

## **Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting**

**Held on Zoom Thursday 21 May, 2020 at 18.30**

### **Present**

Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Bob Taylor, Martin Zinkin, Michael O'Callaghan, Stephen Nardelli (Chair), Peter Hilton, Charlie Logan, Paul Adderley.

1. **Apologies** Martin Hearn, Nigel Hutchings
2. **Previous minutes** No objections
3. **Opening**

Martin Hearn had submitted a detailed report before the meeting.  
SN congratulated the tennis committee for getting the Club ready for opening.

SN: Martin Hearn put in 50 hours of unpaid work to make the re-opening a success.

Also, what Charlie and his squash colleagues have done is remarkable in dealing with the squash section issues during lockdown.

If this were a commercial company all you guys would be getting bonuses.

Everyone on this GMC deserves a medal. I would not want to hear a word said against any member of this GMC. Well done everyone!

The mechanism by which staff are furloughed was discussed. PH thought the decision to furlough the GM was hasty.

There was a further general discussion on easing lockdown in the future. Maybe a time is coming when we serve drinks outside.

In principle if we needed to do that we could unfurlough our GM.

MZ: Tzvetelina and Jamie Morris have been meeting regularly and doing a great deal of work, including on the Globus booking system. This is why the booking of tennis courts has been gone well.

MZ: the ladder is going to restart soon.

We are going to introduce a membership contact list so people can find playing partners.

Discussion on some required maintenance work:

MZ; The upper courts are in poor condition. Court 5, the coaching cave also. Jamie as tennis sec was looking at this.

The upper courts cannot be just pressure washed into a better state as they have deteriorated. Additional steps are required to improve them now. Chiltern has given a quote for a solution c. £6k. For court 5, c. £12k pounds. Total would be below £20k plus VAT.

MOC: would depend on the cash position to know if we should authorise this. However, given how well the tennis membership has supported the Club during lockdown, they have earned this benefit.

SN: I was going to say the same thing!

#### **4. Converted former grass courts**

MZ: It takes a while for the volatile compounds to evaporate so they currently should not be played on in hot weather. This has been communicated to tennis players.

BT: How long would this last? MZ: through the summer.

We probably would therefore not want to work on the upper tennis courts until after the hot weather to not lose too much capacity.

MZ: the tennis committee will discuss scheduling this work and come back to the GMC.

Inquiries on the website for new membership are now higher than before lockdown. MZ has been working with Naomi and Martin H to ensure we are following up.

SN: Maybe the Guardian article has helped? MZ I will look at linking to that article on our website.

#### **5. Finance**

BT: We have not paid Chiltern yet. Prompt from Gerald awaited.

Level of tennis subs “is amazing” . We are actually higher at this point than we were in 2017.

Bounce back loan: Barclays have been not quick to process it and we don't have it yet.

SN explained some background in how banks are processing these.

BT: LTA venue fee has been refunded.

Utility bills. You have to change suppliers every two years to get the best rates.

This maybe a good time to check on these, including the range of meters. Gerald is helping out.

We should count stock. This is good practice.

SN: in 2024 all houses will be built zero carbon. We could set up an eco system in the Club. We'd get free electricity and be paid for it. We might be able to make money out of electricity.

BT: We believe the new squash court roof is strong enough to take solar panels..

SN: thanks again Bob for doing another great job with the finances, and under very difficult circumstances.

## 6. Grants

SN: I will get some drawings and costings for maybe removing the earth bank under the undercroft. We are talking to Haringey plus Islington and Camden. The community sport programme would be subject to the grant. Nothing would go ahead without GMC approval. Nothing will be done that would impact on court availability for members. I've asked the grant sub-committee to add the recent Guardian article to our grant application package'

PH there is some encroachment into the space from the footings. We'd need to present ideas to the members.

Previous ideas considered for the undercroft included a general purpose studio with room for table tennis. There was also talk about a gym and a function room. There were to be new changing rooms with a spiral staircase to the squash courts, and the old changing rooms removed. We must also consider storage.

## 7. Security and CCTV

There was an attempted break in by the barbecue area.

MZ: we have a quote of 4.5k to replace the existing CCTV cameras with better ones and to add at least one camera on the top court with a wireless link.

Actually we'd prefer IP DVR. It would need more cabling.

There is a MZ and Jamie Morris preferred option. The cameras are cheap. Good ones are c. £100 each.

When we did the network cabling of the Club we cabled some camera points but not all of them.

We need more cabling. The bill would be nearer £10k than £5k.

The industry is moving toward digital cameras. With the computers we have a supply contract. With the CCTV you need a professional maintenance contract.

After some discussion the committee asked for a quote for a higher spec CCTV system.

MZ: Will ask for a quote and come back to the GMC.

## 8. AOB

Marcel Peen physio would like to send an email to promote zoom physio.

David Astburys the Estate Agent would like us to include their quarterly mailer in a mailing list to members.

We are also willing to promote the Club's sport partners (e.g. coaches, physios and other sport-related service providers) in a single email to members. We would aim to not do this more than once per quarter.

MZ will coordinate inputs to an email and after review, send it.

## 9. Next meeting

6pm Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>.