



Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 18 June 2018

Present:

Alex Hince	(Chairman)
Nicola Dearman	
Alan Flitcroft	
Andrew Wakely	
Puk Kroijer	
David Burditt	(Liaison Director)

In Attendance:

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

<p>Apologies: Peter Dunning, Catherine Michie, Tim Webb.</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 April 2018 were discussed and approved.</p> <p>Item from Last Meeting AOB</p> <p>Padel Tennis – the proposal for a temporary pop-up court on the lawn outside the Bridge Room was rejected by the Board but will be considered as part of the Masterplan development depending on the options going forward.</p> <p>Back drop area to new Bubble - AF to come back to PL regarding the material they use at Hurlingham to ‘deaden’ the bounce of the ball at the back of the courts by the structure.</p> <p>2 Reports</p> <p>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</p> <p><u>Grass courts</u> Some baseline wear due to the weather and increased usage but courts are all playing well.</p> <p><u>Court Utilization</u> TC discussed the need for additional court usage data to form an opinion on the future balance of court surfaces. DB will action DB – Any update on a weather station? PB – New station can only go into the irrigation system. It was agreed to investigate the cost of refurbishing the old weather station to try and integrate the weather data into Mycourts system. TC is very aware of the need for more playable all year round courts to satisfy demand. This led to a discussion regarding the Masterplan and the potential conceptual options on display in the Club house reading room. The knock-on effect could lead to the changing of areas for a favoured use with planning</p>	<p>AF/ PL</p> <p>DB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>TC</p>
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<p>restrictions/applications to be considered and prepared first. The TC agreed it needs time to think things through. AH will arrange for the TC to get together and discuss their thoughts on the courts, in particular the number of grass courts, in the Autumn, following the Board's preliminary discussions with the Council planning department. It is for the TC to make a recommendation to the Board for it to consider as part of any masterplan development will take time.</p> <p>Preparation for the Gant Cup is now under way. AF – what overview/remit does the TC have? The TC sanctioned the event but have no responsibility for its running. The Club work closely with Octagon to deliver the event. They are more than welcome to volunteer on any of the days. MN - Tickets sales are healthy but there is capacity still on Thursday and Friday DB – Do we have an order of play? MN – This will be released closer to the time but Richard Gasquet, Fernando Verdasco and next-generation superstars Jared Donaldson, Frances Tiafoe and Hyeon Chung are all confirmed. Depending on other tournament results that week the likes of Cameron Norrie and Joe Salisbury could potentially play on Saturday. AF – How will the Club measure the Gant Cup as a success? MN – Need to see how the event runs day to day in tandem with the normal Club operation. Gain members views afterwards.</p>	<p>AH</p> <p>MN</p> <p>MN/ DS</p>
<p>b) Bubble Development</p> <p>PB – Collinson's have now started the works for the new Bubble. The entrance structure to the Grounds yard is being changed to accommodate the large steel delivery arriving in July for the new Bubble.</p> <p>DB – The design drawings are on schedule. Update meeting to be held this week. There is currently a 2 week delay but courts should be in play by beginning of December.</p> <p>c) Men's Captain (TW) 1st round of Tennis Team (previously AEGON) have taken place. 1st team winning and great to see such a strong team and squad this year with the</p>	<p>MN/ DB</p>

players wanting to play for the Club.

d) Ladies Captain (CM – written report)

The Summer matches are now underway with some good results to report;

Team Tennis (formerly AEGON)

1st team – Division 1 - Captained by Lily Brown

The 1st team has had an excellent start to the summer season, only dropping 2 of 18 matches. They are very comfortably at the top of Division 1 and are looking good for promotion back into the Regional division next year. Well done to the team.

2nd team – Division 2 - Captained by Emily Gomme

The 2nd team has had a very difficult first few matches against some tough opposition and currently sit at the bottom of the division with 2 matches remaining.

The next Team Tennis matches take place Sunday 17th June with the 2nd team home against David Lloyd Woking, while the 1st team is away to Magdalen Park 1sts.

Surrey Summer league

1st team – Division 2 - Captained by Rachel Godsave

Currently sitting at the top of Division 2, with a game in hand, after a draw against Surbiton and an excellent win against Purley.

2nd team – Division 6 - Captained by Annabel Gomme

The 2nd team is also sitting at the top of their division, with two good wins against Westside and Foxhills.

3rd team – Division 12 - Captained by Vanessa Walker

The 3rd team has only played one match so far this season, beating Foxhills, and therefore they are also at the top of their division.

Midweek Summer League

1st team – Division 2 - Captained by Alex Hince

The 1st team have had one draw and one win, against David Lloyd Purley and Epsom, respectively, and sit in the middle of their division

2nd team – Division 6 - Captained by Astrid Drayson

The 2nd team has played only one match, with a good win over Magdalen Park

3rd team – Division 7 - Captained by Sue Burns

The 3rd team has played only one match, with a comfortable win over David Lloyd Woking to put them at the top of their division

4th team – Division 10 – Captained by Sue Stewart

The 4th team has played one match, securing a draw against Purley Bury

Well done to all teams for a great start to the summer season and thank you to all the captains for their hard work in organising and recruiting for the matches.

e) Tennis Director (DS)

Club Champs Finals Days 2018 – Adult Finals Day is Sunday 8th July and Junior Club Champs is Sunday 1st July.

The leagues had been put on hold for a 6 week period during the busiest phase of Club Champs – leagues have now resumed with a reduced number of players in each league.

Indoor Courts from Oct 2018 – TC discussed Airhall court priority on weekday mornings from Oct 2018. Coaching groups have been in the Airhall and Member Bookings in Bubble but there will be no Bubble for period from Oct-Nov. Members will want to book the Airhall, where the coaching groups take place. **The TC agreed to alternate weeks between Member booking and Adult Member Group Coaching.**

DS

Display re. court surfaces – at the last meeting DS was asked to create an information sheet outlining the playing speeds of our different surfaces. After consulting with Tim Freeman DS will display the following after completion of Club Champs. The numbers are on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being the slowest and 5 the fastest playing speed – there is a degree of subjectively here:

DS

- Courts 1-3 (under construction) – 4
- Courts 4-6 (Smash) – 2
- Courts 7-10 (Artificial grass) – 4
- Courts 11-14 (Blue Poraflex) – 2/3
- Courts 15-18 (Green/Red Poraflex) – 3/4
- Courts 19-28 (Natural Grass) – 5

Junior Group Coaching Numbers – the junior programme is at a very healthy approx. 400 bookings. This has naturally led to severe court pressure on certain days.

Group Coaching Update – DS has informed those currently attended Adult groups about the new administration process from September.

Coaches Hourly Rates – The coach’s hourly rate was last increased in Sept 2016 (by £2 per hour). Would the Tennis Committee agree to another £2 per hour increase from Sept 2018? This represents a standard increase within the ‘industry’. **TC agreed**

DS

Gant Cup 2018 – plans are now well underway for Gant Cup. DS in the process of training approx. 24 ball children.

DS

Recent events:

- Table Tennis tournament (12th May) with approx. 14 players
- Triangular fixture (8th June) with 36 players
- Tennis v Squash evening (11th June) with approx. 24 players
- Road to Wimbledon Junior Tournament: Boy’s Winner – Thomas Evans, Girl’s Winner – Tilly Pearse

Upcoming events:

- Club Champs – from Tues 1st May until Finals Day 8th July
- Junior Club Champs – Sun 1st July
- Gant Event – 28th-30th June
- 20's/30's Tennis and Curry Night – Tues 10th July 7.30pm
- Family Table Tennis – tba

Team Strength:

DS informed the TC there is an ongoing issue with Vets matches and the strength of the teams Roehampton puts out, particularly the Men's side. DS will inform other Clubs of the strength of teams we have and also ask if they are having the same issue in recruiting players at a certain standard for these matches.

DS

f) Vets (PD - written report)

Match Results

Quad Cup v St. George's Hill SGH : Lost 1 - 7

Quad Cup v Hurlingham : Won 51/2 - 21/2

Surrey O55 1 Team v Walton: won 3-1

Surrey O55 2 Team v Ewell : drew 2 - 2

Surrey O55 2 Team v Sanderstead : drew 2 - 2

Friendly : Hurlingham : Home : Lost 5 - 7

Senior Inter Club 60s Knockout v Woodford Wells: lost 4-0

Senior Inter Club 65s v Purley: TBA.

The 65s team, having lost in the final last year, have been invited to play in the European

Championships in La Manga in September. I am currently trying to raise a team, which is likely to be

John Paish, Matthew Salisbury, Niall Sweeney, Rob Dickson and myself, with Kevin Ivie as a reserve.

There has been discussions between Danny Gesua, MN and the catering

manager regarding quality of match teas. It was felt that the catering for a recent match against Hurlingham was not up to the required standard. This has now been rectified.

DG has proposed introducing a £10 match fee for home AND away matches, to enable a greater financial contribution and then hopefully an increase in the quality of the match teas.
This was not approved by the Committee.

g) Juniors (DS)

Infant and Parents session will start up again soon.
Club Championships are on 1st July

h) Social

Nothing in addition to DS report

i) Liaison Director (DB)

At the last Board meeting DB was confirmed as the new Tennis Liaison Director.

At the last Board meeting the Masterplan and Member survey were discussed and regarding Tennis the Board will look to approach Wandsworth Council regarding the next steps for planning and potential development options.

3. Membership Survey

As previously discussed the Membership survey results showed the request for more indoor tennis courts and what members valued about the operation.

4. Masterplan

As discussed under Course and Ground report

5. Dress Code

AH raised the discussion regarding dress code as over recent months the standard of dress code seems to have disappeared with lots of colours.

DS agreed and said the current dress code is not easily managed.

TC discussed dress code at length, including an All White option, a recognised

<p>sportswear option and the current dress code.</p> <p>PK felt the Pro Shop should sell long white sleeve female tops</p> <p>The Ladies on the TC will look at the dress code and review whilst also observing other players dress codes in the coming weeks/months.</p>	<p>AH/ ND/ PK</p>
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>AH – Would like to propose, in the absences of any other suggestions, for Joe Salisbury to receive some funds from the sports bursary fund.</p> <p>DS suggested the TC could offer to pay for flights or a travelling coach and it was agreed the best person to ask for best use of funding, up to £3k, is Joe himself.</p> <p>DS will arrange for Joe to meet with him and AH and then report back to the TC.</p>	<p>DS/ AH</p>
<p>Date of Next meeting 10th September 2018 @ 6.30pm</p>	

