in May for the coaches to be able to book a total of 6 hours a day between them (plus any court booking made by a member who is having coaching)

Mark will make contact with the coaches to remind them of the arrangement and note the hours used, and **Rebecca** will provide the weekly reports from CubSpark.
6. Court booking: guest fees continue to be £5 but will not be deducted from future subs as no new members. The restrictions on opening the club may require that we know who is on the premises playing. **Rebecca** will carry out a test to see if ClubSpark can ask for names and accept guest fees [NB test carried out and this was not feasible] . **AGREED** to open court 2 for early booking from 6.30am provided no floodlights are used (so Summer only)

7. Clubhouse/Bar **Laurent** had undertaken a detailed risk assessment shared with the meeting and committee discussed the notices that would need to be provided before opening was announced: checklist for the bar person (only one at a time), instructions to customers on how to order, advice on social distancing, no cash payments, one person at the bar at any time and only open when a key holder was present and in circumstances assessed as safe.

AGREED to raise any questions about the risk assessment to Laurent by the end of Wednesday 8 July following which actions will be agreed and allocated. **Chris** to email members about the prospect of opening with relevant advice. [NB Work has been undertaken to progress preparation for opening which will be confirmed at next committee meeting]

8. No Social tennis in advance of opening, or before the next committee meeting as any social tennis will need to be managed. But a Box League for new members will be proposed to George to cover the period until the new league starts. **Chris** to send Round Robin email to members.

9. Camber tournaments : LTA allows for re-instating but without the final day social event. **AGREED** to concentrate on one tournament and to encourage new members ,and **AGREED** to set up Handicap tournament with the final on 12 September , deadline for entry 19 July.

10. AOB : a) John raised the parlous state of the grass at the front of the clubhouse: **AGREED** to defer decision on whether to replace this with artificial surface until next meeting.

b) Net on Court 2 needs replacing and **AGREED** to get a new one

c) **AGREED** order new balls (**Mark** to ask Peter)

11. HUGE thanks go to Andy and Malcolm for sorting out the grass and the hedges around the courts as it looks miles better and a great job done



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11. Next meeting 11 August 7.00pm (Location to be determined)

