

ACLTC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 4th JANUARY 2024

Present:- Dave Forster (DF) – Chair, Pete Wood (PW), Ian Randon (IR), Alan Geddes (AGe), Julie Guzder (JG), Alex Guzder (AGz), Katherine Pilbro (KP), Julian Howard (JH), Emma Shales (ES), Sheila Jackson (SJ), Andy Simpson (AS), Janet Braithwaite (JB), Paul Sanders (PS),

Apologies :- Dave Rushton (DR), Gill Mathias (GM), Neil Evans (NE), Gray Hetherington (GH), Gaz Bell (GB), Alex Adie (AA), Sally Harris (SH)

Minutes of the 22nd November 2023 Committee Meeting were approved (copy attached)

Chairman's Report - DF

DF welcomed the new committee members and thanked all committee members for their efforts and commitment to the club for the forthcoming year.

He asked if all committee members could update their 'Role-Specs' prior to the next meeting. IR will circulate all the current role-spec documents.

He then congratulated Alex Guzder on his forthcoming 30th Birthday and thanked him for his work and commitment to the club confirming that we all appreciate everything he does.

Finally, DF asked for all sub-committees to meet between now and the next committee meeting and to think about / discuss their objectives for 2024 and feed-back at the next committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report - PW

YTD Update

Cash Position

Current cash balances of £57.9k versus £117.8k 12 months ago.

A comparison with the prior year is difficult given the expenditure on lights and courts and the members loans raised but a simple calculation is as follows:

Current cash position	£57.1k
Less Members Ln	£57.0k
Plus Capex	<u>£142.3k</u>
	£142.4k

In summary had we not had the capex/Members Loans our cash position would be £24.6k up on the prior year. This reflects our underlying profitability which is needed to cover the sinking fund and loan payments.

Sponsorship

All our advertising boards have been renewed.

Nothing else to report at present, it is a quiet time financially and we simply tick over during this period.

The next major item for the committee to discuss is likely to be increase in subs for the May renewal. PW feels this should be circa 5% but will crunch numbers and present at the next committee meeting for discussion and approval.

PW & PS will meet up before the next committee meeting to discuss fundraising ideas & sponsorship opportunities.

Junior / Coaching Report - AGz

It's been a quiet period but the recent Junior Tournament went well with quite a few winners & finalists from ACLTC. A few events had to be cancelled due to the state of some of the courts.

The Working Groups (Sub-Committees)

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

The Town Tournament will be held between 4th & 10th August. The Club Tournament dates will be confirmed. Match fixtures are expected in March.

Social. Gill, Emma, Alan G, Katherine, Sheila, Janet & Jonny Shales

Will meet up soon to discuss social events for 2024 and get the social diary organised, including:

Sheila's Meals (next one early March), Quiz (20th April), Open Day (11th May), Social Tournaments, Golf Day and Presentation Evenings plus more.

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

Nothing to report

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

No new members since the last meeting. KP has attended a webinar on renewals via Clubspark and is 'tidying-up' the membership records on Clubspark.

KP will set-up a group of members prepared to meet with new members if she cannot meet with them.

Ashby is growing. New estates. Do people know we are here? There is no mention of ACLTC on the NWLDC website or Ashby Town Guide despite there being a section on 'Sport & Leisure'

We have previously carried out leaflet drops, used Facebook & Instagram, primary schools & Open Days. The sub-committee will meet up soon to discuss ideas and have a membership push over the coming months.

It was suggested that we could convert the practise court to a Pickleball Court as a way of encouraging more members. This will be researched by DF.

The Ashby Sports Day is being held on 30th June. We need a good turnout from the club and need to promote the club to new members.

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

JH explained that the men's urinal needs repairing. He had a few ideas – reduce the size of the showers and replace the urinal with a second toilet – get rid of the urinal completely – repair it properly. It was felt the repair option is most sensible.

We should get either a plumber that currently sponsors the club or somebody recommended (PS knows somebody) to deal with this and to install a water fountain outside where the taps are currently located.

The PAT checking was completed this week and all passed.

Wilson Alarms are due in soon to test and re-set the alarm.

The fridge needs regularly emptying & cleaning. PW will speak to Jackie to see if this is in her remit.

3 netting posts on court 4 are fractured and need replacing. Not critical. There are various options. This will be dealt with in the coming months.

Pete Buckley offered to repair / upgrade the soffits and fascias. The committee thanked him and he will deal with this soon.

PW explained that there are some issues with the floodlight boxes and intermittent problems. He will get the electrician to visit and repair.

Courts

Courts 1 & 2 are bedding-in very nicely and are playable in most weather conditions.

The courts were maintained in December but courts 3-7 are suffering with the weather. Court 4 struggles with the moss / trees. Courts 7 & 4 have slippery patches. The report following the maintenance is still awaited. JH will ask GH to chase it up.

Rejuvenation is an option that hasn't been used for a while but we need to review the report then get a quote. We need input from Replay as to how long it will last and it may be better to save the money and consider a further court replacement. PS asked what the objective would be if money wasn't a factor. PW explained that currently court 7 could be converted to artificial clay but that the others would need to be artificial grass due to the proximity of the trees. AGz asked if we could afford to re-surface court 7 immediately.

PW explained that it is a possibility. DF will ask for a quote.

It was suggested that with some trees recently falling down into the car park that if one fell onto the courts that could cause significant damage and would be dangerous to players. Could we discuss with the Trustees about reducing the size / pruning the trees. JH will ask GH to contact the Trustees to see whether we would be able to do this.

Ladies', Men's & Mixed Captains Reports

Andy Simpson mentioned that he is keen to promote all members representing the club to wear some form of 'Team Kit' either a shirt to play in or a tracksuit top to wear for arrival / warm-up. This was started by some of the mens teams a few years ago and all agreed that it looks good and is more professional.

Everyone agreed this should be promoted. AS also feels we could get the kits sponsored and will discuss with PS on making progress.

Chris Hawkins has stepped-down as Captain of the Mens 3rd Team. AS will replace him in this role.

Health & Safety - DR

DR was unable to attend but confirmed in advance that he will carry out a specific risk assessment on courts 1 & 2 as these may be different to the risk assessments carried out on courts 3-7.

KP mentioned that the ramp leading to the gate is very dark and could do with some lighting. DF will speak to Wayne Brown to organise something.

AOB:

Court Usage Document

IR circulated the suggested updated Court usage document and the committee approved it for 2024.

Clubnights

IR had made an error in communicating the use of a clay court to the membership on Tuesday clubnights. This should have been for Fridays. Otherwise, the committee agreed that the current arrangements still seemed appropriate. ES will issue a further communication to this effect.

Coaching for Adults

Team Coaching sessions will be arranged for all teams, pre-season.

SJ suggested we need clearer signage and notification of all available group coaching.

There is a Saturday beginners session (for members and non-members) which will be resumed soon along with the improvers session that takes place every Monday evening.

SJ suggested a very basic session for complete beginners / those without the confidence in their abilities to attend other sessions and for those that are

perhaps put off joining the club due to a lack of experience. This could start with the basics of tennis including movement and eye-to-ball coordination. This could be followed by a brief social gathering to enhance integration.

The social sub committee will take on this project.

AGz will look into 'Tennis Express' which would potentially also be beneficial.

Communications to the Membership / WhatsApp / Facebook

ES has been regularly sending e-mail communications to members and using Facebook but many still don't seem to receive them or read everything. She will look into using a WhatsApp Group for one-way communication only. This can be achieved by sending invites to members to join.

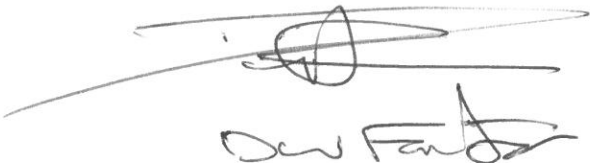
It was also suggested that communications be placed on noticeboards.

Noticeboards

PS volunteered to tidy-up the noticeboards, make them easier to read and keep them up-to-date.

Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting was agreed to be held at the club on Thursday 14th March 2024 (7.30pm).



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