



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee**  
**held on Monday 21 January 2019**

**Present:**

Alex Hince	(Chair)
Andrew Wakely	
Victoria Stephens	
Puk Kroijer	
Nicola Dearman	
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)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director Elect)

<p><b>Apologies:</b> Catherine Michie and Alan Flitcroft</p> <p><b>Minutes from previous meeting:</b> Minutes of the meeting held on the 10 December 2018 were discussed and approved.</p> <p>DS has spoken with Chris Hughes regarding more robust scoring posts for the 8 Poraflex courts. It was agreed the ones we have are among the most robust and the nut holding the score markers in place will be looked at ready for the match season from March.</p> <p>The Tennis Committee welcomed and congratulated Nik Snapes in his new role as Tennis Manager and Dan Lott on his appointment as Racquets Director.</p> <p><b>2 Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</b></p> <p><b><u>ITC</u></b></p> <p>The new Indoor Tennis Centre works are nearly complete with JW Cannon having one major snagging issue still to be completed – the external rainwater drainage works. This work is in progress as the final part of the project.</p> <p>AH – Have the internal leaks been fixed?</p> <p>PB – Yes Collinson’s have fixed these.</p> <p>The TC discussed some other potential snagging issues including puddling outside by the entrance to Court 1 and no light switch in the store cupboard. PB noted these.</p> <p>A notice to go on the door entrance by court 1 to go up immediately informing No food or drink is to be taken onto court. It seems drinks have taken down from the viewing gallery and staining the court surround.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>MN</p>
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<p>PB – The courts are being cleaned daily but a deeper spot clean to remove the stains will be arranged.</p>	PB
<p>AW – The divider net between court 1 and 2 does not draw completely closed. DB – A clip by the far netting would solve this. PB/DL to look at this.</p>	PB/ DL
<p><b><u>Smash and Synthetic Courts</u></b></p>	
<p>Annual maintenance has been arranged for 11 and 12 April on Smash courts and 7 to 10 for the Synthetic courts. A sand top-up will be included in these maintenance works</p>	PB
<p><b><u>Poraflex 11-14 Court</u></b></p>	
<p>The dismantling of the Airhall is pencilled in for 25 March. PB awaiting confirmation of this date.</p>	PB
<p><b><u>Poraflex 15-18 Court</u></b></p>	
<p>AH asked if the courts would be sprayed again this year? Where the patch spray works have been carried out there is a noticeable difference in grip for players.</p>	
<p>MN – Waiting for feedback from Trevor May regarding painting the courts again and the effect it has on the porosity.</p>	MN
<p>It was agreed if the courts are to be painted again this year the entire playing surface and surround would be sprayed.</p>	
<p>NS suggested if courts 15-18 are the next court surface due to be replaced then Smash could be an option. The teams could play on these in wet weather and it is the favoured surface of the Membership.</p>	
<p>TC discussed options, including a true acrylic and noted the merit on putting Smash as a replacement if a change in surface is to be considered.</p>	TC
<p>Courts 11-14 would be left as Poraflex, as it works well there as an outdoor and indoor surface.</p>	
<p><b><u>Grass Courts</u></b></p>	
<p>The renovations have gone well and are on track for 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 opening, weather depending.</p>	PB
<p><b>c) Men's Captain (JM)</b></p>	

The 2nd Roehampton team (captained by JM) has now played two matches and won both. We have beaten the league leaders and hopefully can achieve promotion.

The 3rd Roehampton team (captain Duncan Jones) has won one and lost one.

The 4th Roehampton team (captain Joerg Alting) is in Div 17 and won one and has three draws. They also managed to lose 5 Championships tiebreaks in a row, resulting in those draws.

Joe Salisbury is now partnering with Rameez Ram and reached the last 16 at the Aussie Open where they lost narrowly to 5<sup>th</sup> seeds Mahut/Herbert. Last round they beat Fernando Verdasco (!) and Cuevas easily. Joe played amazing. Verdasco could not deal with his net movement.

**JM** – Are there any times in the ITC at weekends to play team matches?

**TC** - No.

**JM** – Is there merit in restricting a Member booking on the indoors courts per week? Some members always book multiple sessions in the ITC or Airhall. Members have commented that booking courts in the ITC and Airhall is difficult as some members are monopolising court bookings each day. The TC discussed this in depth and agreed with usage and demand on the premium courts that there should be a limit for bookings made per day by an individual.

**It was agreed a Member can only book three 30min slots consecutively indoors on a single day. This will be implemented from February and monitored. DB to contact Mycourts to activate and members then to be informed**

DB/  
NS

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

##### Surrey Winter Leagues

1<sup>st</sup> team – Div 1 - Captain Natasha Marks

The 1<sup>st</sup> team has so far drawn one match and lost 2, with 2 matches still to play. Wins in the last two matches would see the team remain in Div 1 which would be a good result.

2<sup>nd</sup> team – Div 5 – Captain Annabel Gomme

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team is sitting in the middle of Division 5, having won one match and drawn the other. They are in a good position with 3 matches remaining.

3<sup>rd</sup> team – Div 8 – Captain Vanessa Walker

The 3<sup>rd</sup> team is 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 8 with 3 matches remaining

#### London Club League

Roehampton 1 & 2 – Div 1. Captains Nicola Dearman and Alex Hince

Roehampton 2 and 1 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively at the end of the first round.

Roehampton 3 – Div 3 – Captain Emily Monson

Narrowly missed out on a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> to Hurlingham by 280 games to 278.

#### Midweek Leagues

1<sup>st</sup> team – Division 5 – Captain Astrid Drayson

So far only one match played, v Pensford, which the team lost 1-3 with some closely fought matches.

2<sup>nd</sup> team – Division 9 – Captain Sue Burns

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team is having a great season so far, winning all 3 matches without the loss of a rubber. 2 matches remaining but they are looking good for promotion into Division 8. Well done to the team.

3<sup>rd</sup> team – Division 11 – Captain Susan Stewart

The 3<sup>rd</sup> team sit second in the division having won two of two matches.

#### **e) Tennis Director (DS)**

**Handover Document** – DS has created a ‘handover’ document which I will pass onto Dan and Nik. This contains details of many parts of my role which are not included in the job description but are vital to be aware of – this also includes a number of documents and templates that will help with various activities/events.

**Vets Friendly Fixtures** – The fixtures for this summer are all arranged,

<p>although Danny Gesua is stepping down from the role he has played in organising a number of different teams. My sincere thanks to Danny for his amazing contribution to vets tennis over the last few years. Danny G will liaise direct with the DL re. captaincy for this summer.</p> <p><b>Club Champs</b> – This summer finals day is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Nik will organise entry forms and open entries for a start around Easter. The leagues will be placed on hold during the busiest part of the Club Champs as per last summer.</p> <p><b>Summer Teams</b> – Entries for ‘National Team Tennis’ and Surrey teams are being submitted – the adult teams remain identical to last summer and we have increased the number of girls junior team entries with a view to encouraging female team participation.</p> <p><b>ITC Grand Opening</b> – the ‘Pro Am’ event will act as an fitting official opening for the ITC is set for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019. Tickets are now on sale and Nik will run a junior clinic before the main event.</p> <p><b>Tennis Team Update</b> – further to Dan’s appointment, Adam Thornton-Brown is joining the coaching team although just for a few hours per week initially – Adam has a strong playing background and compliments the existing coaching team. I also wish to congratulate Jack Hazlewood who recently passed his LTA Level 4 qualification!</p> <p><b>Farewell</b> – finally, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone on the Tennis Committee for the full support I have received during my five years at the Club. Maintaining a healthy relationship with the Committee is an integral part of me being able to perform my role effectively and I am very grateful for the help I have been able to rely on throughout this time. I have seen how hard everyone on the Committee works to ensure the tennis offer and facilities are the best possible and it has been an immense privilege to have this position at such a prestigious Club - I’ll certainly miss everyone and have fond memories of my time at Roehampton.</p> <p><b>f) Vets (DS)</b> All fixtures have been arranged for the coming season and Captains confirmed.</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>NS</p>
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<p>DS will discuss with DL as part of their handover.</p> <p><b>g) Juniors (DS)</b>  Sign-ups for this term are very good. Having the Mini Reds indoors has proved extremely successful and parents are encouraged to watch from the gallery which works well.  All junior teams have been entered for the coming season and 3 girl only teams to increase participation have also been entered.  DL will look at easier storage for the mini nets to make turnaround time quicker on these courts.  JM – There is no integration from juniors to adults, especially in the teams.  NS – It will start to come over the next 5 year as we have had a gap in the membership.  It was agreed for NS to arrange a Captains meeting so JM, CM and the team Captains meet with DL and NS to discuss adult/junior integration in the teams.</p>	<p>JM/ CM/ DL/ NS/ AH</p>
<p><b>h) Social</b>  NTR</p>	
<p><b>i) Liaison Director (DB)</b>  Many members have given feedback to the proposed masterplan 2030. The Board will consider and consult with Wandsworth planning before feeding back to members at the AGM.</p> <p><b>4. AOB</b>  DB – To add the ITC opening poster onto the rotating Mycourts screen in reception.  DB – Coaches are now able to book 7am to 8:30am ITC courts from 6:30pm the previous day. Could this be extended to 9.30am?  TC – Leave at 8.30am.  AH – Can coaches be encouraged to finish their lessons on time or have 55minute lessons?  DL – This will be raised at the next Tennis Coaches meeting and monitored once DL beings his new role  AH – Can the Tennis Team and information be updated?</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>DL</p>

<p>MN – Yes once DL has settled in.</p> <p>MN – Wanted to thank the TC in their role in recruitment process and selection of DL.</p> <p>DL – Delighted to accept the post. Aiming to switch over from coaching to RD fulltime by mid-Feb and is very excited to start.</p> <p>MN also highlighted another candidate for the RD position has been contacted with a view to possibly assisting with performance ideas in the future.</p> <p>TC thanked DS for all his effort and input during his time at the Club and wished him all the best for the future.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>DL</p>
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