

GMC Thursday April 16th 2020, 4.30 pm, on Zoom.

Present: Martin Hearn, Steve Nardelli (Chair), Michael O'Callaghan (notes), Martin Zinkin, Bob Taylor, Charlie Logan, Nigel Hutchings

1 Apologies

Peter Hilton, Paul Adderley, Tzvetelina Dimitrova.

2 Minutes of last meeting

MZ had queries on the minutes of last meeting which were included in this meeting as agenda points.

3 Finance & Furloughs

We have paid £35k of the outstanding invoice to Chiltern (grass court conversion contractor).

There is some work remaining costing c. £6k for, among other things, line painting and insertion of posts.

BT: should we ask the contractor (Chiltern) to complete the final work on the grass court? This was agreed.

This instruction to the contractor would go via Gerald Barrett. GB is expecting an update tomorrow or Monday next week. The work could start next week.

Grant of £25k from Haringey – BT has chased. They don't know when they will pay.

Furloughing is being dealt with via the payroll system. Furloughed pay will be shown separately in the payroll.

We assume the furlough money will be paid May- June.

In the cash flow forecast the assumption is that the furlough payments go up to and including September.

BT: this shifts from a cash flow issue now, to a question of how things will work later. We appear to have enough revenue to run the Club for the rest of the year. However, if we have six months of no sport played that will affect the business model of the Club.

SN: Looking to when the Club reopens, getting grants is important. And we don't know when the reopening will be.

CL: once we reopen we've got another tranche of tennis subs (those who didn't pay this time) and we've got squash subs.

BT: the longer we're closed, the more credit we give. If closed between now and September.

CL: suggest we'd give 18 months membership when the Club reopens if we've been shut for six months..

SN – maybe it's September when we open? MZ there might be an interim opening phase with social distancing enforced. However, that probably would not allow us to restart the junior programme.

MH: We might have a restriction to playing singles.

4 Tennis and squash update

A member has approached Martin Hearn encouraging us to lobby the LTA. MH has replied that this could be done on a personal basis by that member.

Mark Swenarton proposals on credits and possible hardship fund: MH has invited MS to flesh out the proposal further, as it is not clear how it would work.

MZ: MS has two proposals 1) there could be a hardship fund, 2) we might wish to allow members to not take their credit. We may find that on reopening our costs rise quicker than our revenues.

The meeting felt we may come back to these at a later date.

Chair thanked Martin Hearn for his work on generating subscriptions. This has been well organised and very successful and produced more than had been anticipated.

5 Timing of meetings

Some GMC members find 4.30 as a meeting time inconvenient. Decision – we will move these meetings to 6pm to avoid clash with the working day.

6 Grants and funding

SN reported that a group has been formed to look into grants and funding. It will report to the GMC.

7 Membership secretary

A decision was made to pay a one-off ex-gratia bonus to the membership secretary in gratitude both for her role in generating (with MH) a greater than anticipated level of subs, and for acting in a wider capacity to cover management absences due to furlough.

8 Blog and book club

The first Coolhurst online book club meeting run by TD and MOC will take place at 3.30 on Saturday May 2nd.

10 AOB

Steve said the GMC had got through a lot of work and operated with good effectiveness during this Corona Virus emergency. He congratulated Martin Hearn especially for his work on generating subs.

11 Date of next meeting

April 23rd, 6pm.

Meeting to take one hour or less.

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