

## **ACLTC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD AT 7.30 PM AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2023**

**Present:-** Dave Forster (DF) – Chair, Pete Wood (PW), Ian Randon (IR), Julian Howard (JH), Gray Hetherington (GH), Alan Geddes (AGe),

**Apologies :-** Neil Evans (NE), Katie Higson (KH), Andy Simpson (AS), Julie Guzder (JG), Alex Guzder (AGz), Claire Bridges (CB), Emma Shales (ES), Muriel Bouttier (MB), Dave Rushton (DR), Gaz Bell (GB), Gill Mathias (GM), Alex Adie (AA),

**Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Committee Meeting were approved** (copy attached)

### **Chairman's Report - DF**

The focus of this meeting is to progress Courts 1 & 2 replacement and floodlight changes.

### **Treasurer's Report - PW**

#### **YTD Update**

#### **Cash Position**

Current cash balances of £104,174 versus the figure 12 months ago which was £85,850

The increase in cash reflects the increase in our sinking fund and an improved YTD cash position although by this time last year we had sent out the renewal notices and subs income had started coming in.

No major items of income or expenditure in recent months.

#### **Capital Expenditure**

We have received commitment for the sum of £57,000 in member's loans from 26 members which is excellent. There is a mix of terms offered which gives us

flexibility. This allows us to commit to the contractors regarding courts 1 & 2 being replaced with artificial clay surfaces and the Floodlight changes to LED.

This amount allows us to also upgrade court 7 in a few years.

The next step is to get an EGM in the diary to gain member approval for the loans then we can go ahead, place the orders and request the loans.

PW will get a proforma Loan Agreement drawn up by Crane & Walton for the price of £500 + VAT.

GH confirmed that a quorum of 'twenty Full Members or one-tenth of the number of the then current Full members of the Club, whichever is the greater' will be needed for the EGM. Based on current full membership numbers (190) we need a quorum of 20 full members at the EGM. We agreed to hold this on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. IR will issue a communication / invite to all members prior to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

KH had requested that we query the sustainability credentials of the proposed court replacement companies. DF has some detail on this but will also query whether old materials will be recycled plus will investigate the old court surfaces being sold to local golf courses. DF will respond formally to the sustainability sub-committee.

IR queries what will happen re the floodlight payment system. By far the cheapest approach is to have the current boxes repaired. A card system will cost £6,000.

We have received an offer of £1,000 from Leigh Harrison's Company and the committee wish to formally minute our thanks to Leigh for arranging this.

### **Junior / Coaching Report - AGz**

No update since the last meeting

### **The Working Groups (Sub-Committees)**

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

No update since the last meeting

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

Met at the club to repair the fencing on courts 3&4 and also cable tie the banners, advertising boards where additional ties were required.

Also had a chat about items on the 'to do' list.

Main items requiring attention in the future are:

- 1) Remove and store hand sanitizers
- 2) Consider hand rails on the steps to court 3&4
- 3) Consider repair to the block paving path from the lane to the clubhouse
- 4) Loose coping stones near the steps on court 1 need sorting at some point
- 5) Edges of the steps could do with a repaint

It was suggested that we approach the 3 plumbers that currently sponsor the club to see if they could tender for the water fountain. The committee agreed.

JH & PB will try and resolve the toilet issue but if this can't be achieved will also speak to the same 3 plumbers for quotes.

JH will organise a working group to clear the area by the shed. Skip arriving at the end of the week.

It was requested that JH speak to PB about building a small 'lean-to' by the shed to store the BBQ and keep it out of the poor weather when not in use.

DF reminded the committee that he is due to step down as Chair in November and that a replacement needs to be considered before then.

**Membership and Community.** Sarah, Gill, Claire, Emma, Ian, Neil, Alex A, Sam Pool

No update since the last meeting

## **Membership Report - CB**

No update since the last meeting

**New Sustainability Group.** Katie, Gray, Alan Brown, Mike Briggs, Sam Pool

(Sam Pool is currently taking a break from supporting the group due to increased work/home commitments, hoping to return after the summer)

### **1. Recycling-Tennis Balls**

- Ball recycling team has been formed of Mike, Gray, Alan, John Milner and Alex Guzder – to manage the processes and track ball usage.
- A briefing was given to all captains on the new system for match balls – via Men's and Ladies Captain. Senior match balls were marked up with team and match date and distributed to captains for matches up to 8<sup>th</sup> July. To date, it's mixed results on the returns – a few issues around balls being left out, not returned or returned damp – but going in right direction!
- Junior matches and tournament balls – still to be marked up, however this is proving tricky with now low supply of balls given the number marked up. Next batch of balls are on order – so will then be able to do this to cover the rest of the season.
- Balls are being tracked as returned – to then be distributed to club night, coaching, re-sale.
- Initial try of re-sale resulted in 6 tubes 'disappearing'. Updated signage now been added to re-sale rack and further message to go to club members. More tubes have now been put out and will increase as matches complete.
- 750 balls have been recycled with Recyclaball – which has now provided a 2<sup>nd</sup> ball recycling bin onsite and upcoming payment to club account (to be added to Green Fund).
- Mike arranging with Pete W for a line in accounts / system to manage the 'Green Fund'.
- Tube for 15 balls being purchased to hold balls allocated for club night.

- 'Dog ball bin' for any balls not reaching Recyclaball standards have been distributed via the bin left outside the club gate. These have been taken rapidly by passing dog walkers! Meaning none of our balls have gone directly to landfill.
- Longer lasting tennis balls to be tested and requesting quote from Withers to change.

## **2. Sports Clothing/Equipment**

- Plan was to work with Lord Taverner's – to donate unwanted kit, however since become unclear what tennis equipment they accept. First appeal is now being revised whilst we understand the parameters further – investigate other donation options.
- Alan is going to pick this up over the summer in Sam's absence.

## **3. Water Fountain**

- Gray has sourced options for water fountains (potential to 2 at different heights). Is now going to approach the 3 plumbers who have sponsor boards to see what is feasible with water/drainage and arrange quotes.

## **4. Clubhouse Waste**

- Following further research our waste providers Rainbow ensure recycling of items takes place at their depot – and no items go to landfill. No further action needed.
- Working group is suggesting a removal of bins from the courts as people are throwing tennis balls and quickly perishable items here (e.g. banana skins). This will also save John V a job and it was thought that people will take their rubbish to communal bins by clubhouse rather than leave on court. This was agreed by the committee

## **5. Car Share**

- Appears that this generally happens well amongst teams already. A more formal approach to this was thought to be too heavy at this time. For now, a reminder to captains to support this as much as possible. Keeping options open to tracking solutions / options for future.

## **6. Clubhouse - power usage/green credentials**

- Julian and Mike are developing a list of opportunities for changes in the clubhouse, which include recommendations from recent EPC report.

## **7. LTA sustainability support**

- Since the working group met last week the LTA have now published resources to support clubs with sustainability statement and action plan. The group will look at these alongside existing plans during our next meeting.
- LTA Pledgeball League – is being advertised with further information to follow (Katie attending webinar on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>) – potential for club to get involved next month.

[Environmental sustainability \(lta.org.uk\)](http://lta.org.uk)

## **Ladies', Men's & Mixed Reports**

### **Ladies'/Mixed Captain's Report - MB**

#### **Burton League**

##### **Ladies :**

Ashby B V CURC Div.2 – Win 3-1

Ashby B V Burton Div.2 – Draw 2-2

Ashby B V Melbourne Div.2 – Loss 1-3

##### **Mix :**

Ashby A and B in Div.1 played each other home/away 2x 4-0 Win for the A team.

Ashby A V Barton A Div.1 – Draw 2-2

Ashby A V Grange A Div.1 – Win 3-1

Ashby B V Barton A Dv.1 – Loss 0-4

Ashby C V Melbourne C Div.4 - Loss 1-3

Ashby C V Denstone B Div.4 - Loss 1-3

Ashby C V Abbots Bromley A Div.4 – Walkover 4-0

Ashby C V Melbourne C Div.4 – No results

## **Leicestershire League**

### **Ladies :**

Ashby I V Rothley I Premiere Div. – Win 6-3

Ashby I V Charnwood Premiere Div. – Loss 4-5

Ashby I V Melton Mowbray I Premiere Div. – Win 5-4

Ashby II V Melton Mowbray Div.1B – Loss 6-3

Ashby II V David Lloyds I Div.1B – To be re-arranged.

Ashby II V Market Harborough I Div.1B - Loss 8-1

## **Men's Captain's Report - AS**

### **Leics League – Season-to-date**

First Team – TOP of the Premier League with 3 wins out of 4. ACLTC players in the top 2 player standings

Second Team – TOP of Group 2a with 3 wins out of 3. 5 players in the top 13 player standings including 3 juniors

Third Team – 6<sup>th</sup> (mid-table) of Group 2b with 1 win out of 3 – promoted last season to the same level as the Second Team

Fourth Team – TOP of Group 4 with 4 wins out of 4 of Group 4b after promotion last season. 6 players in the top 7 player standings including 2 juniors

### **Burton League – Season-to-date**

A Team – 4<sup>th</sup> of League 1 with 2 wins out of 2 but one match conceded

B Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> of League 6 with 1 win, 1 draw and 1 defeat

### **Leics Vets League – Season-to-date**

A Team – No matches played yet

B Team – One match played – lost away from home

Overall, a fantastic start to the season with most teams playing and scoring very well at their respective levels plus lots of juniors being bought through into adult tennis and doing extremely well.

### **Social Tennis Report – GM**

Nothing to add to the sub-committee notes

### **Health & Safety - DR**

No report provided

### **AOB:**

Safeguarding Visit – We received an unannounced visit from the LTA and received an excellent report back. DF will respond formally.

Alex G is applying for a Level 5 coaching qualification. There are only 8 places available nationally and he would do very well to gain a place. The committee agreed that he deserves a place and that this would reflect very well on the club.

The committee noted that Claire is currently in hospital and send her our best wishes.

### **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next meeting was agreed to be held at the club on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm