



Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Monday 13 May 2019

Present:

Andrew Wakely	
Nicola Dearman	
Puk Kroijer	
Victoria Stephens	
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>1. Apologies: Alex Hince & Alan Flitcroft Committee agreed that MN chair the meeting in AH's absence.</p> <p>2. Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March were discussed and approved.</p> <p>MN – talked about succession planning for Committee members going forward. Two to come off and two new Members to come on. Asked TC to consider options ahead of October to provide a balanced representation reflective of the Tennis Membership.</p> <p>3. Reports</p> <p>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</p> <p><u>ITC</u> The new Indoor Tennis Centre snagging list is still being progressed. Issues raised for Trevor May and Collinsons to review. MN stated all work still covered by warranty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cracking and blistering reported – Trevor May to investigate • Hopper is overflowing when raining next to court 3 • Lighting in and around court 2 • Cleaning of court surrounds booked for end of May <p>JM raised concern over the sand being brought in by shoes on court 3. PB and grounds team to monitor courts and cleaning schedule.</p> <p>AW raised increased fluff gathering behind curtain. PB to address with grounds team.</p> <p><u>Poraflex Courts 11-18</u></p> <p>Poraflex 11-18 re-painting confirmed for August.</p> <p><u>Grass Courts</u> Courts 19-24 and 25-28 opened on May 1st</p> <p>Waiting for contractors to move materials out of the 25-28 area ready for Gant opening. Contractor can now move into Rosslyn Park for 2nd stage of the works.</p> <p>AW & ND praised the condition and playability of the grass courts.</p> <p><u>Courts 15-18 Future Re-surfacing</u></p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
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Courts will be due to be resurfaced in approximately 2 years. Review of poraflex 15-18 and potential suitability of smash courts being the replacement surface. Points to consider:

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- Poraflex can still be slippery in the wet
- Poraflex is the preferred playing surface when dry
- Court usage stats show smash courts had higher usage stats than the outdoor poraflex and any other surface. Ideal for teaching and all abilities.
- The lack of fall on the courts means that an all-weather court like the smash would be best suited to courts 15-18 and most cost effective replacement option.
- There is also a watering facility still in place from old clay courts that would improve playability in hot conditions.
- Would allow winter matches to be played on courts 15-18 in view of spectators.
- It could allow coaching to be more sectioned to one area at the club (courts 4-10) and allowing Members to still use Smash courts on 15-18.

b) Men's Captain (JM)

Team Tennis

Men's 1st Team- Won 2, Lost 1 currently 2nd in the National League and on course to qualify for finals. It is great to see 17 year old youngsters representing the club's first team who both play and behave well.

Men's 2nd Team- Won 3 Lost 0- Currently top of the county league with two matches to go.

Men's 3rd Team- Won 1 Lost 1 on a tight tiebreak shoot-out. Currently 3rd in county league 3.

Surrey League

Men's 1- have had to withdraw from Surrey league as the dates are conflicting with team tennis. Surrey LTA state fixtures must be played on the fixed dates regardless. It is therefore not possible to field first teams in both competitions at present due to player availability and court pressure.

Men's 2- lost their opening game of the season against Putney in a tight match.

c) Ladies Captain (CM)

Team Tennis

1st team – Regional Open – South East (South)

<p>The 1st team have had a very successful start to the season winning their opening 3 matches of the season against Connaught, Maresfield and Wimbledon. This leaves them 2nd in the league behind Campden Hill, who are also 3 for 3. The match is on Sunday 19th May against Campden Hill, with the result likely to determine which team secures promotion for next year.</p> <p>2nd team – Surrey Division 2 The 2nd team have also had a great season, winning two and losing one in a tiebreak shootout against GTA. If GTA do not win their remaining matches then the team will be promoted to Div 1.</p> <p><u>Surrey League</u> 2nd team - Division 5 – Captain Annabel Gomme The 2nds have played just one match this season, defeating Byfleet LTC Ladies 3 convincingly. The next match is Sunday 9th June, away v Camberley 1.</p> <p>3rd team – Division 10 – Captain Vanessa Walker The 3rds have also played just one match, defeating Reigate 4-0 without the loss of a set. As with the 2nd team the next match is Sunday 9th June, home v St Georges Hill 5.</p> <p><u>Mixed Doubles</u> Mixed doubles matches get underway in May. Roehampton have 2 teams - the 1st team, captain Catherine Michie, contesting division 2 and the 2nd team, captain Terry Rattray, in division 6.</p> <p><u>Midweek Surrey League</u> Midweek matches also get underway in May. The teams are in the following divisions; 1st team - Division 1 – Captain Alex Hince 2nd team – Division 5 - Captain Nicole Huleatt-James 3rd team – Division 6 - Captain Sue Burns</p>	
<p>NS – 3 New fast track members (three women) of strong playing standard who are coming in and looking to get involved and strengthen the teams from June.</p>	NS
<p>d) Tennis Manager / Junior Report (NS)</p>	
<p><u>Team Tennis</u> 11&U Boys and Girls both won the Surrey Trophy. The players consisted of Matthew Ground, Adrian Chau, Martha Ground, Amelia Brand and Amelia Knudsen. We will photograph the winning teams and put the picture up in the ITC after the summer.</p>	NS
<p>Junior Team tennis underway. Club has won 75% of matches. Juniors very appreciative and thank the club for kit provided by MN and committee. All teams are in the very top division competing well against the specialist tennis academies, which is an excellent achievement for</p>	NS

- Alternative location to be considered
- Supportive of Clubhouse extension with viewing gallery to watch tennis.

f) Racquets Manager (PL)

Thank you to the committee for approving courts to be used for Rackets Cubed charity on the 25th June.

g) Racquets Director (DL)

Club Championships

The Club Championship draws are now up on the notice board and available on 'my courts'. I am waiting on confirmation regarding the umpires for Finals day. I have checked that all trophies have been engraved from last year's finals and that all the trophies needed for this year are fully engraved and in the trophy cabinet. Junior club entries will open soon.

DL

GANT

I have contacted the parents of all the ball boys/girls who took part last year and advertised for any other junior members who want to take part this year. The first training session took place on Wednesday 8th May with the next one scheduled for 5th June.

DL

Team Tennis

All the team fixtures have been booked in and matches have started to take place at the weekends. I have supplied reception with a spreadsheet with all the fixtures on for the season, they will put a sign up outside the main building to advertise the matches let members know where they are taking place.

Vets Friendlies

Danny Gesua has sent spreadsheet of vets fixtures for the summer in order to find players and captains for the matches. Uptake was good and we now have enough players and agreed captains for the Triangular, Quad Cup and all other fixtures. I have sent letters to St Georges Hill and Hurlingham inviting them to the main Triangular match that will be held at the club on the 8th September. The vets Triangular is scheduled for the 7th June, from 1pm on courts 19-24.

Ladies mid-week teams

In order to try and gain more open approach to team selection I have set up 3 'centralized' training sessions on 3rd May, 3rd June and 3rd July. 16 players will be invited from across the first 3 teams to try and mix social groups and standards, to create more cohesion between squads and ensure the best players are playing in the correct teams.

The first of these sessions has now taken place with 12 players attending on the 3rd May. Feedback was good and players seemed to enjoy the mix up. I hope to get 16 players for the next session on the 3rd June.

DL

<p><u>London Club League</u></p> <p>The London Club League has now finished for this season and will restart in September. Roehampton 3rds won the 3rd division captained by Emily Monson. Roehampton 2nds came second in division 1 with Roehampton 1st struggled with injuries and finished in 5th place. Currently the matches book 2.5 hours on 3 indoor courts for home fixtures, this will be changed to 2 hours when the leagues restart in September.</p> <p>The end of season meeting took place at Roehampton on 2nd May. It was well attended and went smoothly with all clubs agreeing to let one of our teams drop to the 2nd division, therefore for next season we will have a team in every division (1,2&3). This will resolve availability issues and increase opportunities for new players. Our team captains will work together to choose a squad for each division for next season. I have a LTA tournament planner license that will allow me to set the league up online so teams can input their own results.</p>	DL
<p><u>Safeguarding Audit</u></p> <p>The LTA will be visiting the club on the 21st May to do a safeguarding audit and ensure we have the correct procedures in place. I have been working with Susan Barton to ensure we meet the required criteria. A survey has been sent to the tennis members as part of this process.</p>	DL
<p><u>Club Afternoon</u></p> <p>Harry Alvarez has stepped down from organizing club afternoon on Sundays 2pm till 4pm. A thank you to Harry should be recorded for all his efforts. I will now run this session in a hope to build the numbers back up. Further to member requests, timings have changed to 3pm to 5pm. I will look to revitalize the format to boost attendance from all ages and abilities.</p>	DL
<p>4. AOB</p> <p>a. Andy Murray</p> <p>Andy Murray has re-joined the club till the end of the year. He has been well received by members and been using the gym, tennis, physio and golf facilities. His honorary membership will be reviewed at the end of the year.</p> <p>b. Social</p> <p>JM raised issue of improving social activity amongst the tennis section. DL & NS to consider new social events and explore potential opportunity to improve social tennis at Roehampton Club. Will present ideas to the Committee at future meetings.</p> <p>MN informed Committee DL will re-launch various social events over the summer such as 20-30's. DL will report back their popularity.</p> <p>DL & NS to try and engage coaches to launch more social integration. AW praised the coach effect on Thursday Mixed Bash and how it has launched a great social atmosphere for that demographic.</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>NS / DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>NS / DL</p>

<p>c. Court Booking System</p> <p>DB raises concerns over certain members continued regular cancelling of courts. DL has spoken to the repeat offenders and it seems to have stopped. DL will continue to monitor situation.</p> <p>DB has Miles (mycourts) working on alerts for specific courts rather than every court at the club for the hour requested.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>DB</p>
<p>d. Member Complaint</p> <p>MN reported that he had received a complaint that on some occasions all the indoor courts were booked out at one time for matches (London Club League), group coaching and team training in the winter. This prevented a member booking a court for individual use for up to a two hour slot on certain days. This had been highlighted as all the indoor home matches had to be played after Christmas in a short three month slot because the ITC was only ready from December.</p> <p>ND stated that the matches started at 11:30 when demand is lowest. Other courts used for coaching at full court capacity, all with member groups. This was the existing policy and MN asked the Committee did they want to change it?</p> <p>Committee was still supportive of the existing policy -supporting all our teams in external competitions, having team training and group coaching for members for certain middle of the day slots which for short periods didn't leave an indoor court free for casual bookings.</p> <p>e. Ian Worth Trophy</p> <p>MN spoke about Ian Worth who passed away earlier this year. He was an honorary member of the Club and had won more Tennis Club Championship titles than any other person to date plus had captained GB Vets on a number of occasions.</p> <p>MN requested that as a tribute the Club should name the Men's Open Singles Trophy after him and ask his immediate family to come and present it at the Club Championship Finals.</p> <p>TC agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>MN</p>
<p>5. Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 15th July at 6.30pm</p>	

