

Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on Zoom 9 June, 2020 at 6 pm

Present Bob Taylor, Martin Zinkin, Michael O'Callaghan, Stephen Nardelli (Chair), Nigel Hutchings, Tzvetelina Dimitrova.
Sarah Luther joined from 6.30.

1. Apologies Paul Adderley, Martin Hearn, Peter Hilton.

Martin Hearn circulated a full report before the meeting.

3. Operating tennis and squash

SN asked MZ if we could publicise the three members who have formed a virus advisory panel. MZ will check we can reveal their names.

CL has discussed a squash opening plan for beginning of July. He would like to circulate this to the advisory panel.

There would be 3 stages

1) solos, household, 1:1 coaching

2) Social bubbles

3) Match play within that bubble.

Gyms are slated to open at the beginning of September.

This would be put to the GMC by end June after being reviewed by the Squash Committee. This framework is inspired by the World Squash Federation (WSF), not England Squash, who will however be asked to review this.

We'd have 3 courts in use – one of 1,2, one of 3-5, and court 7. These three locations are separate.

4. Finance and Cash Flow

We have £165k in the bank.

Martin H reported £190 to date.

We have slightly more in Tennis subs that we had at the some point last year last year.

Of the £182k, 24k will have to be credited back.

Tennis court fees income in the month of May (which was only 2 weeks due to when we resumed playing), was £2,600 (vs £1,300 in May of last year).

That £2,600 is visitor fees. That includes squash members playing tennis.

This indicates we are able to control the tennis operation well, thanks to the systems work done by Martin Z and Jamie, and Martin H's monitoring.

MZ: Some of the tennis court fee is from members who have suspended their membership and are playing as guests.

SN: The members are appreciative of the booking system. MZ: It's what I've wanted before, and I hope we don't go back (to non-bookable courts).

BT: The furlough system is working. We got the rebate for the month of May yesterday.

SN: we should make use of the furloughs as long as we can.

MZ: Have we made further Chiltern payments for the new courts? BT: No, input from Gerald is awaited. (We have signed the acceptance certificate).

NH: Asked about an invoice from Babel fish for beer. BT: It's already paid.

MOC: what roughly is the revenue forgone for tennis junior programme and squash court fees?

MZ estimates: roughly £10k / month tennis junior programme (but is lumpy), + squash court fees (Note-taker's memo squash court fees approx £40k/year).

MZ: Probably un-furloughing part time will suit us as our activity gradually increases.

SN: We'll need some projections – good and bad cases.

MZ: SL has been looking at cost controlling.

MZ: Enquiries are showing there is a lot of demand for coaching. We are not be able to run that programme so intensely.

SN: Do we agree that we are not currently permitted to have people on the premises socially? The meeting agreed.

NH: has the gas been cut off that had been going over spent?

SL joined the meeting.

5. GM report.

SL: There was a problem on squash court 7. I think this is now resolved. I'm not aware of a problem on the new squash courts re gas usage. Ray will check.

The member lockers have been pulled down on the wall near the studio.

Re broken Clubhouse window: a new window has been ordered.

The lockers won't go back up. No one uses them.

The external locks are not ideal. There should be a switch to the internal lockers.

SN: Maybe while the Club is closed we could look at the changing rooms, maybe painting or changing fittings.

SL: There were some cosmetic changes made in the ladies before lockdown. A new bench and baby changing facilities were put in, e.g. new ceiling, new treads.

A tiler is coming to improve the mens. I am fussy about things looking nice.

NH: There has been a problem with the new squash court roof – routine maintenance should perhaps have covered this. The gutter down pipe had tennis balls in it. The very heavy rain revealed them.

SL: all the gutters were cleaned out 2 months before lock down.

NH: the down pipes should have cages to stop balls going down there.

SL: If this happens again, please tell Steve to pass on to facilities (if I'm on furlough).

SN: this should go to a list for Ray/Sarah.

SL I will do a report at the end of this week.

Ray is taking over Maurice's job as groundsman.

Anthony is taking over from Naomi.

Jack Hilton is going to take some of the membership role.

SL: The objective will be that both I (SL) and Ray would then go back to furlough.

Many tasks will then have been put into motion.

6. Grants and Funding.

MOC will circulate drawings of the undercroft that have been done.

MOC: I checked with Sport England website today – is it unchanged: funding is currently shut because grants from a fund of over £100m are coming July onwards.

SN: Our plan is to prepare a document this month that will be our bid brochure.

7. CCTV

A meeting is happening with SL and MZ tomorrow at the Club.

8. AOB

MZ: Brushing on the clay courts is not working. SL: We should catch up during the week.

SL: Furlough: from August we'll have to start paying NI of 5%.

By the time we get to August we should start consider whether we should be paying full wages.

SN: thank you. Well said. Very good points.

SL: From October the Club will have to have a plan.

SN: Will the virus reappear?

SL: We probably won't get camps. We probably will have only a small junior programme. This is going to effect the money we have to run the Club.

TD: I'd like to discuss at a later meeting the organising of the tournament to be run in July.

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting Thursday week June 18th.

Meeting ended at 19.05