

# The Parklangley Club: Tennis Committee

## Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### Present

Alan Lynch, Dave Cooke, Jeremy Tagg, Susie Reeves, Jan Moncrieff, Christine Harris, Sandra Webster, Matt Borthwick and Julie Fox.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jamie Harper and Dave Ash.

### 2. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Tennis booklet – Dave Cooke reported that it was being finalised and would be available and circulated in due course.

### 4. Club and Grounds Update

- Membership: Dave Cooke reported membership numbers were very positive. It was noted that the Club never stopped recruiting due to churn and the numbers were monitored regularly. The members were very active playing at all times of the day and a date for a new members' day was being identified. The club was also very busy and there had been some role changes within the events area who were slowly working on new events which were not necessarily section specific.
- Floodlighting – it was hoped that the problems with upgrading the lighting would soon be resolved and approval from LBB forthcoming.
- Grass courts – they were looking very good and it was hoped to extend the grass court season opening them from 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- Annual maintenance tour – this had been completed and a number of repairs identified. A potential root problem on court B had been noted and it was hoped that this could be managed. It was noted that impaction was a particular problem on courts G and H and the importance of regular watering was highlighted.
- ODs – the courts had been patch repaired and it was hoped that this might resolve the problem at least in the short term.

### 5. Court allocation and usage - Wednesday Club session

These sessions continued to be very popular and the allocation of an extra court from 10-11am on Wednesdays which had already been implemented was agreed.

### 6. Coaching

The new coaching services policy which had been approved by the Management Committee had been introduced to prevent any coaching or buddy hitting on courts G and H by unqualified coaches. It had been suggested that there might be up to three people who were not qualified coaches using these courts. The policy had been shared with all three disciplines for approval. The Committee was concerned that there was reasonable interpretation to guarantee legitimate coaching by professional coaches was ensured, but practice and informal playing sessions were allowed. The policy was agreed and Dave Cooke requested that he be advised of any breaches which he would address.

#### 7. Improvers

Jeremy Tagg reported that the improvers' sessions were going well and continued to thrive. The issue that had been identified in January had been resolved and they now only required courts G and H. Greg was proving to be a very popular coach and there had been a number of play ups which was good news.

#### 8. Club Juniors - adult/junior tournament

It was noted that the Club Championships would be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July and it was hoped that an adult/junior tournament would be held later in the year.

#### 9. Club Sessions

The junior club sessions had been slow to start largely due to the weather with twelve being the largest number that had attended. Some children had also attended from other clubs and it was hoped that the numbers would grow incrementally. The possibility of persuading an older female player to help encourage girls to come down and play was suggested. The numbers attending Friday Club Sessions on the indoor courts were down and a sign-up sheet on reception had been suggested to ensure payment for attendance was collected. Susie Reeves agreed to advertise it on the WhatsApp group to try and promote interest.

#### 9. Tennis Teams

Sandra Webster confirmed that she would be providing an end of season review on team performance to the AGM and continued to encourage captains to supply pictures and reports for uploading on the website. The Committee once again considered a request for another men's' over 60s team in the winter season. It was agreed that there was no appetite to support an extra team and, despite the fact that only two or three mid-week matches were involved, the Committee was concerned about setting a precedent.

#### 10. Social Events

A race night had originally been suggested for Grand National day, 9<sup>th</sup> April but it was likely to be too late to arrange it so Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May had been identified as the re-arranged date. Christine Harris agreed to liaise with the Club regarding detailed arrangements and Julie Fox agreed to order the video and make arrangements for the tote. A tennis summer event was proposed for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September and a Ladies Day together with a number of events for the Jubilee weekend were being considered and planned by the Club.

#### 11. Tennis Section AGM

The Chairman confirmed that the AGM would be held on Saturday 23 April at 5 pm and the draft agenda and notice that had been circulated were approved, subject to a minor amendment to the wording of the Any Other Business item. The Committee also agreed that there would be eleven positions on the Committee and Members would be invited to put themselves forward for the various positions.

#### 11. Any Other Business

Dave Cooke reported that he had arranged for flowers for Glenda from the Committee for all her hard work during the year. It was noted that there would be a Grade 3 tournament on 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Susie Reeves asked whether arrangements could be made to update the Honours Boards and she agreed to provide the Club with the necessary information.

Dave Cooke reported that the relocation of the irrigation system had been completed and that it had been painted earlier that day. Some members were not happy with it and arrangements would be made to put a net across it and new shelters would be provided on either side.

Susie Reeves stated that an American style tournament for Ukraine would be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. It would be £5 to enter, a 'sorry box' would be provided with players expected to wear yellow and blue. Members would be invited to donate cakes to be sold, it would begin at 2pm with up to 45 members playing on the six grass and 5 clay courts. Tea and coffee would be provided by Club.

Following a question, Dave Cooke confirmed that there would be no more parties held on the indoor courts.

The Chairman raised the issue of block bookings on the indoor courts and questioned whether it was fair to all members and how could the Committee defend its continuation. It was agreed that it needed to be looked into and data collected as to usage prior to any decision being made. It was agreed that it needed to be a member decision and he agreed to raise it at the AGM. It was agreed that if block bookings were discontinued that they should not revert to coaching.

#### 14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at the Club.

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