

Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on zoom Thursday December 15th 2020 at 16.30.

Present: GMC members: Michael O'Callaghan, Martin Zinkin, Nigel Hutchings, Steve Nardelli, Charlie Logan.
General Manager: Sarah Luther.

1. Apologies

Martin Hearn, Paul Adderley (no apology), Bob Taylor, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Peter Hilton.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Accepted.

3. General Manager update

Courtyard work – problems have arisen: with an electrical cable laid previously which was found to have been buried at too shallow a depth, and an extra skip has been found necessary. These have generated £2.5k of extra cost. Adam de Winter, a member, is now helping the team. We are still within budget. There is about three weeks work to be done.

SN: BT says we will get the vat back because this area is part of the bar.

SL: The builder will ask for another payment this week. About £5,200. I am happy to sign this off.

The team for the Club is Ray, Adam, Celine. SN: I am very happy with this team.

SL: Once we have the front terrace done, we will move to the pathway to the squash courts. Feedback from members so far is good.

We have time to consider phases 2 (to end of new courts) and 3 (enhanced Coolhurst road entrance). We are committed only to phase 1.

We are now in Tier 3. The Club will stay open for Tennis, Squash and Gym.

Someone will be needed to open and lock up.

We will have the bar manned until 6pm – 9pm. This will be for sale of soft drinks. On Christmas Eve we will be open until 4. On site there will also be some combination of Ray, SL, Anthony. We will be closed Christmas Day. I debated shutting the Club boxing day. Martin Hearn has offered to open the Coolhurst Road entrance so people can play tennis boxing day. Martin H will open again New Year's day. The builders will make it easier for members to walk through the work site during this period.

This plan will be sent to the GMC for comment prior to a note on Christmas timings going out to members. From Jan 2nd, Saturday – we'll have to see what restrictions there are.

MZ – I believe singles are not allowed in the bubble from here.

Ewa's tapas evening was popular. When we come back in the January we look forward to more of this. The coaches are having their celebration on the balcony tonight.

CL & NH – The ale will need to be drunk since it lasts only for three days.

4. Finance

SN: Bob updated me earlier: Another £30k of our member loans has been paid, taking the total below £500k. So £80k of loans have been paid this year. We've had the expenditure on the Courtyard project. We have about £175k in the bank.

Depending where we are in January we could draw down the government bounce back loan. It's there if we need it. We are expecting c. £15k of furlough payments in.

5. Tennis

MZ: there has been a survey on moving to a new payment model, with court usage paid for. There was not a clear majority for change so we decided to park it for now.

Midweek membership was to encourage playing off peak and analysis has shown that this is no longer needed. Midweek membership will be withdrawn for new members. We will allow current midweek members to remain as midweek.

6. Squash

CL: As of tonight there are no more squash bubbles. There can be solo squash, same households, or one to one with a coach. I could imagine we'll be in Tier 3 until February. This raises the question of how we compensate members who recently renewed. Some people have asked for their subs back. I have talked to SL and BT about options. Usually squash subs give us a cash boost in October, though not at the same level as Tennis. Now Tennis has decided how to manage subscriptions I can work on creating proposals. In addition, we will bring this proposal up at the AGM next year under Squash Subscriptions.

7. AOB

None.

8. Next Meeting

Thursday January 7th, 4.30.

Meeting ended 17.15