

**Minutes for Coolhurst GMC Meeting  
held on zoom Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 4.30 pm**

**Attendees: Stephen Nardelli; Bob Harris; Martin Hearn; Martin Zinkin;  
Charlie Logan; Nigel Hutchins; Peter Hilton; Tzvetelina Dimitrova**

1. **Apologies:** Michael O'Callaghan; Paul Adderley (no apology);
2. **Previous minutes:** Agreed
3. **General Manager report  
Update on re-opening:**

**SL** had circulated her overview in advance of Coolhurst reopening on 29<sup>th</sup> March following the long period of closure due to the pandemic, see following:

*Brief written update prior to this afternoon's meeting.*

**Terrace**

- *Temporary pathway completed. Adam De Winter has inspected. Steve and Charlie have seen and voiced their approval. The contractor was able to reduce his original quote of 4k plus Vat to take into account that a digging machine was not required. Once I have received the amended invoice will approve for payment.*
- *With the help of those members who volunteered for the digging/grounds work (20 members in all) terrace and surrounding potential grassed/bedding areas have been prepared for club opening on Monday. Special thanks to Charlie who organised what was required and re-seeded the relevant areas.*

**Rear Entrance**

- *A specification of work has been agreed with BM Construction to remove redundant materials/debris and smooth over uneven areas to allow safe passage for members. Works will include the cutting back of the large taxi tree next to the hut. Cost are £440 plus vat and the cost of a skip. I have asked the contractor to go ahead so work is completed prior to Monday.'s opening.*

**Club Opening**

- *Front and rear club entrances will be available to members. Take away coffee and food will be available from 10 am to 2pm until a full outside bar service is available from 12th April. The two front WC's will be in use, changing rooms will remain closed.*

### **Junior Camp**

- *Camp sold out with 84 children attending each day. Camps run for three weeks from 29th March.*

### **Swifty Bar App**

- *Should be fully functional for automatic bar/food ordering/payment from 12th April*

### **Furlough.**

*Anthony will return full time from furlough from 29th March. Naomi has returned from maternity leave and resumes her 16 hours a week contract. Pending full club reopening bar and housekeeping staff remain on flexi furlough with Ray on 50% furlough.*

Sarah was credited for delivering the excellent Courtyard project on time and within budget. Final support works are on course to be ready which includes preparing the Coolhurst Road entrance.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March a number of Coolhurst members had very kindly volunteered their time and considerable effort to dig and prepare the gardens from the gates to the new courtyard, an effort that was greatly appreciated by all and supported by a very pleasant buffet lunch laid on by Sarah. Special thanks given to **CL** for organising and overseeing a lot of this garden work and arranging the grass seeding,

**SN** described the Courtyard project as a massive improvement to the club that would benefit all members for years to come.

## **4. Consider Preparations for AGM**

**SN** asked about procedure for preparing for the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May. **PH** explained that it was the responsibility of the Coolhurst Secretary to circulate the required information to members 30 days in advance. **SN** will follow up with Michael accordingly.

## **5. Finance**

**BT** reported a positive financial position despite the long lockdown period supported by furlough and ongoing grant payments. Currently £100k at bank with £158k already generated by tennis membership renewals yet to be

processed. The cash position over the next couple of weeks anticipated to rise to £350k including bounce back loan draw down.

Our cash flow for the coming year looks positive taking into account the credits being allocated to members for club closure during the lock down periods. It was agreed to consider the credit impact on finances again at the next GMC meeting when we would be better informed of membership renewal levels and the club was open again.

6. **Tennis**

**MH and MZ** confirmed the initial very positive membership renewals, some members forgoing any credits, and a lot of new member interest.

7. **Squash**

**CL and PH**

confirmed preparations for the staggered relaunch of Squash during the summer building to full participation in good time for the September season. It is expected we will lose a lot of members initially and the closure credits will be substantial. **CL** believed we could get Nick Matthews to launch the club championships. (**SN** afterthought on this: it would be very good marketing for England Squash to make International Team players available to clubs free of charge in support of rebuilding the sport at grass roots level.)

**CL** expected that we will lose a lot of members initially and the closure credits will be substantial. **SN** said that Squash was a very important part of the club and whatever funds were required to see them through this difficult period would be made available as a priority.

8. **AOB**

The GMC were looking forward to the imminent reopening of the club.

9. **Date of next meeting - April 8<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm**