Minutes of GMC Meeting 1 November 2021

Present: SN (Chair), BT, WM, AdeW, JS, MZ, CL, PHi, PHa; SL (in attendance)

Minutes

Minutes of the 19 October of the meeting were approved.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 November. We would propose to hold a face to face meeting later in the year.

Tennis development works

Having considered a quotation from Chiltern, it was agreed to accept the quotation of £11.5k for doing remedial works to the practice wall and the children’s mini court.

It was also agreed to install ducting for electrical lead to the rear of court 5. This would provide power for the ball machine, and for the possibility of lighting if that was ever considered in the future. Cost: £3,035.

The question of whether the accessway from the rear gates should be tarmacked was considered. AdeW advised that this would involve construction of a concrete sub-base and would not be cheap, but nevertheless he would obtain at least a ballpark quote from contractors he knew.

Trees

Tree surgery had been carried out to the trees on the bank behind tennis court 4. Whether work on trees behind court 5 should be carried out was considered. AdeW asked to be put in direct touch with the tree contractor.

Squash

There were now 305 squash members and 180 had joined the ladder. The booking rights of those who had not renewed their membership had been suspended. This would flush out those who wished to remain as members and those who would be leaving. The use of Court 7 was discussed. The Committee were agreed that squash has first claim on the use of this court as opposed to the gym. The Committee’s provisional decision was that it would return to squash use on 1 January, subject to the Squash Committee submitting a definitive reasoned claim for its use before then.

General Manager’s report

Preparation for tennis works: New Treatment Room in the Undercroft: Builder commencing works Monday 1st November. Costs negotiated down to £7k to include removal of existing treatment hut.  Osteopath has provisionally agreed to yearly rental of £8.5k. He has a draft agreement to look through. Frankie to meet with him to discuss on-going relationship allowing her to hire facility direct from him.Skips have been ordered and the Undercroft was in the process of being cleared.

Electricians have fitted external lighting to rear club entry along whole length to rear gates. Returning 3rd November to install timer boxes and spotlights to upper squash balcony.

SL identified items that would need further attention soon.

* ***Future Maintenance/Updating Expenditure:***
* Modification to central heating system 5/7k
* Replacement of  One Velux to Clubhouse 1.6k
* Updating of furniture to clubhouse 5k (ballpark figure).
* Updating/tiling to men's Toilet Facility 2k
* External Repainting/making good woodwork to clubhouse 8k

She stressed that she believed that keeping tennis and squash facilities took precedence for expenditure. The Committee however agreed that the sooner these items were attended to the better. In particular a modern heating system control would save money on energy. The Velux window and the damaged woodwork should also be attended to.

Review of security systems

MZ would take this forward.

Covid-19

SL was concerned that with the approach of cold weather it would be necessary to keep windows and doors shut, thus posing a greater risk of Covid spread. She wished to reimpose mask-wearing requirements in the clubhouse. Bar staff would be authorised to decline orders from non-mask wearing members. The Committee supported this policy.

Ladder website

The Committee expressed congratulations to Peter Baum for the work he had done in having created the online ladder, and thanks for the work he would continue to do in managing the ladders.

Paul Harris (GMC Squash member)

Paul regretted that he would shortly be resigning from the Club and from the GMC as he and his family would be moving to Edinburgh at the end of the month. He had handed over squash duties to another member. The Committee thanked him warmly for his participation on the committee and would arrange to join him in a farewell drink.

Confidential matters were dealt with.