

Coolhurst GMC Meeting Thursday April 2nd, 2020

4.30 pm

Present: Charlie Logan, Nigel Hutchings, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Steve Nardelli, Michael O'Callaghan (notes), Martin Zinkin, Sarah Luther, Bob Taylor.

1 Apologies

Martin Hearn, Paul Adderley, Peter Hilton.

2 Minutes of last meeting No disagreement

3 Status update – Tennis, Squash, General Manager

SN: CL are people asking for money back? CL: one refund has been granted. Otherwise CL explained people will be offered credits for the coming year for the period the Club was shut.

CL: suggest squash replicates Martin Hearn's membership model.

CL has written a note for the squash membership which is with SL and Anthony for sending out.

BT: We'll know by September what the position is (re how long we have to shut, what grant etc. money we might get). Maybe we review in summer or August.

SL: We've got refurbishments booked for Aug. At some stage we need to decide if we press on with this. Price is £8k - £10k.

Balloon - SL: the company wants to come on Tuesday to take the balloon down. They want to take down on one day. They phoned Ray today. They don't need to come into the Clubhouse. Asking for the invoice to be dealt with. C. Putting up last time cost £3.6k. It's a lesser figure for deflation. The meeting approved this work being done and paid for.

4 Payment for grass court renewal

Proposal on payment to Chiltern sports for the grass court project was communicated via Gerald. Half now. £10k when we get £30k from the council, the balance when we open (about 50%). Chiltern seem content with this.

(MZ: Chiltern are the company that did the artificial clay conversion and both jobs were excellent).

There's another £6k of work to do on the former grass courts to paint and put the posts in.

5 Discussion of new cash flow forecast

BT: Further tennis subs have come in. The total was about £195k last year. We've had about half. This is above the level expected by Martin Hearn.

Money that comes through Club Solution is received into our bank account once a month.

BT: There is no immediate panic re finances.

6 Issue of furloughs

BT has been in touch with the payroll provider. We need a schedule of who is on furlough, and exactly when.

Someone needs to do a letter with dates of furlough to each staff member. This is in hand with Sarah. Jamie Morris has been assisting SL.

SL: Housekeeping and bar on furlough from 22 March.

Anthony and SL - end of this week (April 4).

Ray – bar contract furloughed from 22 March.

Ray's facilities work will continue to 12 April.

SN: What about the loans?

BT: The interest is paid annually in December. The lenders have always been supportive of the Club. Some of them could give notice. They have to give three months notice. We are not expecting this to happen.

Definitive furlough list with dates will be needed for Collards.

7 Running while Club is hibernating

SL: We need a mechanism for squash and tennis queries to go to Martin H and Charlie. Naomi will be the focus for things.

SN: What about communicating with the members? I propose a chairman's blog on the website.

CL: I was already doing the monthly newsletter.

Martin Z is able to send out emails to members. CL: There are three or four squash Whatsapp groups.

BT will remain as accountant, not furloughed, and will continue to monitor e.g. bank accounts, cash forecast and management.

There will be weekly meetings of this group which in the absence of the general manager will coordinate efforts. It assumed that not all GMC members will want to attend.

8 AOB

MZ :Is there anything Club can do for coaches? Members have suggested various ideas.

E.g. allowing members to do voluntary donations.

Allowing block booking of future lessons?

TD: Are there any suggestion coming from coaches?

CL: Paul Carter and Lucas are going to set up some on line training.

MZ: What about Whittington Hospital using the car park?

SL: they maybe had not realised Haringey had relaxed parking restrictions.

Club keys are now with Martin H, Charlie, Bob T.

MZ: The website annual maintenance is due. £1,500.

The agreement with Dan (out website maintainer) is we paid an upfront fee for building it. He thinks the fair price for ongoing operation is £1,750 rather than £1,500 as there was more work that he was expecting. The meeting agreed the higher figure.

9 Next meeting

4.30 pm 9th April.