

Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on zoom 16 July, 2020 at 5 pm

Present: Michael O'Callaghan, Stephen Nardelli (Chair), Nigel Hutchins, Charlie Logan, Martin Zinkin, Sarah Luther, Martin Hearn, Bob Taylor (to 5.25).

1. Apologies

Paul Adderley, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Peter Hilton.

2. Finance

MH: Tennis subscription revenue to end June is similar to last year. Projecting to end July - it was £241k to end July last year, and is likely to be in the region of this figure +/- £5k by end July this year.

We have more annual members now than we've ever had. Higher than last year's peak.

We note £25k will have to come off next year's revenue for rebate.

BT: We have received £25k from the council and £50k bounce-back loan which mitigates next year's £25k rebate.

3. General Manager

SN said the reopening of bar and food service had gone very well. He congratulated Sarah and the team.

SL: both Saturday and Sunday had good revenue performance.

The good revenue performance continued into the week.

Eva, to whom we are franchising the kitchen, is opening the bar for free between 1 and 4pm. Noted she was previously a member of the bar staff so has the skills.

There was discussion of the state of the cage court surface. MZ: it is going to be resurfaced soon. BT: As a Director I would not want to see the Club to do anything overly risky.

4 Squash

CL: We have a green light to start playing from Saturday week, however there are severe restrictions e.g. competitive play has to be restricted to "sides". We are going to open 3 courts. We will alternate bookings.

SN: The squash restart is good news.

The cleaning team will do fog cleaning in the morning. Courts will be available from 10am onwards. There will be no changing rooms or showers. Players must bring their own drink.

From August we will need to consider how renewal works. CL will come back to the GMC in August – in about 4 weeks time- with a proposal.

CL: Ireland has been operating this restricted squash since June. Maybe we will see some easing after a month. CL has sent a note to a small number of long-term members to ask for opinions on how we price squash membership for the forthcoming renewals.

It was proposed to survey squash members on whether they are likely to renew their membership.

5 Tennis

MH: Social tennis is to start August 2nd.
MH spoke to the Club Period organiser.

MZ I'd like to reduce the number of courts allocated. It hasn't traditionally been high utilisation. MH let's have 5 courts then consider reducing to 4.

SN: Should coaching groups come back?

There was a discussion. This is delegated to the tennis committee. Noted that there is currently high demand on courts in the current circumstances. This might change following a return to school and work.

6 AOB

SL: We are looking at opening the gym from first week of August. The logistics are difficult to manage. We may have to remove some machines and bring in screens. We will need an appointment systems.

MZ: we could perhaps add the Gym to the booking system.

A booking system could control the number of people, and people might feel safer than in a usual gym. If squash court 7 is out of action, some gym activity could perhaps be moved there.

MH: I think there is usually no more than 3 people there. MZ: We have in effect a private gym. SN: Noted that David Lloyd's is opening next week.

SL on camps: These are being managed for safety and quality. These are now 80% sold. We can adjust the costs by managing the level of coaches we use. Now called Tennis Adventure.

SN: Do we require further advice on operating furlough?

SL: I am getting the information I need already, e.g. from Charlie Logan.

SN: and we are getting input on this from Collards. They are chartered accountants and are already running our furlough system. There is also expertise within the GMC. SL: Housekeeping, Anthony, SL and Ray are on part time furlough.

Anthony is also taking on the membership role. SL has taken advice from CL on defining this role.

7 Next Meeting

Thursday 23 July 4.30. Meeting ended 6.05 pm.