

Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on zoom 23 July, 2020 at 4.30 pm

Present: Michael O'Callaghan, Stephen Nardelli (Chair), Nigel Hutchins, Charlie Logan, Martin Zinkin, Sarah Luther, Martin Hearn.

1. Apologies

Peter Hilton, Paul Adderley, Bob Taylor, Tzvetelina Dimitrova.

2. Finance

MH: Tennis subscription income continues to be strong. We will likely be equal to or above last year's figure.

CL: usually we have £80k for squash and c. £20k for gym in October. We are not sure if we are going to be getting the same quantities this year.

3. General Manager

SL: The bar is now covering all its wage expenses. Last weeks' takings were £2,200 which is a normal good bar figure.

The tennis coaching programme is 98% sold out. This will generate at least £20k profit.

Squash bookings are not large so far.

Gym is more difficult. The floor of squash court 7 is being boarded over to be used as gym overflow. Gym opening might not be until mid August. We might see 50 to 100 members rejoin. Wimbledon Club opened and then shut again because of a covid infection.

SN: does this mean that if we have one infection we have to close?

SL: yes. We've spent about £3,000 on items to support opening, including more outside tables and flowers.

I estimate the after school programme could be back to full operation by September. This would help our income.

MZ: Please let me know when is needed for Club Solution booking. We pay Globus per number of courts used for booking.

4. Tennis

MH: The annual tournament is progressing well. Club period on a Sunday is to be restarted. SN: I think this will be well received. There are members who rely on this social period to play. I get emails about it. It will be interesting to see if kick starting this prompts further renewals.

MH: At some stage we need to stop the suspension of memberships. (Former-)members can't stay in limbo indefinitely.

SN: The tennis committee deserves our thanks for everything you've done.

4 Squash

CL: We go live on Saturday.

We've only opened bookings for 7 days. We'll open more courts from the 1st of August if there is demand.

If the restrictions are lifted we'll use 6 courts, and use court 7 as a gym overflow. We are comfortable with the ventilation on the others. There isn't direct access to the outside from vents in 7.

Probably week beginning August 9th, a survey will go to members, testing the appetite to renew come September.

Coaching: Lucas is leading from next week, Paul Carter is doing some personal sessions. From 16th, there will be Paul Carter Sunday afternoon sessions, with a limit of 5 people. This is the route map for the next three weeks. My thanks to Sarah and Anthony for getting this in place.

However the feedback is that people are not keen on playing this restrictive form of squash (ie sides only). Re serving – in each game only one person can serve and hold the ball. However on the next game the other player can pull out a ball and become the server.

5 A disciplinary incident

There was discussion of an incident where one member had spoken to another in an inappropriate way within the past week.

SN: We will not accept any racism whatsoever in the Club.

MH: The individual concerned does not want it to become an issue or go any further.

CL: Incidents of this kind are covered by the Code of Conduct of the Club. Any breach can cause the disciplinary process to be invoked, which can result in a range of actions possibly including expulsion.

6 AOB

NH: How is CCTV going? MZ: In process. Installation will happen in September.

NH: What about repairs following the break-in damage. SL: these are on the maintenance list. Most likely will happen within a week.

SN: I've been emailed – Squash lights are still coming on at night. SL: Bulbs have been taken out. Noted this is difficult to check since none of us are around at that time. It could be the balcony lights. Even when they are set to "neutral" they sometimes still come on.

MOC: Is tennis coaching in parks happening? SL: Yes this is in hand, managed by Anthony.

7 Next Meeting

Thursday 30 July 4.30. Meeting ended 5.17 pm.