



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee**  
**held on Monday 4 March 2019**

**Present:**

Alex Hince	(Chair)
Andrew Wakely	
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)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)

<p><b>1. Apologies:</b> Victoria Stephens and Puk Kroijer</p> <p><b>2. Minutes from previous meeting:</b> Minutes of the meeting held on the 21 January 2019 were discussed and approved.</p> <p><b>3. Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</b></p> <p><u><b>ITC</b></u></p> <p>The new Indoor Tennis Centre snagging list is still being progressed.</p> <p>NS - noticed two raised bumps, one on the baseline on court 3 and another on court 1. PB to contact Trevor May Ltd to check.</p> <p>DB – the shutter in high winds is rattling.</p> <p>AH – the gutter by the corner of court 3 entrance is overflowing in rain. PB has ordered scaffold and will use this to clear the leaves which is believed to be the reason for blocking the gutter and water spilling out over the gutter.</p> <p>MN – these are to be added to the snagging list and PB/DB will discuss with MN before going back to Naismiths’.</p> <p>PB – Cleaning of the court surface is ongoing with a machine clean twice a week and seems to be working well. PB to monitor</p> <p>New floor mats have been ordered to capture dirt and water from wet shoes on entry.</p> <p>JM – Children have been accessing court 1 via the court 3 entrance and going behind the drapes at the back of the court.</p> <p>DL to remind juniors and coaches on etiquette, that this is not acceptable and dangerous.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>MN/ PB/ DB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DL</p>
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### **Smash and Synthetic Courts**

Annual maintenance has been arranged for 11 and 12 April on Smash courts and 7 to 10 for the Synthetic courts. Courts to be taken out of use.

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### **Poraflex 11-14 Court**

The dismantling of the Airhall is confirmed, weather depending, for week commencing 18 March.

PB

### **Poraflex 11-18 Court**

The re-painting of all 8 courts is scheduled for August. The whole court and surround areas will be spray painted.

### **Grass Courts**

The renovations are continuing to go well and are on track for 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 opening, weather depending.

The hedge by court 28 has been removed in preparation for the overflow car parking works.

### **b) Men's Captain (JM)**

Wilson Surrey Winter doubles leagues men:

The 2nd Roe team (captain: JM ) has won 3 out of 4 and drew 1. It is in first position and likely to go up one or two divisions.

The 3rd Roe team (captain Duncan Jones): played all their matches and are in second place. As long as Dorking (top) beat Redhill (third), they will finish second and go up one division.

The 4th Roe team (captain Joerg Alting): they lost their last match and came fourth in the winter league with 5 points from 5 matches (1 win, 1 loss, 3 draws, 11-9 rubbers) in spite of losing every champs tie break possible during the season. They will stay in the division.

Wilson Surrey Winter knockouts vets:

mens 45+ Roe team Surrey knockout: Awaiting report from Earl.

mens 55+ Roe team Surrey knockout: In the final, to be played on the 10th of March at Roe vs St George's. Come and support the Roehampton Team

International tennis:

Fourth-seeded Joe Salisbury and Rajeev Ram have won the Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships doubles title. USA's Ram and Briton Salisbury defeated Japanese Ben McLachlan and Germany's Jan-Lennard Struff in the Dubai doubles final 7-6 (4) 6-3. Joe is now up to 19 in the World doubles rankings.

JM – we should look at putting Joe's matches on TV when/where possible?

MN agreed to get a Tennis TV subscription so we can show Joe's matches as Sky TV coverage has reduced.

MN

### **c) Ladies Captain (CM)**

#### Midweek surrey league

1st team - Division 5 – Captain Astrid Drayson

The 1st team have so far played 3 of 5 matches and sit in the middle of the division. Best of luck to the team for the remaining matches.

#### 2nd team - Division 9 – Captain Sue Burns

The 2nd team have had an excellent winter season, winning all matches to sit with an unassailable lead at the top of the division with a game in hand. The team is guaranteed promotion next year. Well done to all players involved.

#### 3rd team - Division 11 – Captain Susan Stewart

The 3rd team have also had a fantastic season, dropping just 1 rubber en route to the top of the division. They also have a game in hand and are guaranteed promotion next year. A brilliant result, well done to all.

#### Surrey league

1st team - Division 1 – Captain Natasha Marks

The 1sts have had a tough season, currently sitting at the bottom of the division but with 2 matches still to play. 2 wins would see the 1sts retain their position in the top division.

### 2nd team - Division 5 – Captain Annabel Gomme

The 2nds still have two matches to play but it's looking likely they will stay in Division 5.

### 3rd team – Division 8 – Captain Vanessa Walker

The 3rd team have had a difficult season with a lot of injuries but have done an excellent job in finishing 3rd in their division. Well done to all.

### Team Tennis

Team Tennis gets underway in April. The 1st team was last year promoted back into the regional division so will now contest the Regional Open Woman – South East (South), which is a standard much better suited to the excellent squad of players at the Club. The 2nd team will contest division 2 again this year.

### **d) Tennis Director (DL)**

**ITC** – The divider net between courts 1 & 2 has been looked at in regard to clipping the net to the back curtain, however this would raise the net off the floor creating more space under the net for balls to roll across. There have also been suggestions that we need more chairs/hanging space for coats etc when players turn up to play. DL has taken 4 more chairs to go at the side of courts 1 and 3 and is in the process of ordering coat racks to place at the side of the courts.

DL

**Mini Nets** – There is potential to store the mini nets behind the curtains in the ITC, however due to having to move the nets around to cater for other groups on different courts it's best to take them down and store them in the cupboard.

**ITC Opening** - It was great to see players Chris Archer, Oli Golding, Anne Keothavong, Katie O'Brien and Marta Sirotkina at the official ITC opening on 10 February 2019. Anne Keothavong, the current Fed cup captain, was fresh of the back of team GB qualifying for the world group II play offs. DL thanked NS for playing in and helping to organise the event.

**MyCourts for coaches** – There is now the ability to give coaches access to

<p>mycourts to book indoor courts. However the system will not let the coach book until 65mins prior to the booking time. This will be rolled out at the next coaches' meeting.</p>	DL
<p><b>Club Champs</b> – Finals day will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Entry forms are being designed and printed over the next week. All events will be the same as last year. Nik is looking into which players can come to the prize giving, we are hoping Joe Salisbury can make it. P &amp; G will be leaving a refreshment tent up from the GANT Cup for use on Finals day. It was reported that the Pimms tent was taken down too early last year. DL has asked for it to be serving till 7pm this year. NS gave some ideas into creating a more inclusive event for general membership and celebrating tennis day including coaches involvement. DL and NS to look into further.</p>	DL/ NS
<p><b>Team Tennis 2019</b> – All the fixtures for the Team Tennis have been received. DL and NS are planning the court sheets to accommodate all the home matches. Some weekends we have a number of matches scheduled at home so there will be pressure on available courts for members. There are 3 Mens, 2 Ladies and 12 Junior teams. The TC discussed the difference and conflict with Team Tennis and Surrey Tennis.</p> <p>DL and NS gave an update on teams as the nominations for players who are now registered. NS as explained how team players are getting involved more within the section and giving back.</p> <p>NS met with the team captains and discussed best ways to choose teams going forward. DL has entered a U14 girls and boys team for the Road to Wimbledon competition.</p>	DL/ NS
<p><b>Vets Friendlies 2019</b> – DL met with Danny Gesua regarding these matches. Although DG will not be organising this year, he is working with DL to assign new captains for each set of matches i.e Quad Cup, Triangular etc. PL has booked the grass courts for these matches.</p>	DL/ PL
<p><b>Coaching Team Update</b> – Luke Ducasse is leaving the team on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Dan Usher is moving over to Sundays to cover a lot of his hours.</p>	
<p><b>Tennis Captains &amp; Team Selection</b> - DL would like to get more inclusive opportunities for team tennis and awareness throughout the section. DL to work on this and will start initially with the Ladies' teams.</p>	DL

<p><b>e) Liaison Director (DB)</b></p> <p>The Board will consult with Wandsworth planning regarding the Masterplan, which is now till 2035 and includes a second ITC proposal. There will be an update before or at the AGM to the Membership.</p> <p>The TC discussed court surfaces and agreed the TC should look at a maintenance plan for surfaces in terms of replacing/changing in the years to come. Separate to the potential second ITC.</p>	<p>PB/ MN/ TC</p>
<p><b>4. AOB</b></p> <p>TC discussed points raised by members.</p> <p>Dan Pearson asked if the 75 minutes slots could be reinstated.</p> <p>The TC discussed the 30min slots and agreed are more convenient, work better and fit around lessons, as well as seeing more one hour bookings. 30min slots will remain.</p> <p>Dan Pearson asked if it was the correct time for a user consultation within tennis? TC discussed and with the Board looking to have one or two member surveys in the coming years that it is not the right time. DB has replied to DP.</p> <p>Anthony Rice raised an issue with the court net heights.</p> <p>DL has investigated and will ask Trevor May to look at this.</p> <p>The court booking opening time of 8:30am was asked to be changed. The TC discussed and agreed to leave at 8:30am.</p>	<p>DL</p>
<p><b>Leagues -</b></p> <p>With more pressure on booking courts and more players in the leagues should the League cycle be reduced?</p> <p>The TC discussed and agreed from September to reduce the Leagues to 3 cycles per year with 8 players per league.</p> <p>It was also agreed to standardize the score in the Tennis leagues with DL implementing at a staggered phasing from September. All leagues would be a 15 game format in order to reduce court bookings in excess of 1.5 hours.</p> <p>AH – asked if there are any candidates at the current time for the Tennis sports Bursary?</p> <p>NS suggested a better use of the bursary at the current time would be towards sending a junior team to a tournament or part covering cost to provide a coach</p>	<p>DL</p>

<p>at tournaments for the juniors.</p> <p>TC asked for DL/NS to provide details of the CTC and other Junior competitions that Roehampton Club enters to see if this is worthwhile supporting.</p> <p>The TC discussed team kit.</p> <p>JM and CM to discuss team requirements/wishes for 2020. It was agreed to kit the junior teams in a smart team top 2019.</p> <p>PL provided an update on Rackets Cubed and the charity and a save the date for the 14 September tennis fundraiser.</p> <p>PL provided an update on the upcoming Racketlon event in August (16-18). Entries are limited to 120, of which 40 have been reserved for members and 21 of these places have already been filled. The remaining 80 places for Racketlon members worldwide filled up within 4 hours of the tournament release. PL thanked the TC for their support regarding the event and use of the ITC to host part of the sports.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April 6:30pm</p>	<p>DL/ NS</p> <p>JM/ CM</p>
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