**Minutes of GMC Meeting Monday 13 September 2021**

Present: SN, BT, AdW, JS, MZ, PHi, WM, SL. Apologies had been received from CL and PHa.

The meeting scheduled for 6 September had been postponed.

Social events

The committee discussed the possibility of opening more opportunities for social events during coming months, taking into account Covid-19 limitations, staffing availability, member appetite, and financial implications. Tennis and squash committees to be canvassed for ideas. SL reported that members would find plenty to enjoy on the upcoming tennis finals day. (18/9)

Finance

The half year accounts to 30 June had been circulated by BT. Members noted with satisfaction the net surplus of income over expenditure of £273.7k as against £168.1k during the similar half year period (2020).

Tennis

JS reported on steps taken to reduce the demand on court usage from team play, following consultation with team captains. The net effect of the decisions has been to reduce the number of team matches to be played on our courts by one third. There would also be a number of internal team competitions. These decisions would be intended to take effect for the current year. JS also reported on steps to reduce the number on the waiting list of those people seeking to join the tennis section.

In relation to the tennis court upgrade project, MZ reported that after competitive tenders had been assessed, Chiltern had been selected as the preferred contractor. Work would proceed this autumn.

Squash

CL had provided the following update. Squash was returning to normal. Leagues were in full flow, tournament was to start at the coming week end, teams the following week, coaching at all levels. A squash skills camp in November led by Paul Carter would showcase Coolhurst squash.

Renewals would start in the coming week.

One issue to be addressed was the use of court 7. Once we are at full capacity at peak times (we are fielding 11 adult teams this winter) and our renewals have been completed, (mid October) we may have to ask the gym to return to one court and return it for squash.