

ACLTC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 19th SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:- Dave Forster (DF) – Chair, Pete Wood (PW), Ian Randon (IR), Alan Geddes (AGe), Julie Guzder (JG), Alex Guzder (AGz), Katherine Pilbro (KP), Ken Ikin (KI), Dave Rushton (DR), Gill Mathias (GM), Neil Evans (NE),

Apologies :- Julian Howard (JH), Gray Hetherington (GH), Katie Higson (KH), Emma Shales (ES), Muriel Bouttier (MB), Gaz Bell (GB), Alex Adie (AA), Andy Simpson (AS), Neil Evans (NE),

Minutes of the 25th July 2023 Committee Meeting were approved (copy attached)

Chairman's Report - DF

The lights have been completed, the clubhouse doors have been completed and work will start on courts 1 & 2 soon so all is progressing well.

Committee Roles need to be discussed with the AGM approaching – see AOB.

Treasurer's Report - PW

YTD Update

Cash Position

Current cash balances of £37.8k on current account and £88.6k in the sinking fund.

We have paid out £56k for the LED and £5k for the new doors/windows (unexpected expenditure).

Comparison with the prior year isn't relevant due to the members loan income and the large items of expenditure.

The cash position compared with budget is slightly better than expected.

Members Loans/Grants

£34k of Members Loan money has been received already from 17 members.

5 agreements still to sign.

5 agreements signed but funds not yet transferred.

Ideally, I would like it all signed and funds received before 30/9, our financial year end.

Our final grant request from Shire was approved but for £1.5k not £3k but I didn't think we would get any, so a good result.

The £10k EMA grant has been received.

£12k of the agreed £13.5k grants have now been received and all the paperwork has been submitted for the £1.5k Shire grant, funds awaited.

Overview/Summary

With the year end a couple of weeks away the cash position is fine and I am expecting our year end position to be ahead of the budget I presented at the Members Loan meeting despite incurring the £5k for the windows/doors and our cash position will reflect this improved performance (after allowing for the Members loans all being received and the new courts expenditure - which will not happen until after the year-end).

ACTION POINT

The LED lights are all sorted and the troublesome 'free' override has been disabled resulting in the meters being coin only.

Should we have trouble with the coin slots in the future we would need to have a call out for them to be fixed which isn't ideal as we may be without lights until fixed.

The solution is to have an override box fitted which will allow key holders (coaches) to override the coin meters but when the lights go off (at 9.30pm if not switched off manually) they would default to the coin meters therefore avoiding them being left on free.

This is a much better solution than the former override key and will be 100% reliable and also mean that if the coin meters jam the override can be used to avoid any down time with any of the lights.

Our income will also improve over previous years when the meters have been stuck on free for long periods due to the dodgy override key facility.

Cost c£1000 + VAT.

My original budget had a similar amount included for sorting the existing meters out which we haven't needed.

Cashless meters using contactless are not cost effective, c£5k plus a likely upgrade to wifi required and a contract with a contactless provider (with on ongoing percentage cost).

I recommend that we proceed with the aforementioned override box.

The committee unanimously agreed that PW should go ahead and arrange for this work to be started.

Junior / Coaching Report - AGz

- Very successful week in Cardiff for 28 junior players. Lots of fun off the court as well as on it.
 - 10&U girls singles winner – Olivia
 - 14&U boys singles winner – Jack
 - 14&U boys doubles winners – Jack & Toby
 - 16&U girls singles winner – Ferial
 - 18&U boys singles winner – Ethan
 - Ladies doubles winners – Evie & Charlie
 - 5 finalists as well as the above winners
- Potentially the most successful county championships we have had as a club with 18 winners and 15 finalists!
 - Leicestershire:
 - 8&U girls singles winner – Kiera
 - 9&U girls singles winner – Emili
 - 10&U girls doubles winner – Olivia
 - 14&U boys singles winner – Jack
 - 14&U boys doubles winners – Jack & Toby
 - 14&U mixed doubles winner – Toby
 - 16&U boys singles winner – Harry

- 18&U girls doubles winner – Evie
- 18&U mixed doubles winner – Josh
- Derbyshire
 - 11&U girls doubles winner – Astri
 - 14&U girls singles winner – Ferial
 - 16&U boys singles winner – Sammy
 - 16&U boys doubles winners – Sammy & Stan
 - 18&U boys singles winners – Warren
 - 18&U boys doubles winners – Ethan & Harry
- A good couple of weeks of club tournament matches. Thanks to everyone who helped over the fortnight, particularly on finals day.
- Junior awards evening will be on Saturday 11th November at Packington Hall.
- It has been suggested by a few members for a club parkrun at Conkers in memory of Claire. GoFundMe page set up for the memorial trust in her name and the run will be on Saturday 4th November. Emma will send an e-mail to the membership. This will be followed by a junior tournament at the club at 11am with all funds going to the Trust. The committee agreed that this is a good idea. See AOB for more detail.
- Brownies taster session with Tobey on Wednesday 27th September.
- 5 Ashby juniors attending a county trip to Mallorca to compete in a Tenpro event in November.

The Working Groups (Sub-Committees)

Tennis. Julie, Muriel, Andy, Alex G, Alex A,

The Club Tournament was a great success. Some attendees still haven't paid. A further reminder needs to be issued.

Adult Team Presentation Evening - JG

It was agreed to hold this at the clubhouse on Saturday 30/9 to avoid half-term. Everybody is encouraged to promote it as much as possible. Everybody welcome, not just Team members.

Suggesting making it an informal evening. We can order pizzas on the night for those that want to eat.

Photos on the screen – contact Dave & Marie to ensure the bar is stocked.
Box Leagues need to start once the courts are completed. Suggest 1/11. DF will ask Gray and Tanya if they are prepared to run them again this year.

Social. Gill, Emma, Gill, Alan, Katherine Pilbro & Jonny Shales

Sheila's latest meal was a great success with healthy bar takings.

Clubhouse Grounds and Projects. Julian, Dave F, Pete, Dave R, Neil, Gray

- 1) Carpet from Courts 1&2 – we have someone who will take away what we don't need. Taking it up and disposing of it saves us nearly £3k. We have decided that we can use some of it around the side of court 2/3/4 between the courts and the gardens. There is some old carpet down already. We propose multiple layers of the carpet from courts one & two. Ideally some work is required to level the current surface.

Cutting the carpet and carrying it will be a big job and a working party is needed. To be done either 12/13/14 Sept or 18/19 Sept dependent on when Fosse start work on the courts. The Statutes is in town until 19th so 20th may be the better day to start rather than the scheduled 18th to ensure access from the car park.

ACTION – DF to confirm start date with Fosse and we can then sort out a working party.

- 2) Car Park gate will need repairing when all the work is complete and we will ask Fosse to put some of the old tarmac chippings down in the gate area to make it a better surface, we can then cover with carpet to minimise the mud we have experienced previously in wet weather.
- 3) The patios doors are being done before the club tournament and we are awaiting a price for the fascias.

- 4) Bob raised the need to get someone responsible for changing the lights setting when the clocks change to avoid issues with the neighbours.
- 5) Once the contractors are all off site we need a working party to repaint the grey retaining walls and generally tidy the place up, including sorting out the various banners, potentially replacing some, repair the wall cappings around court 1.
- 6) We will need a skip for the garden waste (unless there is a chance to put it in a Fosse skip, should they use one?)
- 7) The trees at the back of courts 4/5/6 probably need cutting back. External contractors needed. Probably can only be done Oct – March.
- 8) Block paving path from the lane needs repairing. The blocks have sunk in some areas and need lifting, sand laid and the blocks replaced to level them out.

Membership and Community. Gill, Emma, Ian, Neil, Alex A & Katherine

AA has carried out some good work on the topic of inclusivity. He has been working with 'Enrych' to get inclusive sessions restarted. The first one was 12-1pm on 13th Sept.

At the latest sub-committee meeting we discussed offering new members pro-rata membership subs (on a monthly basis rather than the current quarterly basis). The committee unanimously agreed to this change. The £19 joining fee will be applied on top of the pro-rata fee. KP will make reference to it on the website.

The committee also agreed to send partial refunds to those new members affected by this change.

Membership Report - KP

69 members still haven't renewed. KP ran through a list of the seniors and some committee members knew of them. KP will send one final chaser.

We have 284 paid up members but KP is working on Clubspark to try and get it

fully up-to-date as there are some anomalies.

KP had a request from a long-standing ex-member asking if their daughter could attend as a visitor. The committee agreed to this for the usual fee.

Sustainability Group. Katie, Gray, Alan Brown, Mike Briggs,

No meeting since the last committee meeting but things are generally going well.

Ladies', Men's & Mixed Reports

Ladies'/Mixed Captain's Report - MB

Burton League

Ladies:

Ashby A – Division I

Currently 5/8 teams in the league

Ashby B – Div II

Currently 5/7 teams in the league

Mixed:

Ashby A – Division 1

Currently 4/7 teams in the league

Ashby B – Division 1

Team has had 3 Walkovers and will be expunged from the league

Ashby C – Division 4

Currently 4/7 teams in the league

Leicestershire League

Ladies :

Ashby I Finished 2nd behind Leicestershire TC with 64Pts

Currently 9th/10 and will be relegated next season

Mixed:

Ashby I – Premiere Division

Finished 3rd out of 6 teams

Ashby II – Division 2B

Finished 4th out of 6 teams

Men's Captain's Report - AS

Leics League

First Team – 3rd in the Premier League.

Second Team – WON

Third Team – 7th

Fourth Team – WON

Vets A Team – 2nd

Vets B Team – Likely to finish 7th

The Winter League starts on 1st October

Burton League – Season-to-date

A Team – 2nd in League 1 with 1 match remaining – after promotion last season this is an excellent result

B Team – 4th of League 6 with 1 match remaining

Health & Safety - DR

DR has updated the H&S policy and various other docs. He will keep a copy on our behalf and a duplicate hard copy will be kept in the office and a copy on the website. DR will send the docs to IR to add to the website.

DR remains concerned about the scorer fixings on the net posts which have sharp edges. Have tried a cap but people just don't replace them. It was discussed and agreed that we would look to buy new different style scoreboards and get rid of the poles. We could look into getting the scoreboards sponsored.

AOB:

Claire Bridges

It has been suggested by a few members for a club parkrun at Conkers in memory of Claire. GoFundMe page set up for the memorial trust in her name and the run will be on Saturday 4th November. Emma will send an e-mail to the membership. This will be followed by a junior tournament at the club at 11am with all funds going to the Trust. The committee agreed that this is a good idea.

JG previously suggested an annual Ladies Open Over 40s Doubles Tournament in Claire's name as she was not only a big part of ACLTC but also was instrumental in setting-up Derbyshire Vets Tennis and is well known in the Midlands Tennis community. To be discussed further.

It was agreed to go ahead with a memorial clock in Claire's honour. DF will set-up a WhatsApp Group to decide on the style and position.

It was suggested that this could be unveiled at the same time as the opening of the new courts which potentially could coincide with the park run / junior tournament.

Committee Roles / Forthcoming AGM

DF explained that he comes to the end of his 4 year term as Chair and MB and KH have both indicated that they wish to step down from the committee at the AGM.

IR was suggested as a replacement for DF but would leave the Secretary role needing filling. KI explained that he never supported the rule that committee members have to step down after 4 years especially as some will become adept and experienced at their roles only to have to leave.

It was agreed that the club and committee would benefit significantly if DF stayed in his role for at least one more year but preferably two. It was therefore agreed that we should propose a motion at an EGM before the AGM to extend DF's role of Chair for a further 2 years.

Janet Braithwaite, Paul Sanders and Sally Harris were all mentioned as members who might be interested in joining the committee and would be an asset to the committee.

It was suggested that we did not need to retain all the current committee roles but that new / up-to-date roles could be introduced. It was suggested that Paul Sanders would be particularly good in a fundraising / sponsorship role.

AGz will discuss with PS. KP will discuss with JB (for the role of Female Rep) and AGz will discuss with SH (for the role of Safeguarding & Welfare Officer).

Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM and was agreed to be held at the club on **Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm**