



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee**  
**held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Present:**

Alex Hince	(Chairman)
Nicola Dearman	
Peter Dunning	
Andrew Wakely	
Catherine Michie	(Ladies' Captain)
Pippa Walker	(Liaison Director)
David Burditt	(Advisory)
Puk Kroijer	

**In Attendance:**

Danny Sitton	(Racquets Director)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)
Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)

<p><b>Apologies:</b> Marc Newey, Alan Flitcroft, Darren Boner, Tim Webb (Men's Captain)</p> <p><b>Minutes from previous meeting:</b> Minutes of the meeting held on the 22 January 2018 were discussed and approved.</p> <p><b>1 Review of action points:</b></p> <p><b><u>Poraflex 11-14</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b>2 Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</b></p> <p><b>Synthetic courts</b> Weather's not been great and with the snow being moved from the synthetic grass, some of the sand has also been moved. PB will monitor and make necessary decisions with upcoming renovations.</p> <p><b>Smash courts</b> The Courts need decompaction and this will take place in the Spring.</p> <p><b>Grass courts</b> Courts are slightly behind last year due to weather but PB not overly concerned as in good general condition and plenty of time to catch up.</p> <p>AH – will 11-14 be jet-washed? PB – yes, when Airhall comes down at end of March</p> <p><b>b) Bubble Development</b></p> <p>PW – GLA reviewing application tonight. DB – until we are certain of no more delays, we cannot sign contract</p>	<p>PL</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
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AH – how did investigations into surface go?

PW – integrity of surface all seemed good so no increase in cost for new base

DB – have asked Collison for more ventilation and costs. DB also asked for glass doors to open.

AH – if approved by GLA, when is start date?

PB – early April

### **PB left meeting**

#### **c) Men's Captain (Tim Webb)**

Nothing to report

#### **d) Ladies Captain (CM written report)**

#### **Surrey Over 40s Champions**

Roehampton Club won the 2018 40's Knockout Surrey tournament for the 2nd year running. A team consisting of Jurate Hardy, Lily Brown, Joy Tacon and Susie Reid beat Westside in the final. The match was a very high level and fantastic to watch. Many congratulations to the team. Other players who played in previous victories include Ali Jacobs, Fiona Kirkness and Vanessa Walker (captain).

#### **Winter Surrey Leagues**

The Winter Surrey league matches are now finished with a mixed set of results in a difficult season. The 1<sup>st</sup> team, captained by Rachel Godsave, posted two hard-fought draws against St George's Hill and Westside, which has ensured that they will remain in Division 1. Well done to the team! The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams have come up against some tough opposition, whilst also battling a number of injuries and absences, which has resulted in both teams being relegated from their respective divisions, 4 and 6. Thank you to captains Rachel Godsave, Annabel Gomme and Nikki Walker/Vanessa Walker for all their hard work and tireless efforts to recruit for the matches.

#### **Team Tennis**

Team Tennis (formerly AEGON) starts next month with both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams competing. Both teams will play their first match at home on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. The 1<sup>st</sup> team, now captained by Lily Brown, were relegated last year and now sit in division 1 of the surrey competition. They take on Purley in their

<p>first match. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team, captained by Emily Gomme, are in division 2 and will go up against the NTC in their first match.</p> <p><b>Summer Surrey Leagues</b> The Surrey Summer leagues, in which our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams will take part, get underway in May.</p> <p><b>e) Tennis Director (DS)</b></p> <p><b>Club Champs Finals Days 2018</b> – We have arranged Adult Finals Day for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><b>Junior Club Champs 2018</b> – We have decided to run a one-day event this year instead of a knock-out tournament in the weeks leading up to a Finals day. This would promote a better atmosphere on the day and avoid the problem of chasing un-played matches prior to Finals Day. Because of this, we also feel it would be best to make the Summer Club Champs just a singles event and we'll make the Winter Club Champs just a doubles event.</p> <p><b>Group Coaching Update</b> – Numbers for Junior Group coaching are very strong considering this is usually the slowest term of the school year. We are exploring the option of handing administration of Adult group coaching over to the coaches – <b>TC discussed at meeting and happy for DS to explore this.</b></p> <p><b>No-show Update</b> – the number of 'no shows' on the indoor courts decreased from 47 to 20 from the 3 weeks prior to the new system to the 3 weeks after the new system. Of these 20, two Members have been informed that the next 'no show' will result in a temporary booking ban. New kiosk to be installed in Health Club this week.</p> <p><b>Team Training Evening</b> – The present team training evenings are going really well, but is getting too big and lacks social cohesion. Instead of running two sessions back to back on 3 courts, Nik would like to run a session across 6 courts from 7-9pm for all team players. <b>TC discussed at meeting and agreed team training will be allocated 4 courts after Easter instead of 6 courts due to pressure on courts this summer. Can be reviewed at later date. NS/DS to decide how to run team training on 4 courts (either ladies' training followed</b></p>	<p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS/</p>
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<p><b>by men's training or one combined session).</b>  <b>The Ladies' training on Mon evening to continue informally.</b></p> <p><b>St Paul's school</b> – Two of our Members teach sports at St Pauls and have been in contact regarding a possible link. This would initially comprise of a weekly session for their elite players on a Tuesday 2-4pm using 3 courts – ideally they would like to do additional days. TC discussed at meeting – <b>it was decided this request could not be accommodated this summer with the reduction in available courts with Bubble redevelopment and would be re-considered next year.</b></p> <p><b>Gant Cup 2018</b> – the Gant Cup is confirmed for 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Tickets now on sale to Members. There will be opportunities for volunteers to get involved. Juniors Members would be trained as ball boys/girls.</p> <p><b>Wimbledon Ballot</b> – we had 1070 Members 'opt in' this year which is a similar number to last year.</p> <p><b>Upcoming events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20's and 30's curry night – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Parent/Child tournament – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April</li> <li>• Table Tennis Club Champs tournament – Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• Club Champs – from Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May until Finals Day 8<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• Tennis v Squash section 'tennis' match – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 6-8pm</li> </ul> <p><b>f) Vets (PD)</b>  PD – Surrey 55's in Final this weekend v Purley.  PD – Inter Club draws are now out.</p> <p>PD – When are Surrey draws out?  DS – Usually later in March and closing date was only last week</p> <p><b>g) Juniors</b></p>	<p>NS</p> <p>DS</p>
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<p>Nothing in addition to DS report</p> <p><b>h) Social</b></p> <p>Nothing in addition to DS report</p> <p><b>i) Liaison Director (PW)</b></p> <p>PW thanked those who had completed the survey. Forum for informal review of the survey's finding scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
<p><b>3. AOB</b></p> <p>AH – Bursary Fund: AH loves the idea and Joe Salisbury was discussed. DS explained there were also some younger Juniors who should remain on radar for the future.</p> <p>AH – Clarification regarding the situation with late arrivals for court bookings. If Members are 10mins late for court booking, the entire booking period can be taken by another Member if they wish to claim the court. This must be done through Reception will adjust the booking name.</p> <p>DS to publicise via Recorder for clarity.</p>	DS
<p>AH – Raised suggestion of staggering deadlines for different leagues. DS explained that this was tricky due to the firm end dates required for 2 of the 4 leagues. AH also asked about the number of players in each league. DS feels the balance is about right considering a number of players only play in the Singles league and would resist a reduction in matches. DS will continue to monitor.</p> <p>PD – Asked whether the court surface could be chosen for home matches in Semi-Final and Final Surrey league team competition.</p> <p>DS – Yes, but not indoors unless a Final</p>	DS
<p>PD – Can grass courts come off screen scrolling?</p> <p>DS – Yes, DS to speak with Miles</p> <p>Date of Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 @ 6.30pm</p>	DS

