



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 16 January 2017**

Present:

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

In Attendance:

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

Apologies: Daren Boner, Alan Flitcroft, Tim Webb, Peter Bradburn.

Minutes from previous meeting:

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 November 2016 were approved.

1 Review of action points:

Ladies Scholarship Players

There is still 1 place free for a female scholarship player and DS is working on a potential player who has a previous world ranking of 110. DS should know more in the coming weeks.

DS

Poraflex Courts

Simon Baker has ordered a sample of the proposed padded covers for the floodlight stanchions on courts 15-18. DS to confirm he is happy with the sample and an order will be placed to cover all stanchions on courts 15-18.

DS

Airhall Courts

DB – Is still investigating the issue & solution with bright sunshine reducing visibility on one side and will meet with PB and Chris Hughes to see what could be done.

DB

LED Lighting

MN reported the Club has budgeted in 2017 for courts 7-10 to have the lights changed to LEDs. The stanchions are fine so there is a reduced cost of change, whereas courts 15-18 would possibly need to change stanchions. MN and Tim Freeman will confirm schedule for works to take place. LED lighting on Smash courts has been well received by Members regarding its uniformity lack of light overspill....DB suggested it was a different ball game under LED light!. LED lights are also saving the Club an estimated 30% on the electrics bill in comparison to the normal floodlight bulbs.

MN/
DB

League Forum

DS said the League Forum went well and the Leagues will go on hold whilst the Club Championships are on. The Forum discussed the possibility of introducing 'Off-peak' leagues with games to be played only on weekdays before 4:30pm. Two additional leagues were proposed, an Off-peak Ladies Doubles league and an Off-peak Singles league. It was felt that this could reduce pressure on court space at busy times. There was some discussion that the current Ladies Doubles league could be decimated as a result of many of the teams wishing to move to the Off-peak format. It was decided to implement the option since it was felt that it could encourage more participation from teams who do not play currently because they are unable to guarantee being able to play evenings and weekends.

Rackets Cubed

DS and PL provided an update on the Charity outreach at the Club and with both Squash and Tennis Committee approval plus Board ratification the project started

<p>as a trial at the beginning of January and has seen local disadvantaged children come in on Fridays for a mix of Tennis coaching and Maths tuition. The Tennis Foundation will be sending Tennis rackets and a pop up wall to use for these sessions as well as Club use when wished.</p>	
<p><u>Bubble Communication & Surface Change</u></p> <p>AF has provided MN with a planning consultant contact to help re planning and assisting with investigations.</p> <p>DB has also researched an alternative structure for the Bubble with a more permanent fixture to cover the Bubble courts. This gives more space on the run back and better opportunity to fit optimum lighting.</p> <p>The TC discussed the options and MN gave a breakdown of costs and time lines on how all options should be considered.</p> <p>If the Bubble like for like replacement is to go ahead then the order for materials needs to be placed imminently. To help the TC to have a better understanding of the next steps MN will arrange for the planning consultant to come on-site in the next few weeks.</p> <p>The TC will arrange for information boards to be made showing Members the current planned surface and sprung acrylic floor. DS to chase TF for a surface sample.</p> <p>MN also confirmed the like for like Bubble replacement can have LED down lighters.</p> <p>The TC indicated that it would like to explore steel and canvas structure before the Club commits monies to a straight replacement of the current Bubble. It was agreed that waiting till summer 2018 for installation of a better structure may be preferable.</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>DS</p>
<p>2 Reports</p> <p>a) Course and Grounds</p> <p><u>All Outside Courts</u></p> <p>MN reported the recent cold weather has meant icy conditions can cause problems when opening courts and closing in late afternoon. Members should check with reception before travelling to avoid disappointment.</p> <p>DB highlighted the ball machine on Court 11 can be used earlier than other courts on occasions as the half court used for play is in the sunlight.</p> <p>b) Men's Captain (TW)</p> <p>DS is entering the teams for the 2017 season.</p> <p>c) Ladies Captain (VW report)</p> <p>SURREY LEAGUE</p> <p>The 1st team continue their dominance of division 2 with their 3rd 4-0 win over Westside 2. 1st pair Natasha Marks and Sophie Wilkinson had 2 comfortable wins, and 2nd pair Rachel Godsave (Capt) and Susie Reid had 2 great battles and won</p>	<p>DS/ PL</p>

both.

They lead the league comfortably by 2 points and look set for a promotion.

The 2nd team in division 4 lost to a very strong Sutton team who lead the division. Annabel Gomme (Capt) Catherine Michie, Charlotte Moss and Hannah Charlton played and despite their best efforts were unable to secure a victory.

The 3rd team in division 6 took on Foxhills 1st team on Frosty courts away. Nikki Walker (Capt) Susie Dickson, Rosie Naunton-Morgan and Vanessa Walker narrowly lost 3-1, with it all coming down to a championship tiebreak. Very close and a great match.

All three teams were due to play today but rain stopped play.

Mid-week leagues

Roehampton 1, in division 6 are captained by Astrid Drayson. They are well positioned in 2nd place with 2 matches to go, and in division 11 our 2nd team, captained by Sue Burns are currently leading the division.

London indoor league

Now halfway through and Roehampton 3 (Capt Emily Monson) are leading division 3. They have had some great close matches and it would be a huge achievement if they could win the division.

League 1 sees Roehampton 2 and Roehampton 1 in 2nd and 3rd place behind Queens Club. All to play for in the next few months.

d) Tennis Director (DS)

Club Champs – Dates for this year's Club Champs will be Monday 15th May – Sunday 9th July.

New Member Inductions – These are currently taking place and will continue into Feb 2017.

Tennis Leagues – We now have 6 different format tennis leagues in operation which gives Members year-round opportunity to play a variety of competitive tennis. These now include two off-peak leagues – a Ladies Doubles and a Singles League. It appears currently that the formation of the Off-peak Singles League has not reduced the number of members wishing to play but it has widened participation by allowing new players to join in both the existent and the new league. The Ladies Off-peak doubles league has had an impact on the existent league which has reduced from 5 to 3 divisions but this has been more than compensated for by in the introduction of 5 new divisions in the Off-peak competition. The effect has been to both reduce the pressure (marginally) during peak times and widen participation particularly during off peak periods. We will watch to see how the situations develop as these leagues become embedded in Club life.

Tennis Teams Summer 2017 – We are in process of entering teams for the upcoming summer season. There are currently vacancies for Mixed 1st and 2nd team Captains and need to fill these ASAP. DS to discuss with VW and TW.

New Activity Camp 2017 – We will run new activity camps in 2017 to include squash, tennis, golf and swimming – these will run each day 8.45am-4pm. These will compliment our existing tennis camps.

Racket Cubed Outreach – This programme has started and will run as a pilot this term. This is involving local disadvantaged local kids being given coaching each Fri 1.30-3pm in the Airhall.

LTA Grade 4 Tournament – We held our first Grade 4 tournament 21st-23rd Dec (when Club very quiet) – this includes age categories ranging from 8U up to 18U. Went very well and was a great showcase for the Club. Club member Holly Delieu won the girls U12.

Wimbledon Ballot 2017 – The deadline for ‘opting in’ to the Wimbledon Ballot is 17th Feb. Please promote as much as possible.

Upcoming Events:

- League Social and Prize-giving – Thursday 19th Jan 8pm
- New Member Reception – Saturday 28th Jan 11am-1pm
- New Sports Camp – 13th-17th Feb
- Rusty Rackets sessions – March/April

DB – How are the no-shows?

DS – These have improved slightly but remain stable.

(MN left the meeting to Chair Health Club Forum)

e) Juniors

DS informed that the junior programme is going well.

f) Social

NTR

g) Liaison Director (PW)

NTR

h) Vets

DS has the dates for this seasons Quad Cup. DS and VW to meet to discuss Captains.

3. AOB

<p>DB and 'Playsight' are investigating 'Playsight' installation on courts 17 & 18 with a less expensive option by using our light stanchions. Once this has been provided DB will put forward for the recommendation to install in 2017.</p>	
<p>VW – The Smash courts have no hooks to put kit on by the side of the courts and in wet conditions there is nowhere to put bags. DS to arrange with PB on courts 4 & 6</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>DB – Ball machine is seeing lots of use and maybe coming to the end of its working life. The motor make some strange noises at times. . DS is aiming to replace this in October but will ask Maintenance to look at the current one in the meantime.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>AH – Surrey Postal matches, can they book 3 weeks in advance? The rule for matches bookings are only Club Championship and Team matches can book 3 weeks in advance. Postal matches are 2 weeks. TC confirmed this once again and all in agreement.</p>	
<p>Date of Next meeting: 6 March 2017 @ 6.30pm</p>	