

Coolhurst GMC Meeting Thursday April 9nd, 2020

4.30 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/7851648232>

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

1 Apologies

Martin Hearn, Paul Adderley, Peter Hilton, Bob Taylor.

2 Updates

Squash.

CL: No issues re repayments. Virtually no requests to have subs repaid. We plan to issue credits for the length of time the Club is closed.

Cash and Tennis subs.

SN: Bob has told us that we have £115k cash, including cash in transit, and this is after the first scheduled payment to Chilterns. We have much more in tennis subs than we were expecting. This is thanks to the work that Martin Hearn is doing collecting the tennis subs. SN: Martin (Hearn) is walking on water!

Bob has applied for a £25k grant from Haringey.

Bob is saying we should lobby the LTA to, in turn, lobby the Government to allow tennis courts to be used.

Bob recommends we pay Chiltern in full when we get the Haringey grant of £25k.

SN: We also have the wage sheet listing those to be paid and furloughed. There is currently no problem.

MZ: I undertook to raise the following point- Mark Swenarton raised the idea that members who do not have money problems might like to contribute to a hardship fund for those who do. Or, he suggests, better off members might consider not taking a membership credit.

CL: Re memberships - (and Paul Adderley said this also) we don't need to automatically offer a credit when the Club reopens.

Noted that Naomi this membership manager is now also covering some general manager work, and has maternity leave coming up.

3 Furlough payments and any grants

SN: who is dealing with the furlough grants?

The government furlough website will be useable end of April. We can't use it before then. We do need to have contacted affected staff in writing though. This has been done. Projected payment is June.

The required actions for Collards regarding payroll have been taken

SN: there are various grants and funding available which we should apply for, e.g. from LTA, England Squash, and perhaps other commercial sources.

CL: I have checked England Squash sources and it looks like these are subsistence grants available, however, not sure we can demonstrate subsistence case.

The meeting agreed SN's proposal for a group to look into funding and grants. This group would include some non-GMC members and would report back to the GMC.

4 Communicating with members

MOC: The Chairman's Blog has been launched.

We are about to launch a Coolhurst Book Club, which will be run online, at least during hibernation. This will be jointly managed by Tzvetelina and Michael.

5 Next meeting

4.30 pm Thursday 16th April