



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 12 June 2017**

Present:

David Burditt	(Chairman)
Alex Hince	
Vanessa Walker	(Ladies Captain)
Catherine Michie	
Darren Boner	
Pippa Walker	(Liaison Director)

In Attendance:

Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)
Danny Sitton	(Tennis Director)
Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)

Apologies: Nicola Dearman, Alan Flitcroft and Tim Webb.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 24 April 2017 were discussed and approved.

1 Review of action points:

Ladies Team Kit

VW and DS have ordered a new team top for the ladies team players. The Roehampton ladies teams are very pleased with the tops.

Bubble Communication & Surface Change

DB and DS will get together to produce a display of new structure and surface to be displayed in the reading room following the Forum meeting.

DB/
DS

2 Reports

a) Course and Grounds(PB)

All Outside Courts

New steps and fencing to Grass courts 25 to 28 completed and well received. After a dry spell in March and the current drier spell, All Grass Courts opened early on 29 April. All are playing well. Members and their guests have nothing but praise for the courts and PB and CH were thanked for the preparation and standard of the courts.

DB asked about the leaf debris collecting in the corner of Smash court 6? PB explained why this occurred in the corner and will investigate how to resolve this.

PB

b) Men's Captain (TW written report)

AEGON

1st team currently fourth in National league, after latest win over Bromley, with one game remaining (last match Sunday 19th @ home vs. Connaught) a win will secure a position at the national finals in the autumn.

2nd team have won top Division 2 and are promoted to division 1 after recent wins over Magdalen Park & Dulwich and finished with 100% record.

3rd team have won division 5 after recent wins over Surrey & Guildford and also finished with a 100% record.

Surrey League

<p>1st team yet to play in division 1.</p> <p>2nd team is currently top of division 7 having won 1 drawn 1.</p> <p>3rd team is currently 3 in division 9 having drawn their first match.</p> <p>4th team is bottom of division 15 having lost their only match so far.</p> <p>VETS</p> <p>45+ 2nd in Division 1 having won only match so far.</p> <p>55+ 2nd in Division 3 having won only match.</p> <p>DS – It is worth noting due to relocation the Club will be losing two of its team Captains. DS will look when the season has finished to see who will replace them.</p> <p>c) Ladies Captain (VW report)</p> <p>The teams are in full flow with lots of matches going on at this busy time of year.</p> <p>The summer Surrey league matches have started with all three of our teams in action.</p> <p>The 1st team played Westside. Their 1st pair was very strong so we lost both matches against them. Sara Levy and Rachel Godsave (Capt) beat 2nd pair 6-3, 6-2 and Joy Tacon and Lily Brown beat their 2nd pair in a 3rd set tiebreak. The match finished in a draw.</p> <p>The 2nd team played the Wimbledon Club at home and battled hard but lost 3-1. Emily Gomme and Catherine Michie won against their 2nd pair but Susie and Daisy Reid lost both.</p> <p>They also played yesterday away against David Lloyd, Raynes Park and won 3-1. Annabel Gomme (captain) Katie Gotla, Bim Newton and Emily Gomme played with Annabel and Katie winning both matches and Emily and Bim narrowly missing out on 2 wins by dropping a champs tiebreak.</p> <p>The 3rd team won 4-0 against Epsom. Nikki Walker, Nicola Dearman, Veronica Partington and Junior Holly James played. Huge thanks to Holly for stepping in and playing so well.</p> <p><u>Aegon Matches</u></p> <p>The 1st team had a great win beating Maresfield 8-4 and had their last match yesterday. I have not had reports yet for either.</p> <p>The 2nd team beat Reigate 4-2. Having won the singles 3-1, the doubles became a</p>	<p>DS</p>
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very close affair with Susie Reid and Bim Newton just losing in a 3rd set tiebreak. Hannah Charlton and Emily Gomme managed to win. Well done to the team. This meant that the team finished 1st in their league but just lost out to promotion. They have had an excellent campaign and huge thanks to Emily Gomme who has been an excellent captain.

Surrey League Mixed league 2

A team of Tim Webb, Richard Ground, Natasha Marks and Emily Gomme beat Banstead 4-0. After two matches we are top of the league.

d) Tennis Director (DS)

Club Champs – Club Champs and Junior Club Champs are now in progress and all up to date.

DS

Tennis Leagues – these will resume immediately after the completion of Club Champs

Ball Machine – we now have a new ball machine and DS has arranged a couple of sessions to help familiarise Members with controls. This is more complicated but very good. iPhone users can download an App for remote control and can use their phone to adjust settings whilst on court.

DS

Racket Cubed Outreach – New class has started the tennis this term. Rackets Cubed would like to host a fundraising Tennis Event planned for Sat 16th Sept – needing 8 outdoor courts and 3 indoor courts. TC supported and approved the event and use of courts.

PL

Coach Court Rental – There will be some changes made to coaches court rental payments this Sept – this is in an effort to:

- Incentivise the creation and sustaining of successful groups and provide a share of the profits for the coach
- Deter coaches for paying for court time they are unlikely to use
- Keep court rental as low as possible whilst maintaining comparatively high hourly rates of pay – the deal for our coaches will remain more generous than virtually every other tennis venue.
- Help to address the increasing disparity between coaches who contribute more towards our goal of increased group coaching across the Club versus those contribute less
- Help to reverse the trend (in some groups) of decrease in numbers.
- Overall, this issue is fast becoming the most obvious way to drive availability of coaching for the tennis section, further forward.

Court Pressure – This time last year, we made some changes to the programming of tennis activities in an effort to relieve the court pressure which had become

particularly bad. So far this summer, DS is pleased to say that the pressure on courts has been much easier and he intends to continue the same next summer without making any more significant changes.

New for Summer 2017:

- Teenage Girls tennis course – Sunday's 12-1pm with good numbers
- Cardio tennis – every Wed 10.15-11am, growing in popularity
- New 'pay and play' session – each Sat 8.30-10am, surviving for the time-being
- Continuation of Parent/Infant sessions – every Wed 9.30-10am
- Continuation of Junior night – growing in numbers.
- 20's/30's tournament – Sat 17th June

e) Juniors

DS informed that the junior programme is going well and the teams are excelling at the moment in their respected leagues.

f) Social

DB has discussed the car company Tesla being on-site for the Adult Club Championship finals with cars on show and available for test drive. The TC liked the idea and linked well with ideas of having charging points at the Club for cars. DB will also see if he can get a prize from the company – one idea is to put all the finalists winners into a draw and the name pulled from a hat wins a prize should Tesla donate anything.

DB

g) Liaison Director (MN)

In line with the Tesla discussion the Board has agreed to two electric charging points in the Members car park. If we can also get Tesla charging points these will be in the Visitor's car park. MN is looking at the last few logistical points.

Health Club Development is going well but due to some contractor issues the opening schedule for the pool has been put back a week to early July.

The June Board meeting saw a new Club Chairman unanimously elected, Alan Jenkins. He plays golf and Tennis and will come to a future meeting to say hello.

MN

h) Vets

DB raised the subject of an email regarding Vets matches and indoor back-up, from Danny Gesua who Captains a team.

The TC discussed quiet times and what could be done. The TC agreed to keep the current rules and that no indoor back up is to be booked. DS will inform DG.

DS

3. AOB

AH – Can the stanchion pads on courts 15 – 18 be moved from the middle posts to the back posts? This seems where the risk of injury is higher. DS to action.

DS

<p>VW – With the car park charging points is it also worth investigating a car wash / valet service?</p>	
<p>MN – Yes this is being investigated with draining run-off in the visitors car park being the issue to satisfy planning. This is the best area to have the. MN will update with any progress.</p>	<p>MN</p>
<p>VW – VW term as Lady Tennis Captain is coming to an end after 3 years and after discussion with other Members VW has approached a candidate to take over. The candidate is CM and CM has agreed to take on this role. The TC was delighted with the news and would like the Board to ratify their choice of CM becoming Lady Tennis Captain in late September.</p>	<p>PW/ MN</p>
<p>Date of Next meeting 11 September 2017 @ 6.30pm</p>	