



Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 10 December 2018

Present:

Alex Hince	(Chairman)
Andrew Wakely	
Victoria Stephens	
Puk Kroijer	
Nicola Dearman	
Alan Flitcroft	
Catherine Michie	(Ladies Captain)
Jan Menneken	(Men's Captain)
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: none</p> <p>Minutes from previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 November were discussed and approved.</p> <p>DS to source more robust scoring posts for the 8 poraflex courts ready for the match season from March.</p> <p>2 Reports</p> <p>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</p> <p>PB has a new staff member join the team.</p> <p>Grass Courts The renovations have gone well and are on track for 1st May 2019 opening, weather depending.</p> <p>ITC The new Indoor Tennis Centre (ITC) opened on Friday 7 December 2018 and has only received excellent feedback to date, with special praise for the lighting.</p> <p>There is a snagging list to be completed by Collinsons and Trevor May, the court surface contractor, will be back in a couple of days to assess the floor surface as the floor is still curing.</p> <p>Chairs are on order for the courts and the TC agreed will be put in between the courts at the net posts as players like to sit in-between games/sets.</p> <p>The official Opening event for the ITC is set for 10th February 2019 from 2pm -</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>PB</p>
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<p>5pm. The event will be a Pro Am and money to play in the event will be split to cover costs and go towards the Racquets Sections Charity, Rackets Cubed. Anne Keothavong has agreed to attend, and MN has invited Boris Becker. Still awaiting confirmation from other Pro players. Once players have confirmed details will go out to members in early January. MN to send a 'Save the Date' before Christmas to raise member awareness.</p> <p>JM – Will we play matches in the ITC? DS – No, DS explained the reasons and confirmed the only matches that would play in the ITC are the Ladies London Club League, who play midweek and off-peak times. DS also explained the previous programme booking in terms of coaching in the ITC will stay the same. Block booking will start from 7 January.</p> <p>c) Men's Captain (JM) Two matches of the Roehampton 2nd team in the Winter Surrey league have been cancelled due to inclement weather.</p> <p>One match vs Westside 2 was won 4 - 0.</p> <p>The most exciting news is that Joe Salisbury will play the Australian Circuit including the Australian Open with Rajeev Ram. Rajeev won the Olympic Silver medal with Venus.</p> <p>d) Ladies Captain (CM) Surrey Winter league 1st team – Division 1 – Captain Natasha Marks The 1st team has played two matches, losing 0-4 to Putney 1st team and drawing with Westside 1sts. The next match will be in January.</p> <p>2nd team – Division 5 – Captain Annabel Gomme The 2nd team drew v St George's Hill 3rds. The December match was rescheduled and will be played in the new year. As with the 1st team, the next match will be in January.</p> <p>3rd team – Division 8 – Captain Vanessa Walker</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>MN</p>
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The 3rd team beat Claygate convincingly but lost 0-4 to Woking. The next match is Sunday 16th December v Epsom.

Ladies midweek doubles

1st team – Division 5 – Captain Astrid Drayson

The 1st team has only played one match so far, losing to Pensford 0-4.

2nd team – Division 9 – Captain - Sue Burns

The 2nd team has had an excellent start to the winter season winning both matches against Cheam and Walton without the loss of a rubber

3rd team – Division 11 – Captain Susan Stewart

The 3rd team has won their only match of the season, beating Epsom David Lloyd convincingly.

London Club League – Update to follow in January report once full results and final standings are in.

Thank you to all Captains who continue to do an excellent job in organising matches and fielding teams.

Scholarships

Scholarship player Veronika Stotyka has left the club. Former British Number 1, Anne Keothavong, has since joined the club as a scholarship player and has agreed to play NCL matches when able, which is excellent news. Natasha Marks and Marta Sirotkina will continue to fill the other 2 scholarship positions in 2019.

3. Masterplan

DB explained that the 2030 Masterplan has now been sent to Members for their comments and will be discussed by the Board at the January Board meeting, before being submitted to the Council.

MN – The only agreed development project for 2019 will be the overflow car park in Rosslyn Park.

4. Racquets Director

MN explained the process for recruitment of a new Racquets Director.

<p>Applications close on 17 December and hope to have first round interviews on 7 & 8 January 2019. There is a sub-committee to carry out initial interviews and once a shortlist of 4 or 5 are confirmed then all the TC to be involved in the technical/social interviews.</p> <p>MN also discussed the internal structure to include a Tennis Manager, replacing the current Tennis Coordinator role. Interviews for this role are on 12/12 and the role will commence from January 2019</p>	TC
<p>5. AOB</p> <p>AH – The lesson fee structure, should the structure be more expensive if a member has an individual lesson and then brings their child along occasionally?</p> <p>DS – any concerns over the lesson fee should be discussed with the coach but the general rule and fee structure is to encourage more group coaching. DS will reiterate the coaches should also have some flexibility with their approach to members, and their families.</p> <p>PL confirmed the Racketlon dates for a Tour event are 16-18 August 2019. Badminton court flooring has also been sourced and if the Tennis Committee and Club are happy to cover the cost of the transport costs the company will not charge a hire fee for the use. PL explained how this will help protect the ITC court surface and also make the event one of the most prestigious on the Racketlon calendar for 2019 with Grass Tennis Court also possible.</p> <p>TC agreed the flooring is desirable and approved use of the ITC for the event at a quiet time of the year.</p> <p>PL provided dates for Tennis Committee meetings in 2019</p> <p>Date of Next meeting 21st January 2019 @ 6.30pm</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>PL</p>