

B&FTC Committee Meeting Sep 11 2020

Meeting split into two sessions. Part 1:

Attendees:

- Dermot, Martin, Craig, Rebecca

Safeguarding

Update in part 2 on Colin's return

STRAND Updates

Coaching – Craig

- Saturday Junior coaching has resumed as before– open to all interested juniors. We are nearly at capacity. Rebecca to continue to forward new enquiries to Craig.
- **Action:** Craig and Dermot to sit down and go through junior attendees and payments
- **Action:** Craig to look at approaching one or two more people to help with Saturday morning coaching – possibly a regular parent who plays tennis
- Junior matches: These will be slotted into existing court schedules– probably between 11–1pm on Saturdays. **Action:** Craig to find a parent/parents to supervise these when he can't. DBS checks will need to be completed.

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Tennis Strand – Rebecca

- **Socials:** Following the latest LTA statement and also confirmation from Leo Tutt (our LTA Participation Development Partner), we have agreed to resume club socials. We will need a Coronavirus Event Delivery Plan for our club socials. This will encompass: Saturday socials, Mens Sunday Tennis, Ladies Sunday Tennis, Sunday Improvers, Wednesday evening socials, Thursday evening Improver socials. The latter two will resume in October after the end of the current doubles box league.

We need to keep a record of all attendees for 21 days. **Action:** Rebecca liaising with John Bain over the best way to do this. Members will be told to go straight onto court when they arrive (once there's two) rather than milling around. This will be monitored to see if it's working. **Update: This is now up and running**

Private bookings: For informal social play, group size is limited to a maximum of six people by law. **Action:** Rebecca to ensure that there are no private bookings for more than one court of doubles.

- **Box Leagues:** Steve plans to keep these going throughout the winter. The turnaround will be extended to 2 months.
- **Court space:** The Tennis Sub Group (Louis, Dawn, Andy Stutely, Ian, Steve Spikings, Ann Mudd and John Bain) plus Ali (Club Team Captain) have been discussing this and agreed the following:

Monday nights: Winter League tournaments are very popular but a lot of work to organise and a big commitment. Due to the ongoing uncertainties with Coronavirus we have decided not to run this as a weekly tournament. Instead the plan is to have adhoc Floodlit evenings using all 5 courts in a similar team format. This gives us the flexibility to fit the evenings

around matches and busy box league times. **Action:** Rebecca to speak to John & Karen to see if they're willing to help organise these. **Update: First one has been organised with the help of John & Karen for Monday 5th Oct**

Tuesday nights: Mens A have two courts 7.30– 9.30pm. Ladies A team training will also take two courts 7–8pm. Unfortunately the Ladies A cannot move this 30 minutes earlier, and therefore only take up two courts, because Nick has a private coaching session 6–7pm.

Wednesday nights: 3 courts will be booked for social from 5pm onwards– no time restriction. It will again be stressed that this is open for those that would like to play later after work. Natalia will have one court 7–8pm Improver drills, one or two courts 8–9pm Intermediate/Advanced drills.

Thursday nights: 2 courts 6–8pm (to be monitored according to demand) for Improver Social.

With a lot of home matches over the winter period (see below), particularly on a Sunday, it was agreed that Sunday LTA tournaments going forward will be put on hold. **Action:** Rebecca to communicate with Gal-on and offer either Saturdays from 4.30pm or day time midweek during the school holidays.

- **Matches:** The Aylesbury District League begins in October– fixtures due out any time. We have entered the following teams:

Mixed A – captain Maureen – matches midweek evenings

Mixed B – captain Angela– as above

Ladies A – captain Jill – matches Sundays

Ladies B – captain Ali– as above

Mens A – captain Gordon – matches Sundays

Mens B – captain Tim – as above

We also have 4 home VETS matches scheduled for a Sunday. We await the fixtures but the expectation is approximately 5 home matches per team so things will be tight.

The tennis sub group have been discussing scheduling of matches:

Midweek order of preferred evenings for hosting matches: Fridays, Mondays, Thursdays and Tuesdays – only if necessary.

Sundays: Only one match per Sunday unless there is no other choice. Matches will be played on courts 4&5 after Ladies tennis. If there has to be a second match, this cannot start before 1.30pm– after Improvers social.

Coronavirus precautions: We must remain vigilant, especially with the current rise in cases again.

The clubhouse will not be open for matches. The away players will be asked to bring warm clothes, and if they get cold they will need to wait in their cars.

The clubhouse will only be opened by the home captain if someone needs the toilet and all protocols must be followed.

The wooden benches will be put back but only two people, one each end, can sit on them. **Action:** Martin to put some kind of marking in the middle of them to remind people. Court benches will not be put back yet.

- **Floodlights:** The need to use the courts in order is a constant complication now the courts are so busy. We agreed that so long as people are sensible and make an effort to use them in order, and they are booked in the correct order, we are doing our best to stick to the regulations. **Action:** Rebecca to keep an eye on things.

21.30 cut off: Because of the use of tokens which last 30 mins, it's more or less impossible to ensure that people will be able to get the timing right. **Action:** Dermot to urgently get in touch with an electrician to see if we can get an automatic cut off at 21.30. **Update: This has now been done**

Matches: Ali has been told to remind captains that the matches must finish, whatever the score at 21.25. Captains will pick up and return the light key to Brian.

Men's A regular Tues booking: Because this is every week, and finishes at 21.30, an exception will be made for them to use a key and transfer the light money to ensure we get a definite 21.30 cut off.

Facilities/ Maintenance Strand – Martin

- Large, unmoveable bench will be repaired with oak timbers. **Update: This has been done by Matt Cannon and his team**
- Car Park: T's have been put down with block pavers to show people where to park. The plan is to also put these along next to the hedge to try to fit more spaces in.
- Car Park sign has been redone on a new post
- The battery now has a new battery. **Action:** Martin is looking at the possibility of putting this outside the clubhouse in a box
- The hitting wall project is a priority and it has been agreed to get quotes to get this done properly. **Action:** Martin to get quotes
- We are looking to replace the post protectors on courts 1–3 to something more conservative. **Action:** Martin to shop around
- Viewing fence: The plan is to put panels in at each end to stop the balls going out. **Action:** Martin and his working party are looking at solutions.
- Leaf Blowers are both fuelled and accessible in the shed. **Action:** Martin to put a different padlock on the shed so that members don't have to go into the clubhouse to get the key.

Finance & Admin

Update in part 2

AOB – None

Next meeting: Part 2 Friday 25th Sep

