



**Minutes of the Tennis Committee Meeting**  
**held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm**

**Present:**

Andrew Wakely	(Chairman)
Fred Warneryd	(Men's Captain)
Katarina Kovacevic	(Ladies' Captain)
Victoria Stephens	
Alessandro Noce	
Howard Spence	
Lorna Bhasin	
David Burditt	
Marc Newey	(Chief Executive)

**In Attendance:**

Peter Bradburn	(Course and Grounds Manager)
Nik Snapes	(Tennis Manager)
Dan Lott	(Racquets Director)
Michael Hill	(Rackets Cubed)

**1. Apologies:** Alan Flitcroft, Lily Brown,

**2. Minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes of the AGM held on the 11th May were discussed and approved.

**3.Election of Chair**

The Committee unanimously re- elected Andrew Wakely as Chairman for another year.

AW congratulated VS on her re-election for a second term and introduced Lorna Bhasin to stand on the Committee for a year as a co-opted member. LB will stand for election at the next available election – September 2023.

**3. Reports**

**Course and Grounds (PB)**

Grass courts renovations were completed and with a dry spell after a lot of rain the grass has re-established very well. The courts have been aerated, seeded and top dressed. So, encouraging signs for next May.

AW had received comments from members about how the two blocks (19-24 and 25-28) of grass courts play differently. PB stated that the surface underneath courts 25-28 had a much higher clay content. This combined with the shade from the large trees and houses create a small microclimate for the area that's different from the more open space of 19-24. However, they are treated the same in terms of how the courts are prepared and maintained. The grass is cut to the same length.

Poraflex courts 15 – 18 will be jet washed again this winter to remove small particles that block the holes stopping the surface from draining correctly. This will be scheduled later in the winter. These courts are due to be resurfaced next year so the club will not be spending too much time on maintaining them this winter due to the replacement. Also, the more the surface is painted the less porous it becomes.

The resurfacing will take place from mid July to end of August next year (2023). Trevor May will undertake the work in the summer so we have the best weather and also grass courts in play. The new surface will be Advantage Red (Smash) which is the same as courts 4 to 6 and will play very well through the wetter months. This was agreed as a result of the recent Member consultation document.

AW pointed out that on courts 5 and 6 moss is starting to grow and on court 4 at the back water is not draining as it should. PB advised that its due to the red sand compacting on this surface. Next spring there will be a large renovation to resolve this. But the moss will be removed on the short term.

**Action – PB and his team to proceed with the court maintenance through the winter months.**

### **Rackets Cubed**

Michael Hill gave an overview on the work the charity Rackets Cubed has been doing and informed the TC about how Roehampton Club have been instrumental in their growth and success. TC agreed that it's a great charity to be involved with and the Club will continue to support.

<https://www.racketscubed.com/>

MN informed TC that Airhall 1 on courts 12 – 14 is booked to go up on November 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). It's been very difficult to get a window from Covair due to a backlog of jobs they have. Ideally this would be the week earlier in the half term.

Airhall 2 is up, and the surface is currently being laid, the court surface will be cushioned acrylic which is the same as the ITC surface and the colours will be green on green. We are aiming for the courts to be ready for beginning of November. The air handling unit at the side of the courts will be fenced off and there will be an acoustic barrier around it. The grass on this area will be replaced with synthetic grass and benches will be placed there for viewing/spectating when the airhall is down over the summer months.

We have also had a lot of drainage work done over the last few weeks. The water from the ITC was being directed to the soakaway by the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. However, with the amount of water that was coming off the roof the soakaway was not sufficient. Therefore, a drainage pipe has been installed from the ITC past the smash courts and then running along the back of courts 7 – 10 so the water coming off airhall 2 will join this pipe. Then the pipe runs under the golf chipping lawn and into the water tanks that are under courts 15-18.

During this work we also found a leak in one of the old cast iron pipes that runs under the golf course that was used to service the old polo pavilion. This problem is now fixed, and the club have future proofed any drainage problems going forward so it was crucial to have this done at this time.

### **Men's Team results**

NS reported that the men's 1<sup>st</sup> team won the National Club Championships in Bournemouth at the start of September.

The women's 1<sup>st</sup> team won the National Doubles Premier League and finished runners up in the National Club Championships. There were also several junior and adult teams that won their county divisions over the summer and will be promoted to higher divisions next season. We will hold a success party for all teams on 1st December.

The Club is also hosting an international seniors ITF tournament in December, the age groups will be over 35s, 45s and 50s. It will be held at the end of the term when it's a very quiet time at the club. It will also showcase the Club. We have had a lot of our members sign up already.

## **Ladies Tennis Results - Oct 2022**

### **National League**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team (National Open) – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> and qualified for the Finals. Runners up in the Final in Bournemouth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (Div 1) – Finished 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team (Div 3) – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> so will be promoted

### **Surrey Summer League**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team (Div 2) – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> so will be promoted
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (Div 4) – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> so will be promoted
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team (Div 6) – Finished 1<sup>st</sup> so will be promoted

### **Mid-Week Ladies**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Team (Div 1) – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team (Div 4) – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Team (Div 5) – Finished 4<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> Team (Div 9) – Finished 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Padel Tennis**

FW stated that a lot of the times the padel courts are booked but nobody shows up. AW suggested that we should bring in the no show ban on the padel courts like we do on indoor tennis courts. If a member books a padel court and doesn't show up, then the next time they do it they will get a 2-week booking ban.

This was agreed by the Committee and will be brought in from after half term. **Action PL/DL**

Although not present AF wanted the committee to discuss the size of the Padel league as it appears that with so many teams in each league its very difficult to get the games organised especially with only 2 courts to play on. The TC discussed this, and it was agreed that the

league will change to only 4 teams in each league making it a more attainable task to get them all played within the timeframe.

**Action – DL and PL to enforce the new booking rule and to adjust league size.**

### **Coaching Fees**

DL asked the TC to consider the coaches pay rates going up from January 2023 due to the current financial outlook. A review was due in September 2023 but DL asked for this to be brought forward. Similar Clubs are doing this, so the TC agreed for DL to put together some facts and figures for this to be considered.

**Action – DL to submit proposal via email for TC to review ahead of the next meeting**

### **Scholarships and Sports Bursary**

MN explained to the TC the annual process for scholarships and bursaries. He had circulated the nominated tennis scholars for 2023 and the members who could potentially receive the tennis bursary, as nominated by NS, for next year. All nominations were agreed by the TC.

**Action – NS and PL to let all relevant members know regarding the scholarships and Bursaries.**

## **Racquet Directors Diary**

### **Airhall 2**

The work is progressing on the airhall over courts 7 – 10. Until the courts are finished, we are 4 courts down and now the grass courts have closed for the season the court sheets will be busy especially at peak times. The tarmac is down and Covair will be coming to fix the airhall over the courts over the next few weeks. Once this is done the surface will be laid while the airhall is up to ensure it has the temperatures to set properly. Once the airhall is finished the club will have 10 indoor courts over the winter periods. Nik and I will plan the court sheets so courts 12-14 will be used predominately for coaching along with courts 15 and 16 and court 6. These will be the 6 coaching courts leaving the other courts for member play priority.

### **Tennis Programme**

We have also started some new adult sessions this term. Liveball, adult beginner lessons, cardio sessions, I will also be running various Clinics throughout the term. Over the summer I ran an adult doubles camp over 1 week, this was extremely popular and all that attended gave very positive feedback. More of these camps will take place over the year, and there has been demand to run them through term time and over weekends.

The junior camps over the summer were very popular and ran over the first 4 weeks of the holidays and again for the last week before term started. Tennis only camps were available for those who didn't want to do the full camp.

The junior programme for the Autumn term is underway we are current running 51 junior session throughout the week. This term we have started 2 new tots' sessions, one on a Saturday morning and another on a Wednesday afternoon. There seems to be a big demand for these younger sessions, I will monitor these and try and add more if possible.

The Family forum are keen to try and engage the teenage demographic at the club. Therefore, I will be working with the pro shop to put on some sessions to try and achieve this later in the term.

### **Tennis Teams**

The Tennis club championships we held over the summer and finals day was on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. This was a great day at the club with over 50 juniors competing on the same day as the 15 adult finals. In the evening we had pizza and a rolling stone tribute band play in the outdoor pool area. This was a great event, but it was a shame it had low attendance. Next year we will look to advertise the event earlier and charge for tickets to encourage and commit members to come. TC to confirm date early and so band can be booked and save the dates can be sent out.

The men's and ladies 1<sup>st</sup> teams had great success in Bournemouth at the National league finals. The ladies lost in the finals to a very strong (and highly ranked) team. The men managed to get revenge and beat Sutton to lift the national title for the second time. Special thanks to Nik for all his efforts with both teams over the season.

Nik and I have entered all the adult and junior teams have been entered for the winter season.

### **Coach CPD Day**

Following the success of the coach CPD days we put on for the coaches I have again planned for Simon Wheatley to come and deliver a session on U10 technique towards the start of next year. I will organise a member clinic with Simon to run in the morning. The date for this to be confirmed.

### **Venue Registration**

Over the next month the registration will open for all club. To do this clubs must meet a range of criteria that cover all sorted of topics from safeguarding to coach qualifications. I aim to have this completed by the end of October.

## **Padel Report**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September saw the second annual Padel Club Championship Finals take place.

The large crowd gathered for four closely fought matches, with the wonderful addition of the matches being streamed live for those unable to attend. Should anyone wish to watch the matches back please click on the link below to see the matches.

<https://youtu.be/Hs5tIUtnPLA>

The standard of Padel on show for Members and guest was highly entertaining and those lucky enough to see the matches first hand were also treated to some pizza..... no leftovers seems to show this was well received!

### **Mixed Open**

Daisy Maclean and Bojan Jelovac beat Sian Bayliss and Jorge Alcover 6/4, 6/2.

### **45s Open**

Craig de Silva and Jorge Alcover beat Nick Yates and Fred Warneryd 6/4, 4/6, 10/6.

### **Ladies Open**

Daisy Maclean and Natasha Marks beat Sian Bayliss and Katy Preston 6/1, 6/4.

### **Open**

Craig de Silva and Chris Salisbury beat Jack Hazlewood and Fred Warneryd 6/3, 6/2.

### **Addition success:**

Later Saturday afternoon Roehampton Members Jorge Alcover and Katy Preston made the trip to Epsom to compete in the Finals of the Mixed County Padel Championships.

In previous match rounds Jorge and Katy had beaten Oxshott, Esher, Surbiton and Woking without conceding a set in the whole tournament. They then went on to play the number 1 pair from Epsom in the final, winning 6/2, 6/4.

Congratulations to Jorge and Katy, the County Mixed Padel Doubles Champions.

## **Padel Success**

### **iPadel National Men's Summer League Winners**

This summer the Men's competed once again in the iPadel summer league. Winning their local London league meant the team qualified for

The team for the finals consisted of Jack Hazelwood, Fred Warneryd, Ed Savitt and Oscar Warneryd.

Players who have represented the team over the season:  
 Jack Hazelwood / Fred Warneryd / Ed Savitt / Oscar Warneryd /  
 Jorge Alcover / Nick Yates / Arthur Olney / Oli Brookes /



Craig de Silva (Captain)



Tim Webb and Nick Yates represented England Vets in a 6 Nations Padel Masters Tournament in Helsinki over the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September weekend.

The other five competing nations were Germany, Switzerland, Estonia, Ireland and the hosts Finland.

The standard was very high, and England managed to finish fourth. Finland won the event (the host nation often does!) ahead of Estonia and Switzerland. England finished above Germany and Ireland (whom they beat 3-0!).

It's great to see Roehampton Padel continuing to grow from strength to strength (as highlighted by the men's iPadel national finals victory in Derby over the weekend) so it is inevitable that the Club will have an even stronger presence in international events going forward.





### **Padel programme**

The padel and squash coaching junior sessions have also restarted. We currently have 7 squash sessions running and 3 padel sessions.

The parent and child padel and pizza session on 2<sup>nd</sup> July was a success with 30 players signing up. We will plan more of these kind of events over the coming months. The padel club championships had good size draws for the adult competitions and we are hoping to run junior event next year now more and more juniors are starting to play the game.

Louis and I will work on a more permanent pickleball offering once the new airhall is finished and we can schedule indoor courts for this.

### **Date of next meeting**

The tennis Annual Meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm. The TC will meet at 6pm prior to this.