

## **Minutes of Coolhurst GMC Meeting**

**Held on zoom Thursday 27 August, 2020 at 16.30.**

Present: Michael O'Callaghan, Charlie Logan, Sarah Luther, Stephen Nardelli, Martin Zinkin, Nigel Hutchings.

### **1. Apologies**

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

NB the time of the meeting had been changed during the day and this may have made it difficult for some to attend.

### **2. Finance**

SN met Bob for an hour today.

Bob said we have more than double the amount of cash we normally have in the bank at this time of year. Tennis subs income has been strong. We will expect further from squash renewals and from further tennis camps.

SN has said we need to have a financial report each month.

### **3. Squash**

CL has made a proposal on new squash subs. Members would be asked to renew squash subs at (approximately ) last year's reate, and effectively a third of the subs paid per member would be allocated to that member's booking account, roughly £120. The accounting process for handling this transaction has as yet not been cleared with Bob.

MZ: the booking credit is a really good idea.

CL 30<sup>th</sup> September is end of squash year, after which renewals are due.

MOC: I like the squash proposal also.

CL: A squash committee member suggested that there might be people willing to forego the booking account gift but we will not be taking that option as part of the aim of the current proposal is that members are encouraged to get on court and play. There are 18 joint tennis/squash members. Two or three more have asked about becoming full tennis members. CL is directing further queries to Martin Hearn.

Squash court 2 is bring brought into service after improvements to the ventilation.

### 3. GM

SN: the presentation of the Club is good. E.g. flowers, the whole visual appearance is really fabulous. There is a coordinated between squash, tennis and the management of the Club. This is being reflected in the cash position. What could have been a dark period has not been for the Club. No one has caught Covid at the Club since we restarted activity.

SL: Tomorrow is the last day of the camps. These have been 100% full. Anthony has done really well in running it. It appears to have won some new members. It will have earned more than £20k net profit. We have re-launched the program for tennis (rebranded Tennis Adventure) and squash. This will bring in £82k at 50% margin if we hit 100% utilisation. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> is gym opening. A floor has been laid in squash court 7. Gym fee is £16 pcm for Club members. Only 8 people will be allowed in the two spaces (4 in each). The cleaners are doing fogging each morning.

Clubhouse opens 7<sup>th</sup> Sept; to be confirmed by our expert panel. There will be seating for 38 people. People will be encouraged to sit and stay at tables. We will also encourage people to be outside. We can seat about 20 people outside. The studio will be reopening also. There will be two loos open. It is safe now to send the portaloos back. We won't use the changing rooms yet. Ray and SL are on 50% furlough. Anthony goes to 50% furlough. We are taking c. £2.5k per week at the bar on 50% however we expect that now to drop. We are now opening squash courts in the morning. Sessions will in future be starting from 8am.

It is now getting too dark to use the Coolhurst road entrance without lights, we are therefore having some low level lights fitted.

The grass area is taking a bit of a pounding on the terrace – may need to switch to astroturf as the weather is turning wet.

CL: we may need to tarmac some of the path to the Coolhurst entrance. SL will look into this.

CCTV installation– the company is coming Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> to start work. Aiming to have done by end of 1<sup>st</sup> week of Sept; in this week we have no children on site.

SL: I have been investigating the gas heaters on squash courts. They are even coming on at night. NH: This was set up by Adrian Morris to ensure the temperature never drops too low. CL: the temperature on squash courts should never be allowed to go below 13 degrees to avoid condensation. NH: this is a very good system. Court 7 is separately heated. At the top of the stairs near the physiotherapist office there is a window that can aid ventilation.

SL: There will be a new opening window in the gym. I've learned the fan near squash court 2 is powerful, though noisy. This is why we can open the court now. The dials

for it are in the under-stair cupboard. NH it may not necessary to have it on full. SL morning and night staff are turning it on and off. The court 7 fan is now working. I think it was just fused. Dicky (a maintenance tech who does a lot of work at the Club) worked a lot with John Goodman, and so knows how these work.

## **5. AOB**

NH: please can table tennis be on the booking system at 1 hour slots, free of charge. SL will check with Anthony.

Jost has sent a proposal to Anthony. NH: He wants only to charge visitors for table tennis.

SL: during the tennis camps during recent torrential rain the table tennis space was used by children attending the camps.

## **6. Next meeting**

4.30 pm Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting ended 17.26.