

The Parklangley Club: Tennis Committee

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022

Present

Alan Lynch, Sue Slaney, Jan Moncrieff; Jeremy Tagg, Susie Reeves and Julie Fox.

Also Present

Sue Marias

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Cooke, Sandra Webster, Christine Harris, Nick Nichol and Dave Ash.

2. Minutes of last Meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th October 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Improvers' Representative

Jeremy Tagg reported that he had now been played up and would be standing down as the Improvers' Representative. Sue Marias had indicated that she was keen to undertake the role and, having discussed her nomination, the Committee confirmed her appointment and welcomed her. Jeremy Tagg had indicated that he would be content to stay on the Committee and this was agreed.

4. Matters Arising

The Chairman confirmed that a survey and letter regarding the block booking of indoor courts had been sent out and, despite a few issues with completing the form, 158 responses (35%) had been received which was very high. A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Nick Nichol and Susie Reeves had been set up to discuss the responses and recommend a way forward.

5. Club and Grounds

Dave Cooke had produced a report confirming that a grant of £20K had been received from the EU to provide LEDs on the clay courts. The order had been placed, but it was unlikely that the work would be undertaken before March. The clay courts had been flooding badly and Trevor May had been along to inspect them and had recommended that no action be taken at the present time. Arrangements had been made to decompact them yesterday, but this had not been possible due to the snow. It was acknowledged that the potential long term solution would be drastic and would be to dig them up and it had been recommended that the club wait for better weather in the spring to progress the matter.

Repairs to the courts at Old Dunstonians were still outstanding and it had been agreed that the remedial works would be undertaken by Trevor May once the issues with the lease had been resolved. Susie Reeves reported that the fobs not working on the squash courts and that no toilets were available for tennis matches held on the courts which was not acceptable. The Chairman confirmed that the problem with the fobs would be investigated by the office and that the squash court toilets were available for the teams' use.

6. Tennis Section AGM

The Chairman confirmed that the Tennis AGM would be held on Saturday 22nd April at 5:00pm.

7. Any Other Business

Jeremy Tagg reminded the meeting that there were still issues with identifying a replacement for Greg if he was not available for the group on either a Wednesday or a Friday. The Chairman agreed to remind Dave Cooke who was looking into it.

The Committee congratulated Jan Moncrieff on the tennis social which had gone well with 59 people attending. People had been disappointed with lack of Christmas decorations in the Club and it was agreed that this needed to be improved. Members had expressed a preference for a live band and it was agreed that a date be pencilled in the diary for next December.

The issue of changes to team captains was discussed as two captains were standing down. It was recommended that if there was anyone in the team that was keen to undertake the role or the outgoing captain had any suggestions they liaise with Sandra Webster, Club Captain to agree the way forward.

Dave Cooke had reproduced the court allocation sheets for both the summer and winter seasons. Nick Nichol had been reviewing the drafts and would provide feedback in due course. The website was discussed and it was acknowledged that it needed to be updated and that it was work in progress.

The issue of 'no shows' was raised again and the Chairman confirmed that Dave Cooke was dealing with this and agreed to remind him.

8. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 13th February at 7.30pm. The Chairman thanked everyone for their support during the year and looked forward to them joining him for the supper afterwards.

Chairman