



**Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee**  
**held on Monday 9 September 2019**

**Present:**

Alex Hince	(Chair)
Andrew Wakely	
Victoria Stephens	
Jan Menneken	(Men's Captain)
David Burditt	(Liaison Director)

**In Attendance:**

Alessandro Noce	
Lily Brown	
Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)
Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)
Paul Lindsay	(Racquets Manager)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)

**1. Apologies:** Nicola Dearman, Alan Flitcroft, Catherine Michie and Puk Kroijer

**2. Minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 13 May and July reports 2019 were discussed and approved.

Mycourts option for using cancelled court alerts has been updated. Members can now select which individual courts and times they would like notifications for cancellations on. DB will add a note to the reception screen to make members aware.

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**3. Reports**

**a) Course and Grounds (PB)**

**ITC**

The corrective works have been carried out to rectify the court 3 tear and efforts to remove dirt.

The guttering amendment works have also been completed to try to stop the overflow of water during heavy rain.

**Smash and Synthetic Courts**

Second annual renovation maintenance has been carried on Smash courts and Synthetic courts in August.

**Poraflex 11-14 Courts**

Courts were deep cleaned in August and blue playing surface and surround repainted. The green external surround will be painted in September. The court painting works included a rust treatment spray on court 11 to reduce the iron stains that appear on the court. This will be monitored and if successful applied to all Blue poraflex courts.

The Airhall is booked and scheduled to go up for w/c 21 October, weather depending.

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**Poraflex 15-18 Courts**

A deep clean took place in August and this has helped the porosity.

**Grass Courts**

Courts 19-24 are now closed for renovations. PB explained the process and the

flexibility of aiming to open at the beginning of May but if the weather allows, to open earlier. This is due to the fact PB and his team can carry out the important court renovation works at this time of year to ensure good growth of the new grass sward.  
Courts 25-28 will close from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

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

### Team Tennis:

#### **The Men's first team won the National Championships**

Congratulations to the team, to Nik Snapes who worked very hard to put it all together and to John Sinik, Metric Capital, who supports the team. Fantastic achievement.

NS gave a report on the weekend and how after coming so close for last 3 years it was such an achievement. The players were Joe Salisbury, Lloyd Glasspool, Ollie Golding, Anton Matusevich, Arthur Fery, Richard Bloomfield, Adam Thornton- Brown, Oscar Weightman, Nik Snapes (Captain).

The TC discussed how we celebrate/communicate this.

NS is looking at a date in mid to late November to arrange an evening for all teams to come together and celebrate a great season for the Club.

This led to a discussion regarding entering a 4<sup>th</sup> Team Tennis Team instead of Surrey Cup.

JM/CM/DL/NS to discuss the options and best way forward to include players and juniors.

The second team got promoted up to national level. Thanks to the strong showing of the first team, some of the normal first team players were able to play down for the second team. Congratulations to the team of Nik, Bojan, Tom (Captain), Josh, Mark, Chris, Zack and Scott.

The third team got promoted as well. Congratulations to Eusebio and his players (Scott C, Zack L, Richard B, Richard G, Dalton, Mario, Eusebio, Tom D and Bruce W).

### Surrey League

The second team (captained by JM) is struggling with one win and three losses and needs to win the last match to have a chance to stay up. It's a large group

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of players, but still a struggle to put out decent teams. Special thanks to new members Cameron Fraser and Andrew Bretherton who both stepped in last moment to replace injured/unavailable players.

The third team won all their matches so far and with one match to go will hopefully be promoted two leagues up. Congratulations to Duncan Jones and his players.

The men's 45 team is struggling in the top division with three losses and two draws. One more match to go and a must win to stay in the top division. Players were so far John Sinik, Alessandro Noce, Mark Young, Dalton Odendaal, Tim Web, Stan Fletcher, Stefan Martin, John Threshie, Earl Knudsen (Captain) and Jan Menneken.

In individual events, Mark Young and JM came second in the 55+ men's Surrey doubles and JM managed to win the 55+ singles finals vs Mark. JM is keen to promote participation in the Surrey Postals among the younger age groups.

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JM asked how the new Team Leagues would work. NS has set up short set leagues to be implemented from Mid-September to December.

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

#### **Summer Surrey League**

2<sup>nd</sup> team - Captain Annabel Gomme – the 2<sup>nd</sup> team are at the top of Division 5 with a match in hand and are very well placed for promotion into Division 4. The next match is next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

3<sup>rd</sup> team – Captain Vanessa Walker – the 3<sup>rd</sup> team have won their Division (10). They will be promoted next season.

#### **Surrey Summer League Midweek**

1<sup>st</sup> team – Captain Alex Hince – the 1<sup>st</sup> team are in the middle of Division 1 with 1 match left to play.

2<sup>nd</sup> team – Captain Nicole Huleatt-James – The 2<sup>nd</sup> team has 1 match remaining, currently sitting in the middle of Division 5.

3<sup>rd</sup> team – Captain Sue Burns – the 3<sup>rd</sup> team have continued their excellent form dropping just one rubber in 3 matches. They are currently top of Division

6 with two matches remaining.

Thank you again to team captains for all the work that goes into these matches. Best of luck to the teams for the remaining summer matches.

#### **d) Racquets Director (DL)**

##### **Club Championships**

The Club Championships finals day took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> June. This was the first time we have had both the junior and adult finals on the same day. It was also great to see a lot of members come down and support the finals. Jack, Barbara and Bojan did a great job running the junior tournaments for the day. Nik was crowned the men's open singles champion on his birthday also!

Next year DL will look to get the draws out earlier as a lot of matches were played past the round deadline this year. This meant Nik and DL had to spend time chasing members up and ensuring they played their matches.

Nik, Paul and DL will investigate ways to make this day more popular and ways to improve the running of the day for next year. The BBQ and drinks offering for the day was ok but again DL feels this can be improved for next year.

Paul will ensure that all trophies are up to date re engraving and we will look to replace any trophies that are looking old and tired!

DL plans to speak with Miles at Mycourts to investigate a way in which members can enter the club championships online for next year. This should save a lot of time for reception and DL going forward. The 2019 Club Championships Honours board is on the tennis noticeboard.

NS gave some ideas on feedback for the dates and day to host the finals. TC discussed this and to be revisited at the next meeting.

DL has set up a 18-35-year olds Club Night on Mondays from 7:30pm- 9pm.

##### **GANT**

The GANT Championships were successful again this year with good attendance and great weather over the three days. DL was very impressed with all the ball boys/girls who did a great job. The Club looks forward to

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hosting this event again next year.

### **Team Tennis**

All the Team Tennis fixtures have now been played with the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team winning the National Finals in Bournemouth. The ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team have been promoted so will play in the top division next season. Please see Jan and Catherine's reports for further info on teams. Our junior teams also had a lot of success. The 8 & under Boys, 10 & under Girls, 12 & under boys and 14 & under girls were all crowned Surrey County 1 champions. With the 8 & under girls and 10 & under boys being runners up in Division 1.

DL took a team to Edgbaston Priory for a CTC (UK) event. We will host this event in 2020. The event consists of men's and ladies' open doubles as well as 45 and 55 men's and ladies' doubles and Roehampton came a creditable third.

### **Vets Friendlies**

The vets triangular due to be held at the club on the Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> June was cancelled due to bad weather. DL organized the mixed triangular on the 8<sup>th</sup> September between Roehampton, Hurlingham and St. Georges Hill.

Roehampton managed to win beating Hurlingham by 1 game.

This event took place on the large block of grass courts from 1pm, with a match tea served in the clubhouse after.

### **Ladies mid-week teams**

DL has now put on 3 centralized training sessions and will look to arrange more dates next term. They have proven useful in helping different team players get to know each other making it easier for captains to think of suitable substitutes when needed.

The London Club League will re-start at the end of September. Roehampton now has a team in each of the 3 Divisions. This will hopefully give players a chance to move through the teams if they think they should be playing in a higher division.

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## **Tennis Courses**

Group lessons finished on the 14<sup>th</sup> July and restarted on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Nik sent out the renewals for next term with the early bird discount offer that proved very successful last time. The group lesson structure on Saturday mornings will change in September so that we don't run sessions for the same age's groups at the same time.

Pay and play sessions stopped over the summer and restarted on the 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Private lessons**

As discussed at the last committee meeting, we will plan to have an extra court for coaching on a Saturday & Sunday afternoon from 12:30pm offering 45 mins private lessons. This is to ease the demand for private lessons at the weekend. These slots will be offered out and managed by the tennis team. The slots will be rotated each term so there is always an option for new members and members who are wanting private lessons.

TC discussed how this works and are very happy to see how this term will work and ease in the offer.

Update- DL has now taken on 2 new coaches to deliver lessons at the weekends. The system will be reviewed at the end of the year.

## **Leagues**

It was agreed that all internal doubles leagues will follow the 15 game format from the start of the next session mid-September. This will make timings for court bookings more predictable (1.5 hours, as for the singles leagues).

## **New Members**

The club has accepted around 50 new members in the July. DL delivered two tennis inductions in July and August.

## **e) Juniors (NS)**

NS took an U12 team to Ireland as part of a CTC tournament and then an U14

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to Barcelona, where they finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a great experience for the juniors. NS highlighted there have been some very good individual results. Hannah Klugman won the Fred Perry national tournament and has now been given full LTA funding as part of her development pathway.

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DL asked for use of the ITC court 1 from 10am to noon on Saturdays for junior coaching. This would accommodate 16 junior members per sessions.

TC approved this use to start from 28<sup>th</sup> October.

PB left the meeting.

#### **F) Rackets Manager (PL)**

PL highlighted the Rackets Cubed Charity Tennis fundraiser on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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PL gave a short report on the successful Racketlon event and thanked the TC for the use of the ITC to host this. 24 members took part and we have only received positive feedback.

PL asked for use of the ITC again to host a Racketlon World Tour event in 2020 and to follow a Members only Racketlon tournament. TC approved use of the ITC from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August for both events.

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A summer Badminton club night and general play was also discussed in the ITC as Court 1 could be used for this over a Sunday afternoon/Evening and Monday. It would also help members prepare for Racketlon and add another Olympic Sport to the Club's sporting offer.

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TC agreed in principle this could work well from Mid-May to end of Racketlon season ( end of August)

The Padel courts development is still in process and MN hopes to have a guide cost of the works to take to the Board in September to agree in principle the development, which will then allow the process of planning application to start from early October. It is hoped to have the courts in place by May 2020.

#### **Liaison Director (DB)**

DB had NTR.

MN informed the TC the next Board meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September will include an agenda item for the discussion of the architect's competition of drawings for the Club Café extension and Pro Shop development proposed for a 2021 start if possible.

#### **4. AOB**

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DL informed the TC of the new technology re camera use for self-analysis of play with a company called Mojjo. It should be ready for October.  
AH asked how we issue it regarding bookings and if Members pay.  
TC discussed this at length. DL/MN will think the principle through in more detail and come back to the TC with the knowledge the TC are not willing to charge for court hire.

Date of next meeting 7 October 6.30pm. Followed by 7:30pm Annual Tennis Meeting

