

Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on Zoom 18 June, 2020 at 4.30 pm

Present Martin Zinkin, Michael O'Callaghan, Stephen Nardelli (Chair), Nigel Hutchings, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Charlie Logan.

- 1. Apologies** Paul Adderley, Martin Hearn, Peter Hilton, Bob Taylor.

Bob Taylor, Martin Hearn and Charlie Logan circulated reports before the meeting.

- 2. Operating tennis and squash**

SN referred to the recent death of former Chairman Dave Smart. The committee discussed how the Club could best remember Dave, and a number of those present said how popular and appreciated he was, across both the tennis and squash sections. SN said he had been contacted by friends of Dave's at the Club to perhaps organise a collection for a bench in his memory. It was agreed that SN would contact them to action it.

Sarah, Ray and Anthony are on furlough. Jack Hilton is assisting with membership enquiries. SN: Bob rang me regarding concerns he had received from Jack regarding his responsibilities dealing with memberships. Jack felt his current hours were not sufficient to cover his job allocation properly, he was finding it difficult and requested an additional 10 hours a week. It seems that Jack needs our support in dealing with a very important aspect of club income. I agreed with Bob the extra 10 hours a week and insisted Jack had a clear level of contact support if he needed it.

- 3. Tennis**

MZ: The LTA has realised there is a growth of interest in Tennis. A media campaign will start next week or the week after. It will be called LTA Play Your Way.

This will aim to drive traffic to clubs. The clubs will make courts and coaching programmes available. It would use Club Spark, which we already use.

The tennis committee has considered this and does not see it as a priority now since our usage is already very high.

SN: Of course we may want to cooperate with the LTA in some way

- 4. Tennis court maintenance.**

Top Courts Maintenance proposal.

MZ described the maintenance requirements of the tennis courts on St Aloysius fields, and of court 5. Maintenance work is now required, and more urgently than previously thought.

The process takes 8 days. Has to fit in, given Sarah is planning a junior programme of some sort.

SN: this has already been approved at a previous GMC meeting. £6,190 + VAT.

Court 5 – needs a complete resurface – that’s £12k + vat.

Needs to be done soon. Chiltern says it needs to be done soon to fit in this year.

This is the cage – a coaching court.

It will free up another court.

Most members don’t want to play on it currently because the quality of the surface is bad.

SN: Tennis is our main source of income and we must continue to invest in it.

MOC to write to GMC members as this meeting is not quorate for authorisation.

5. Squash Update

A timeline has been produced by CL for getting back on court, assuming an OK is given by England Squash/Government in the near future.

CL: We are hoping for some kind of limited resumption of squash in July.

We are in a consortium with Cumberland and Southgate clubs to hold the British National Junior Open.

We are declining to hold an England Squash Bronze tournament next year since it clashes with the Club Tournament. This has been discussed and agreed with the squash committee.

SN: I hear that Hatfield’s David Lloyd club is expecting to open squash in the first week of July.

CL: We need input from the “covid committee” (Coolhurst’s volunteer expert advisors) on squash court ventilation and cleaning. We won’t have court 7 in use because the ventilation is not good enough.

CL: By next week there should be a road map for discussion with the GM.

6. CCTV

MZ: A meeting has happened with Andrew Whelan (our CCTV TV company rep and a Coolhurst member). He has re-quoted for an all-IP system.

The quote is £6k + vat.

This CCTV is not absolutely essential but is beneficial. This includes 11 new digital cameras, radio links, extra locations. Lead time of 2 or 3 weeks.

This would give the ability to see the Club remotely, which we don’t currently have. However that alone can be achieved more cheaply. The members present in general supported the commencement of this work.

MOC will poll GMC by email.

7. Grants and Funding

MOC had circulated a brochure to explain to grant givers a possible new community sport programme.

CL: Not clear that this brochure convinces the reader that we are sincere about attracting a more diverse ethnic mix. Crouch End cricket club where I was Chair up to last year, does manage to do this.

NBH: We would not want to fundamentally change the character of the Club.

SN: our next step would be to test the reaction of grant funders to our proposals.

8. AOB

MZ Our Covid advisory panel has said it is ok to use their names as long as we are reasonably careful about it.

MH checked LTA on its guidance re serving food and drink. While serving for take away consumption is permitted, the LTA is not expecting consumption of food and drink on the premises.

DT: The tennis summer tournament will take place this year in July.

NBH: Has last week's maintenance been done?

SN: We saw in the GM's report a list of completed actions, e.g. that items have been cleared from the under-croft.

NBH: RE roof of squash court 1 it would be interesting to check its state now, given it's raining.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting Thursday 6pm June 25th

The meeting ended at 5.55 pm.