



Minutes of a Meeting of the Tennis Committee
held on Wednesday 5th February 2020

Present:

Andrew Wakely	(Chairman)
Puk Kroijer	
Lily Brown	
Alessandro Noce	
Alan Flitcroft	
Victoria Stephens	
Catherine Michie	(Ladies captain)

In Attendance:

Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)
Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)

<p>1. Apologies: Jan Menneken, David Burditt</p> <p>2. Minutes from previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th November were discussed and approved.</p> <p>3. Reports</p> <p>a) Course and Grounds (PB)</p> <p><u>ITC</u></p> <p>PB – Collinsons have returned to finish off the snagging. The entrance doors to the ITC have been resealed. They have been on the roof to fix leaks and holes. This seems to have stopped all leaks now. They have done final checks and inspections and are ready to sign off on the work. A new deep cleaning machine has been purchased to clean court surfaces and surrounds.</p> <p>PB – The surfaces around the courts will be repainted once a year to maintain standards.</p> <p>AF – Are there any more lumps appearing in ITC?</p> <p>PB - Yes with different temperatures lumps occasionally appear and then sometime go down again depending on temperatures. Due to the expansion of the tarmac. This will be monitored and if needed Trevor May Ltd will come in to repair.</p> <p>AN – Can we have a clean shoe policy for the ITC courts?</p> <p>AW – Maybe we should have a reminder about shoes on the Mycourts booking confirmation? This was agreed.</p> <p>DL – Members should be aware that they need clean shoes to play in the ITC. I will make sure we have signs up and will investigate a reminder on the Mycourts confirmation email.</p> <p><u>Smash courts 4 – 6 and Synthetic 7 – 10</u></p> <p>PB – Courts have been cleaned and brushed regularly throughout winter.</p> <p><u>Courts 15 - 18</u></p> <p>PB – Courts all fine.</p> <p>DL - will plan trip to Royal Berkshire to see new poraflex on a wet day to see if they manage to drain water better than out existing 15-18 courts. These are the next courts that need replacing.</p> <p><u>11-14</u></p> <p>MN- Airhall will be replaced in October 2020. This should fix the lighting issues for the next</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DL</p> <p>DL</p> <p>MN/ DL/P B</p>
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few years. Currently losing 30 % of light due to worn opaque skin.

Grass

Courts have been rolled. UV Light rig has been purchased to help grass grow in more difficult areas, such as next to ITC and on Court 25. It will help establish grass quicker.

Padel Update

MN – We have been liaising with our neighbours at Fairacres on obtaining the planning permission for the padel courts. We have carried out a noise impact assessment over 3 days here and at Hurlingham Club to look at potential noise levels of padel vs noise level of current usage. Have also undertaken a floodlighting impact survey and a bat survey. Council decision expected in March.

Racquets Directors report (DL)

Wimbledon Ballot

The LTA Members Venue Ballot for the Wimbledon Championships 2020 will take place in a few months. I have advertised to members that the **deadline to 'opt in' is the 14th February 2020**. I will run the Ballot in March and inform Members who have been successful.

Team Fixtures

We have now entered the Team Tennis and Surrey league teams for the summer season. This year we have pulled a men's surrey league team and entered a 4th men's team in the regional Team Tennis competition instead as suggested by Jan Menneken. We have entered 14 teams in the Wilson Surrey League for 2020. We have also entered the Interclub knockout competitions for Ladies 40's and Men's 35, 45, 55, 65's.

New Members

In January the club took in 27 new tennis members. I will be running a new members tennis induction on Saturday 8th February at 11am in the airhall.

CTC Event

I have now confirmed the date for this year's CTC Event. This will take place on the 22nd August at Roehampton. Information has been sent out to the relevant clubs. This will be a grass court doubles event consisting of Men's and Ladies open, 45's' and 55's.

Tennis courses

All tennis courses started back on the 6th January and will finish on 6th April. Half term runs from 17th to 23rd February. The kid's camps have changed format this year to increase the participation of the older junior group. There will be two separate camps running alongside each other 5 to 8 years old and 9 to 12 years old. The tennis section of the camp will run from 10:30am till 12pm.

Padel Tennis Courts

The padel site undertook a noise survey on the weekend of the 4th, 5th January. They monitored court noise during mini tennis sessions and recorded padel play at Hurlingham Club to see if it

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<p>would increase current noise levels. However, the planners also suggested that we should carry out a commissioned bat report to assess if the proposed floodlights will affect bats foraging in the nearby trees. The application will hopefully go to the February Planning Committee.</p>	DL
<p>Indoor Court Bookings</p> <p>The new indoor court bookings policy came into effect on the 1st January 2020. Members who cancel indoor court bookings within 12 hours will receive a 1 week booking ban. This seems to have reduced the number of late cancellations over the last few weeks which is pleasing.</p> <p>From 17th January Members have only been able to book 60 minutes slots in the ITC. Members are slowly getting used to this. However, more court hours are now available for members to book. Court times now start at 6:30am to create more opportunities to play.</p>	DL
<p>London Club League</p> <p>The Winter London Club League season has now started with matches taking place in the ITC on various Mondays and Wednesdays through to March. The League has been set up on the League Planner and Captains can input their scores on the LTA site. I will schedule an end of season meeting for May. After this season Roehampton will have administered this league for 2 years. It will then pass on to another competing club to administer for the next 2 years.</p>	DL
<p>Early Morning Coaching Courts</p> <p>I have asked MyCourts to change the courts sheets for the ITC to 6:30am (the club opening time) instead of 7am. Courts 2 and 3 are now booked out as 'early coach'. This allows coaches to provide private lessons for Members between 6:30am and 8:30am. Court 1 can also be used; however, it cannot be booked by the coach until 65 mins before start time in case Members want to book at that time.</p>	DL/N
<p>Coaches Kits</p> <p>Nik and I have now received and distributed the new coaches kit from PlayBrave. The Roehampton Logo now features on all jumper and t shirts. There will hopefully be potential to sell this to Members in the future to build up the Roehampton Club brand.</p>	S
<p>Lesson Fees</p> <p>The hourly coaching rates were increased on 1st January 2020 as agreed by the Tennis Committee. Therefore, the new rates are as follows:</p> <p>Level 3 £40</p> <p>Level 4 £45</p> <p>Level 5 £50</p> <p>The coaches will continue to organise and manage the adult groups themselves. The new rates will <u>not</u> affect junior groups prices, team training sessions and pay and play sessions.</p>	
<p>c) Ladies Captain (CM)</p> <p>Surrey League</p>	

1st team – Division 2 - Captain Sophie Cockell

The 1st team are 2nd in Division 2 after 2 wins from 3, with two matches remaining. The next match is again at Westside on Sunday 9th February.

2nd team – Division 5 - Captains Katie Hiatt & Annabel Gomme

The 2nd team are currently in the middle of Division 5 after two draws, with two matches still to play. One win should see the team remain in Division 5. The next match is against Camberley on 9th February.

3rd team – Division 8 - Captain Vanessa Walker

The 3rd team are 2nd to Sheen in Division 8 after 2 wins, one draw and one loss. There's just the one match to play so the 3rds are confirmed as staying up in Division 8 for next winter. Well done to the team.

Midweek league

1st team – Division 5 -Captain Natalie Lindsay

Roehampton 1 has had a tough start to the season, losing the first three matches to tough opposition. 2 matches remain.

2nd team – Division 8 - Captain Sue Burns

The impressive run from the 2nd team continues, with 4 convincing victories from 4 for the loss of just one rubber. 1 match v Claygate remains, in which a draw would see them top of their division again. Well done to the 2nd team.

3rd team – Division 10 – Captain Susan Stewart

The 3rd team have 2 wins from 2 and sit second in the division with a game in hand. 3 matches remain.

Indoor

Roehampton 1 – Captain Ali Jacobs

The 1st team have got off to an excellent start with wins against both Riverside and Hurlingham

Roehampton 2 – Captain Sue Burns

The 2nd team narrowly lost their first match of the season, 40-41 to Campden Hill.

Roehampton 3 – Captain Emily Monson

The 3rd team have so far beaten Queens and lost to Campden Hill.

Best of luck to all teams for the remaining matches. Thank you again to all Captains for all their hard work in recruiting for and organising the matches and thank you to all players for taking the time out of your busy days to represent the club.

d) Tennis Manager's Report (NS)

Adult Teams

- Men's Team Currently second with 2 matches to go in NPL after winning all matches in December and Jan. Women may not qualify as they have won 3 and lost 2. They have been playing in a top national division for the first time so a bit of an insight in to how much the level increases and how more squad depth is needed.
- 28th November Awards Evening was a great success, everyone who attended really

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enjoyed it, it was great to see all the club come together and we hope to keep this going the next few years. The juniors and adults who were unbeaten also loved the banners and we have more and more juniors wanting to play for the club as well as more adults wanting to play in open and over categories.

- Team tennis teams have been entered for the summer 2020. Sophie and Catherine have opted to keep the women's 1st team Surrey, they have managed to get players through the winter and currently sit 2nd in div 2. Jan and I have opted to withdraw the Men's Surrey League 1 and 2 teams as there is little to no appetite to play Surrey league from the 3rd team up. The men have entered a 4th team instead for team tennis.

- The captains for 2020 are Women's 1 Katie O'Brien, Ladies 2 Lily Brown, Men's 1 Nikolai Snapes, Men's 2 Tom Inskip, Men's 3 Eusebio Morales and Men's 4 Jan Menneken.

- Joe Salisbury has had a successful start to 2020, representing GB in the ATP Cup and at this moment is in the final of the Australian Open. Arthur Fery has also made semi-final of boy's doubles and is in the ¼ final of the boy's singles. Anton Matusевич is continuing to climb the ATP rankings and at 500 in the world and has beaten several guys in the top 200 in the last few months. Lloyd Glasspool has started playing mainly doubles and has started the year well by winning a pro-series in the US.

- There has been issue with match tee fees the last few years. Dan and I are going to work on setting up £10 set match fee as a club we should be offering a nice match tea that shows a good example of the club. We will also be looking to do a £5.00 junior version.

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Junior Tennis

- We have 3 team remaining in quarter finals of the national league 14&U Boys, 12&U Boys and 12&U Girls.
- The junior annual party was also a huge success with huge attendance, and they were all taking photos with their various medals and the banner.
- The Spring Term is up and running and we have had a small seasonal dip in numbers to 340 juniors attending each week.
- We have entered 13 junior teams into summer team tennis for the 2020 season.
- Jan has been keen to integrate the juniors that show willingness to play for the club by selecting Jack Sinik and letting Matthew Ground join in the 4th team pre-season league.
- We had some individual junior success over Xmas. Hannah Klugman won a regional tour and has been selected for GB in Winter cup, Martha Ground won a regional tour Matthew Ground won a regional tour and came 9th in Nationals, Adrian Chau won a county tour and made semi-finals of regional, Tom Dunlop made 18&U regional semi-finals and Holly Dulieu made semi-finals of a Regional Women's Tour event. Many others have competed in county tier competitions.

Late Cancellation Policy

DL – This appears to be working well. More courts are available throughout the day. Before the policy came in all courts would be booked then gaps would appear on the day as

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<p>members release them.</p> <p>AF – How long does the 1st warning strike stay on the members records before it resets?</p> <p>DL - It would be reset at the start of the winter season each year. I don't see a problem as members only should book indoor courts if they intend to use them. If for some legitimate reason they had to cancel within the 12 hours, then I will decide and can clear the late cancellation from the members account.</p> <p>ITC Booking/League Format</p> <p>CM – Feedback is mostly negative regarding the change of ITC court booking times. With 60 minutes not being long enough.</p> <p>DL – Members are still able to book 90 minutes of court time in the ITC. A member can book 60 minutes and playing partners can book the extra 30 minutes in their name. This is not an issue at off peak times where this would be possible. However, we wanted to create more court slots in peak times so in peak times so more members have a chance of playing in ITC.</p> <p>NS- Its still too early to tell the real effect of this and the change in league format.</p> <p>CM – Will we ask for feedback from the members to see if this has been a successful trial?</p> <p>DL – Some league players have given feedback already. However, I have asked them to come back after they have played all their matches and let me know their thoughts. This will give us a fuller understanding.</p> <p>AF- I was sceptical of the change in league format. However, after playing one match so far it didn't seem like a problem. However, I presume the format will change back for the next league run?</p> <p>DL- Yes if we decide to stick with this format it will only be during this league run where the indoor courts are in most demand. There will be a break for the club championships after this league run. Then when we restart in July it will go back to 15 games.</p> <p>MN – We will get more feedback from members after this league run ends on the 6th April.</p> <p>Block Bookings</p> <p>DL – Gave brief explanation of how block bookings work.</p> <p>CM – Why were they set up in the first place?</p> <p>MN – They have been going for 30 years. At the time they were set up members had to pay for indoor courts. It secured a regular booking for them and they were happy to queue up at Reception to secure a court.</p> <p>NS – The Member demographic and way the club operates has changed a lot since then. Lots</p>	<p>DL/N S</p> <p>DL</p>
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more social and competitive activities on as well more members playing tennis at the club now.

AW - Should the Club offer these block bookings at peak times when members are struggling to get courts?

LB – Doesn't seem right! Why not just have the court bookable for everyone, so everyone has a chance to book it? Fastest finger first seems to be the fairest way.

DL – A lot of younger members who can only play at peak times in the evenings don't want to commit to play at the same time on the same night every week. Therefore, the current block booking system doesn't work for a lot of members. Therefore it is mainly used by senior Members.

MN – I worry that not all Members are aware of the system and therefore don't enter their names in the ballot. We will need to consult with the Members who do block book to explain their reasons to the Committee why the system should continue.

AW – Lets address this over the summer after the completion of the next block booking cycle.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2020

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