Minutes of a GMC Meeting on 7 June at 5.30 held by Zoom

Present: Chair SN, Treasurer BT, Tennis Secretary JS, Squash Secretary CL, Club secretary WM, Bar Secretary AdeW, Squash Member PHa, Tennis members TD, MZ, Manager SL. Apologies Squash member PHi.

The Chair welcomed newly elected members to the Committee.

Meetings

A schedule of meetings had been proposed by WM.

AGM issues

WM reported that unfortunately the resolutions to amend the articles relating to the quorum required and to prevent GMC members being at the same time salaried employees had not been properly proposed as special resolutions and therefore had been invalid. This was unsatisfactory to all concerned.

He also reported that he had been in touch with a complainant with a view to clarifying the concerns raised.

Other matters raised at the AGM would be considered at future meetings.

Development matters

There was a discussion about potential for development on the club site. In due course a development sub-committee would be constituted to consider wish-list proposals for upgrading existing facilities together with schemes for other potential areas of the site that could be developed, eg the undercroft. Maintenance of existing facilities to a high standard would always take highest priority.

Finance

The cash position was that the club has £400k at the bank. The previous GMC had approved that £250 of the club’s debt be repaid and so far £110 of that sum had actually been repaid to the relevant lenders. The club was expected to generate an annual £150k cash surplus.

General Manager’s report

Bar income had been maintained, but the surplus generated in recent years (£4-5k) could not currently be maintained with the employment costs of table service. Currently it was balancing income and expenditure. The bar should be regarded as a service to members rather than a profit generator.

Squash

CL reported that at last squash was back. It was hoped there would be a gradual return to normal levels particularly when the new season opened. As court utilisation increased, reclaiming squash court 7 would be of increasing interest.

Tennis

JS reported that he had had large numbers of suggestions from members for proposals for improvements. Among urgent priorities was an improved surface for court 5, together with a softer surface for current hard courts. The club’s healthy revenue position depended on tennis members being happy with court surfaces.

Charts he had circulated showed a very high level of court utilisation, at a level he believed might be a record for a members’ club. However this was achieved by the need to maintain the members’ court booking limit. This allowed for a fair access to courts and a fair distribution of the intensive court utilisation. Nevertheless the booking limit was unpopular among certain members.

Thanks

There was a vote of thanks to the outgoing Tennis Secretary Martin Hearn for the work he had done in that capacity and in supporting the club generally.

Future meetings

intermediate meeting 21 Jun

GMC 5 July

(intermediate meeting 19 July)

GMC 2 August

(intermediate meeting 16 August)

GMC 6 September

(intermediate meeting 20 September)

GMC 4 October

(intermediate meeting 18 October)

GMC 1 November

(intermediate meeting 15 November)

GMC 29 November

(intermediate meeting 13 December)

GMC 10 January 2022

(intermediate meeting 24 January)

GMC 7  February

(intermediate meeting 21 February)

GMC 28 February

(intermediate meeting 7 March)

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