**Minutes of the GMC meeting on 5 July 2021**

Present: SN, BT, WM, AdeW, JS, CL, PHi, PHa, MZ, SL

Minutes

Late circulated minutes of the 21 June meeting were approved subject to committee members wishing to point out amendments within two days.

Tennis

JS reported that court usage remained very high with all 14 courts in use at peak times and the Astro and Clay courts full most of the time. The Committee had decided to acquire a ball machine for members’ use. The waiting list of those seeking to join the tennis section was being actively and fairly managed.

Squash

PHa reported that July squash leagues were live on the new Ladderleagues multi sport platform, with 22 leagues and 107 entrants.

Confidential matters were discussed.

General Manager’s report

SL reported on the following:

*Bar Turnover/Costs*

The Bar continues to hold its own irrespective of no team meals or events, and constant inclement weather. Weekly average bar income £1.9k, against £1.5k wage bill. Expected to finish year with small surplus. Bar prices shortly to increase to offset rise in wholesale prices back in February.

*Racket Stringing*

Average weekly income £500, 45% profit margin. Vat implication needs to be confirmed and whether stringing income can go through Coolhurst T/Ac.

*Children’s Camps/Programme*

Programme 92% full, camps scheduled for 7 weeks from 11th July. Decision made to keep camps to 4 children per coach in 2 hour sessions which reduces income but makes for a better balance for any adverse effects on membership.

*Tree at rear of tennis court 5*

Following the fall onto the court of a large branch, other rotten branches had been cut back, cost £250. Agreed that Ray Vernon would arrange to get quotes from tree surgeon firms with a view to commissioning a survey of all trees on the estate. SN mentioned that the club may own some of the land behind Court No. 5.

Back Entry Entrance/Neighbours

Neighbour at 7 Coolhurst Road had complained about noise/ nuisance of members use through back entry.

Club Ventilation Requirements

Adam de Winter and Graham Matthews (tennis member) had carried out an investigation of air quality throughout club buildings. It appeared that the gym may be the only area of concern at the present time.

Club Sponsorship/David Astbury Estate Agents

DA ready to sign for a further year of sponsorship at £3k. Requirements would remain the same: one set of wind breakers and mention of DA in Coolhurst club welcome email.

Maintenance/Upgrading Requiring Attention

Various items of maintenance/upgrading to be carried out over summer period. Larger items - attention to central heating, new Velux to lounge. Repairs/repainting to outside of clubhouse, re-tile floor to Male WC. Attention to squash balcony floor; redecoration and new furniture within clubhouse.

Replacement of Treatment Hut

Needs to be done before relaying of Tennis Court 5 in September. Estimate received £10k plus vat for treatment room in timber to upper squash balcony. This would mean Table Tennis area would have to be moved.

Social/Non-Playing Membership

SL confirmed that she is not in favour of accepting new social membership for various reasons while club currently at maximum membership, but would prefer limiting non-playing membership to any previous squash/tennis member who wishes to remain at the club.

Children's Birthday Parties

A trial birthday party had been held last weekend. With expansion in membership, it may not be possible to hold parties without disturbance to players. For re-consideration if restrictions eased.

HR Advice Requirement

SL confirmed that it seemed prudent to have access to professional HR advice ad hoc to deal with issues where she lacked expert knowledge. CL confirmed he would pass on details of contacts he had.

**Next meeting 19 July at 5.30pm**