Minutes of a GMC meeting held on 5 October 2021

Attending: SN, BT, JS, MZ, WM, PHi, SL, CL, TsD; apologies AdeW, PHa

The minutes of the 13 September meeting were approved.

Confidential matters were discussed.

General Manager’s report

The Tennis finals day had been a great success with approximately 300 people attending. The Bar had taken £4k and Oasis £1.4k David Astbury (Club Sponsor) had paid for face painting/jumping castle (£305) in addition to their annual sponsorship DA of £3.5.

A hiring by Netflix of club facilities and the upper squash courts on 20 September had generated £3.5k.

A quote of £2,400 had been received for previously approved tree surgery work. This was approved.

Weather permitting, the tennis balloon would be erected on 12/13 October.

It was agreed that the rear entry gates should remain open until the club’s closing time, but that temporary lighting should be installed.

Squash

It was reported that squash membership and activity was now in full swing. Squash activities all now in full swing, with no issues to report. We had secured a Bronze Junior event to take place on 6 March 2022. We had made c£1,500 plus bar takings on the previous occasion this event was held so hopefully it will be a great success next year.

England Squash has awarded next year’s annual gold UK tournament to London, and Coolhurst together with Cumberland and Southgate are to be the hosts. It is to take place between Friday 8thto Sunday 10th July 2022. There would be some impact on parking and on crowding in the clubhouse during a mid-summer weekend - a busy period for tennis as these days would coincide with the final days of the Wimbledon championships.

It was agreed that the club should accept the invitation from Squash England to co-host the event.

A squash skills open day would take place on 14 November.

Tennis

Huge thanks were recorded from the tennis committee – and the GMC - to Tsevelina Dimitrova for organising the club tournament!

It was reported that the renovation work on courts 5-8 would begin on 29 November.

The pressure on court usage was easing, and as a result it had been decided to allow 10-12 more applicants on the waiting list to join the tennis section.

There would be a winter tournament involving the tennis teams, which in addition to being fun, would establish whether the teams merited the rankings suggested by their numbers.

Next meeting

The next meeting would be on Monday 18 October