

Minutes for Coolhurst GMC Meeting held on zoom Thursday 14th April 2021 at 4.30 pm

Attendees: Stephen Nardelli; Martin Zinkin; Michael O'Callaghan; Charlie Logan; Nigel Hutchins; Peter Hilton; Tzvetelina Dimitrova; Sarah Luther (GM)

1. **Apologies:** Martin Hearn; Bob Taylor (opened meeting before leaving); Paul Adderley (no apology);
2. **Previous minutes:** Agreed
3. **General Manager report
Update on re-opening:**

SL confirmed the club had reopened successfully and the new courtyard was very well received by members.

SN thanked and congratulated her on behalf of the GMC

4. **AGM Update**

The GMC discussed at length the possible structure of the AGM in view of the pandemic restrictions. Consideration was given to a limited presence of GMC members and club members on the new courtyard linked to Zoom. No decision was decided upon but left to Club Secretary **MC** and **MZ**, who would coordinate the zoom and on-line voting systems as used successfully the previous year, to investigate. (**SN** informed the GMC following the meeting that **SL** had discovered that the Cumberland Club were having a zoom meeting in April with voting at the club delayed until July).

The GMC unanimously agreed to **MZ**'s request to upload members' email addresses only to the ElectionRunner website for AGM voting. This will make it easier for members to vote (since they simply click on a link, rather than entering a password), and removes a possible challenge to election results (since the electoral roll-on Election runner is frozen and can be inspected by auditors at any time before or after the election). We will not upload members names, addresses, or any other personal information."

ElectionRunner does not specify the location of their servers, which may be outside the EU - so there is the possibility of a technical breach of GDPR restrictions. However, we felt that both the risks and consequences of a breach were very low - Election Runner is a reputable US-based company with a strong privacy policy and track record, and only email addresses will be uploaded.

5. Finance

SN confirmed the club had circa £320k at the bank expecting to rise to £350k in the next week with new grants pending and additional membership income. The £50k interest free bounce back loan had also now been applied for draw down, but not included in the figures, to off-set a member loan repayment request for the same amount. Member loan repayments for the period of this GMC will be £130k.

6. Tennis

MZ confirmed the remarkable tennis membership renewals, which included some members forgoing any credits, and a lot of new members. This had created the strong financial position of the club at this time.

SN congratulated the Tennis Committee on behalf of the GMC for what they had exceptionally achieved for Coolhurst.

7. Squash

CL and PH outlined the current permitted Squash court use and anticipated getting back to full use in time for the new season. Plans were already being considered for a big launch highlighted by a series of Club Championships and the GMC was confident of a steady recovery under excellent guidance from the Squash Committee.

SN reiterated that Squash was a very important part of the club and whatever funds were required to see them through this difficult period would be made available as a priority.

8. AOB

SL stated that the Gym was now open again.

9. Date of next meeting – May 4th at 4.30pm