

Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting

Held on zoom Monday 1st October, 2020 at 16.30.

Present: Michael O'Callaghan, Sarah Luther, Stephen Nardelli, Martin Zinkin, Tzvetelina Dimitrova, Charlie Logan (to 5.05), Nigel Hutchings.

1. Apologies

Paul Adderley, Martin Hearn (report provided), Bob Taylor, Peter Hilton.

2. GM update

SL: Clubhouse staff are working at 100% capacity (ie not furloughed)

The new Government guidelines mean table service only, so we are employing a waitress.

The porta-loo has been taken away. It has done its job.

We will soon start using the Swifty app. Our menu and drinks will be on it. Club members will be able to use it for ordering. This is provided by Heineken, our drinks supplier.

Today is the last day of film venue hire. The Club charged £3.7k. CCTV is 90% commissioned. Some further electrical work was needed. Commissioning finishes next week. There will be an October half term tennis camp. £70k income has been earned from tennis coaching. Squash earned £3.6k. (These tennis and squash programme figures are gross). Squash junior coaching has 27 places filled out of 30. The tennis balloon is going up 15th October. The main works to the upper courts has finished. I was not happy with the work done to court 5, so some remedial work is being done. The maintenance work to the clay courts and astro service is coming up. This is regular annual activity. This will be done before the balloon goes up. Padel – Gerald and Chilterns are considering a new approach. One option is a Padel kit on court 5. However, I don't believe we can manage without Court 5. Gym members are trickling in. This is giving about £1k per month in direct debits now. Utilities – we were being charged a lot by EDF. Two meters have been sorted out. EDF has issued credit notes. The meters near squash courts 1 and 2 have been looked at. We have disputed the bills.

MZ – do we have a venue check-in QR code? SL: yes. Members are encouraged to use it to check in. SN: I think we need to send an email to inform members of the check-in QR codes and attach a photo of one, most people seem not aware of where or what they are.

MOC do we want more people to use the bar? SL: The bar is in use, but we don't want to encourage large groups or have functions in the current climate.

The bar takings are good, especially beer.

We are only able to have one person serving behind the bar due to Covid.

SN: I use the bar regularly and it always seems busy.

3. Squash

Squash has had 183 re-joiners. The squash subs renewal cut-off date is next Saturday, October 10th. £48k has been earned. This is net, ie after the booking credit. This time last year was c. £80k by end October.

4. Tennis

SN: Tennis has taken c. £250k and this could rise to £260k by year end. This was sent out in a report to this meeting from Martin Hearn.

MZ: there have been a few complaints at too much court time being given to visitors and coaches. This is now to be slightly reduced.

The use of the booking system for tennis is being fine-tuned.

5. AOB

Table Tennis – a new issue: it is getting too cold to play outside. Either players could wear warmer clothes, or charging could be introduced possibly in parallel with introducing new heaters.

SL: Social membership has been stopped because of covid. We might wish to review how we run when the virus issues are over.

NH: Does a squash member playing tennis have to pay the tennis guest fee per session? It seems a bit much to pay twice in one day. Some other GMC members were not terribly sympathetic. MZ it used to be a daily charge, but then it was charged.

SN: There is a possibility of an academy coming to use our tennis courts, where there is spare capacity. A proposal will go to the tennis committee.

NH: could our insurance company be asked if our new CCTV system reduces our premium. SL: I will follow up.

A question was raised about the timing of tennis lights for matches. This was discussed by TD and SL.

SL: Note, in the new environment, last orders are called at 9.30. Premises to be shut at 10pm. This is legally what we have to do.

6. Next meeting

There was discussion on timing of GMC meetings and attendance at them. The Secretary noted that this year is the first year of the slimmed down GMC (10 members vs last year 14). At this smaller size, a few absences soon lead to meetings being non quorate, and there have been a number of meetings recently with fewer than the seven GMC members present (the quorum). We will henceforth aim to have a formal GMC meeting each month, outside of work hours. Our next meeting is a formal GMC and will be at 6.30 pm Thursday October 15th.

This will be a decision-making meeting. It would be appreciated if GMC members make an effort to attend or provide an apology for absence well in advance.

Meeting ended 17.40.