

ASHBY CASTLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2021 7.30 AT THE CLUB

Present: Dave F, Pete W, Mike D, Sarah, Muriel, Gill M, Julie, Chris H, Bob W, David D,
Alex G, Claire B

Apologies: Gray, Ken, Robert S, Katie, Rob, Ian, Emma, Alex A , Gaz B, Ian

Approval of 26th July Minutes – all approved

Chairman's Comment:

That the committee have been working really hard over the last year and that they should ensure they have a pleasurable time working together as a group over the next few months to make it a more pleasurable experience as well as enjoying their tennis.

Treasurer's Report:

As attached with nothing further to add and no questions raised from the rest of the committee.

Clubhouse Report:

David updated the meeting about his & Tanya's refurbishment project and commented that the £8.7K budget was very low in comparison with the costings investigated so far. Pete advised that the budget could be reviewed. **Justin** has contacts who might be able to help with the cost of replacement carpets.

There is a potential rat problem at the Club – **Justin** will lay some traps at suitable sights and the upstairs lounge will have to remain closed until the issue is resolved. As the Club Tournament is due to start it was agreed that the downstairs lounge could possibly be opened up as a small bar area. A skip needs to be organised to enable all the soft furnishings to be disposed of – **David**

The new lock has been ordered for the disabled toilet door.

The Honour Boards to be updated after the end of the Club Tournament – **Claire**

Grounds Report:

Bob W advised that the major service on the floodlights every 4 years and replacement bulbs cost approx £7k, to replace the lights with LED bulbs would cost between £50k- £60K. The floodlights will all need replacing in 1 – 2 years anyway. The LTA doesn't offer any funding for replacement lights tho we may be able to get a small interest free loan from TLL. The entire issue is to be further investigated along with alternative methods for charging the

membership for use of lights and how to fund this project along with replacing courts 1 & 2 which also need to be done in 2 years time (a further cost of approx. £70k -£80K plus replacement base layer). The repairs to the fencing would also cost £45k. The poles are rotting at the bottom, there are also bricks loose under the wall over court 1.

Subs must also be reviewed in light of the work that needs to be completed as the Club needs to operate within it's means. All maintenance options and finance need to be fully investigated as we need to actively find funding - **Bob W & Pete**. (The current sinking fund will stand at £70K next year.) The club needs to be well maintained to be able to attract new members.

Match captains must ensure that floodlights are taken off "free vend" as soon as matches are completed as otherwise they automatically come on again at 3pm until 9.30pm. **(Gill & Chris)**

Ladies Club Captain's Report:

Report as attached plus Gill advised that it had been a good season and she thanked all the team captains for their support and hard work.

Men's Club Captain's Report:

Report as attached. Both Leics Mixed teams gained promotion this season. The Burton matches were all friendlies so there was no pressure on results.

Mixed Report

As attached.

Coaching & Juniors

Report as attached. Headlines:- There were 4 weeks of summer camps with 181 children attending – Alex A & Tobie ran the majority of these, Town Tournament senior entry was down but junior numbers were up , Jo Harris got to the finals of both the Road To Wimbledon singles and doubles events played at Roehampton, 28 junior club members attended the Cardiff trip which was a really good atmosphere & several junior players were successful at their various County Championships. The next coaching programme starts Mon 6th September. Alex A will remain in the team as well as start his new course, Toby will coach full time. The Club Tournament draw is now on display in the club-house.

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Ian to add the various what's app group details to the Membership Form

It was agreed that the Tues & Fri Club-night court bookings remain as is but attendance will be monitored should continue as Tuesdays 6-9.00 pm (2 courts) , Fridays 3 court 6 – 8.30 then 1 court 8.3 til 9,.30 as most people are off court by 8.30 and this would enable social 4s to book at 8.30 if required. The captains evening club night produced a good atmosphere

and attendance was much higher than normal. The social aspect of club-night is going well, helped by the reintroduction of the bar.

Mixed, Doubles and Singles box leagues will be reintroduced starting in October to be organised by **Muriel, Gray/Pat, and Tanya** respectively.

Justin advised that there was a need for coaching for new/returning senior players and **Alex** requested that the next email to the membership should include a request to contact him to advise what times adult coaching is required and what format members' would require for these sessions.

The number of competitive teams for next season is to be reviewed by the Club Captains in post following the AGM.

Bob W to check all the net winders are back in place

Email re the Defib / CPR sessions to be circulated – **Claire**

The meeting closed at 10.15 PM