



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 22 January 2018**

Present:

Alex Hince	(Chairman)
Nicola Dearman	
Peter Dunning	
Andrew Wakely	
Tim Webb	(Men's Captain)
Pippa Walker	(Liaison Director)
David Burditt	(Advisory)

In Attendance:

Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)
Danny Sitton	(Tennis Director)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)

Apologies: Alan Flitcroft, Catherine Michie, Darren Boner and Peter Bradburn (Course and Grounds Manager)

Minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 November 2017 were discussed and approved.

1 Review of action points:

Poraflex 11-14

PL – Tim Freeman from Trevor May is to cost for a gate to be put in between the gaps in the fence dividing court 11 and court 12.

PL – Tim Freeman from Trevor May has been on-site to see Court 11 dip on the North East side. The court has been jet washed and puddling does not seem to be an issue now.

AH – The baskets and tubes to collect the balls for the Ball Machines seem to be missing. DS to check as often they are put into one cupboard by members.

DS – Both machines are working well.

Poraflex 11-18

All Poraflex courts have been jet washed and courts 12-14 have been scheduled for a further jet wash the day after the Airhall comes down in April.

Bubble Replacement

Phase 1 – We have agreement in principle from Wandsworth Council for planning for the new Bubble.

This has been sent to GLA who have responded raising a few points. Roehampton Club will now respond to these with the support of Wandsworth Council.

Wandsworth Council meet on 25th January for approval and if planning is approved GLA can object but unlikely.

MN and TF will also refine the total costs for the project before the 23rd January.

MN – The Board will make a final decision on approval for financing the project on 23rd January.

2 Reports

a) Course and Grounds(MN in PB absence)

Grass Courts

Grass court growth is going well, even though the rain has slowed cutting.

Work has commenced on changing the court lighting to LED bulbs and should be complete within a week.

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Poraflex 15-18

AH reiterated the front Poraflex courts seem to be draining a lot better in the wet conditions following the recent jet wash.

Smash and Synthetic

The LED lighting on Smash and Synthetic courts 4-10 continues to be well received.

Indoor Bubble

AH - Some bulbs seem to be out in the Bubble. PL to check

PL

b) Men's Captain (Tim Webb)

All going well and TW and DS in communication regarding Team Captains.

Surrey Winter league

1st team - currently last in Division 1, they have 2 matches to go vs Putney & Wilton so could still stay in the top division.

2nd team - currently last in Division 5, they have 2 matches left vs Byfleet & Ashford

3rd team - top of Division 10 with 3 wins out of 3.

4th team - 3rd in Division 17, with 3 matches remaining.

VETS Winter Knockout

O45 In semifinal vs Dulwich

O55 in Quarter final vs Camberley

c) Ladies Captain (CM written report)

There has been some difficulty in fielding teams for the Winter Surrey Leagues due to a number of injuries, as well as Bim Newton – a very committed 2nd team player – leaving Roehampton Club. There has therefore been a lot of scrambling to find players which has been tough on the captains. Thank you to the captains and to everyone who has stepped in to play. The results and current standings are as follows;

1st team - League 1 - Capt. Rachel Godsave

In their last match of the league they took on Westside away in a competitive match. 1st pair Natasha Marks and Jurate Hardy won both matches convincingly. Rachel Godsave and Susie Reid had a good battle with the 2nd pair, but both pairs proved too strong and the match ended in a very respectable draw. The 1st team has completed their winter league matches, since David Lloyd Purley has pulled out of the league. They look set to remain in the top league for next winter.

2nd team - League 4 - Capt. Annabel Gomme

The 2nd team played away against Byfleet. The team of Annabel Gomme, Holly James, Hannah Charlton and Katie Hiatt put up an excellent fight but went down 4-0 to a very strong Byfleet team. They still have one match to go, against Putney, on 11th February. A win would see them keep their place in league 4.

3rd team - League 6 - Capt. Vanessa Walker

The 3rd team played away against David Lloyd Woking. Nikki Walker, Vanessa Walker, Nicola Dearman and Veronica Partington came up against a very strong team and the result was 0-4. They have 2 matches remaining, against David Lloyd Raynes Park and Putney, on 11th and 25th February.

Midweek league

1st team – League 5 - Capt. Astrid Drayson

The 1st team, having been promoted last season, has so far beaten Purley 3-1 and lost to Limpsfield 1-3. They sit in 4th place with a game in hand and 3 matches remaining.

2nd team – League 10 - Capt. Sue Burns

The 2nd team most recently played Banstead Downs, securing a draw. Having previously beaten Wilton 4-0 this leaves them in 3rd place in the league with a game in hand and 3 matches remaining.

London Club League

The Autumn London club leagues have come to a close.

Division 1 – We have two teams in division 1, captained by Nicola Dearman and Alex Hince. This year the 1st team has beaten Harbour Club, Hurlingham, Riverside, Roehampton 2 and Riverside. The 2nd team has beaten Harbour Club and Hurlingham. The 1st team finished in 2nd place and the 2nd team in 4th place.

The 3rd team, in division 3, captained by Emily Monson, beat Campden Hill, Queens and Riverside to finish in 4th out of 7 teams.

d) Tennis Director (DS)

Club Champs Finals Days 2018 – Dates are now arranged for Junior Finals day, Sunday 1st July and Adult Finals Day, Sunday 8th July.

Surrey Leagues Summer 2018 – we plan to enter the same teams as last summer except that we intend to withdraw a Men's team (leaving three teams instead of four). This is because of difficulty fielding 1st and 2nd teams which was discussed at a team Captains meeting who thought this was the best way to proceed.

DS will email the Men's team players from the top 2 team squads to double check commitment for Surrey matches.

The only other change will be a second Men's Over 55 team which will be captained

DS

<p>by Peter Dunning.</p> <p>PD – Is there a team knock-out competition in the Surrey League Summer months? DS – No.</p> <p>Team Tennis 2018 (formally AEGON) – we plan to enter the same teams as last summer. Lily Brown has agreed to take over from Natasha Marks as Captain of the Ladies' 1st team.</p> <p>Gant Cup 2018 – we are in discussions re. the staging of a 3-day event from 28th-30th June 2018 that will be similar to the previous 'Club Med' event. DS/MN are meeting Clifford Bloxham (Octagon) on Wed 24th Jan when we hope to finalise.</p> <p>Water Machine in Airhall – DS had planned to install a water foundation in the Airhall by relocating one of the machines from the temporary gym. Unfortunately this was not possible due to the likelihood of freezing temperatures. DS will look at putting a Gatorade in the Airhall as a temporary measure. DS has also reminded members via the Recorder and in the Etiquette poster for players to take refreshments to the court before play. AH – Please can the Etiquette poster go up on the notice board. DS to action.</p> <p>Junior County Squads – Roehampton has a record number of junior players being invited to participate in County training at present – they are made up as follows: 1 Junior in National/Regional squads, 2 in Regional squads and another 8 in County squads.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Member Inductions – in progress • Rusty Rackets session – Sat 10th February • Squash section v Tennis section night – Tues 13th February • 20's and 30's curry night – Tues 27th March • Parent/Child events – dates to be arranged <p>e) Juniors (DS) DS – All going very well with coaching programme and this term is usually the toughest with retention but currently the programme has circa 400 juniors involved and doing really well.</p> <p>f) Vets (PD)</p>	<p>DS/ MN</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>
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<p>PD - There are two mid-week Surrey o55 league interclub teams.</p> <p>PD – DB is currently playing in the National Indoor o55 tournament at Tipton and has won his first few rounds. Well done.</p> <p>PD – Are the Inter Club draws out soon?</p> <p>DS – Usually around late January so both DS & PD will keep an eye out.</p> <p>g) Social NTR.</p> <p>h) Liaison Director (PW) Bubble Development covered in Bubble Development section.</p> <p>The new partnership with Levy who manages the catering operation has started on 15th January. The Board will monitor and work closely with Levy going forwards.</p> <p>The Health Club development was completed in December 2017 and the facilities have received wonderfully positive feedback from Members since re-opening.</p> <p>The Club's Master Plan. The Board is looking at a Master Plan for the Club going forward over the next 5, 10 and 15 years. A survey will go out to the Membership in February to ask for input and will be collated by LUC, the consultant company hired to pull all the information together and propose the best use of land and facilities. A presentation will be made at the AGM in May</p> <p>3. AOB</p> <p>DS – No-Show issues. Members are not checking in as much now and the automated email is not seen as a deterrent by regular offenders. There were 167 slots not checked-in between 1st November 2017 and 21 January 2018 on the indoor courts. Should anything be done?</p> <p>AH – Yes we should do something but a penalty is contentious. The TC discussed at length options and the seriousness of the issue.</p> <p>It was agreed by the TC to trial, with immediate effect, the loss of booking rights if a member has 3 or more no-shows on any indoor court over a 3 month rolling period.</p> <p>It was agreed to help reduce the number of members not checking in to install a kiosk in the Health Club and for the current card readers to have a maintenance check. DB will contact Miles to action this and provide a cost for MN to approve.</p> <p>AH provided an update as AH is part of a working group on the Clubs new website and is involved with inputting the Tennis information. There have been a few meetings and things are progressing well.</p> <p>AH – The make-up of the TC needs to be reviewed at as two voting members only made two meeting each in 2017. AH is meeting a member who is keen to join the TC and contribute.</p>	<p>PD/ DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DB/ MN</p>
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PD – All the indoor courts are booked on a Friday from 5pm-6:30pm for coaching – is this correct?

DS explained the history behind this and the allocation for Junior coaching being correct and approved by the TC previously.

Date of Next meeting 5 March 2018 @ 6.30pm