

Bovingdon and Flaunden Tennis Club Committee meeting 15 July 2020

Attendees: -

Martin Allen, Chairman
Dermot Kirk, Hon Treasurer
Craig Blythe, Head Coach
Colin Chamberlain, Welfare officer
Rebecca Rose, Membership Secretary

Safeguarding

A couple of minor internal issues

1. One dealt with by the members and all resolved.
2. The second resolved but CC still to speak to the member

Coronavirus guidelines at the club

The new LTA guidelines were discussed in the context of Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club. We agreed that the clubhouse would remain closed and that benches and other equipment remain out of bounds.

The new guidance on “Club nights” was discussed. It does not allow for groups of spectators or multiple swaps so we agreed to continue with only prearranged fours as we are currently doing. One swap per court would be within the government guidelines.

LTA has since updated its guidelines on 21st July to allow for more swaps between courts

Aylesbury District League have announced the resumption and conclusion of last season’s winter matches. We have a few home matches that need to be played by September. It was agreed that toilets will not be opened for matches.

Floodlights will be allowed with strict conditions. Tokens will only be sold by Rebecca, cutting down the number of people handling them. More sanitiser must be used before touching the light box and directly afterwards. No token can be used after 9pm. For matches, only the captain can handle the light key and the lights must be switched off by 9.30pm prompt.

Sanitiser stocks are ok at the moment and Martin will keep an eye on that.

Membership

Membership continues to rise but we see this as only positive. The main two impacts are the lack of court space and car parking.

Court space will be mentioned in the July club news: those members who are playing nearly every day/ night will be reminded to be considerate to others and share the courts. This will continue to be monitored by Rebecca.

Car Parking has been looked at by Martin and Dave and they have drawn up a new map for the website and notice board. This will go into the Club news also.

Keys

After having the clubhouse locks changed, we discussed whether to have a key safe rather than cutting a hundred keys. This seemed to be the preferred option by the committee but we will first look at insurance implications before making a final decision

Coaching

Currently as a club, we are providing many hours of coaching to members (and some non members), in terms of drills, private coaching, small group coaching. Most of this is being done by Natalia because Craig has commitments at Berkhamsted Tennis Club. We discussed what will happen once Natalia is back full time at work. Craig feels he may need to bring someone else in and will start asking around.

Saturday junior coaching

Craig feels that he can cater for all our juniors by ending the session at 11am rather than 12pm. We discussed whether we need Rusty Rackets during this time any more and it was agreed that we don't. In recent times this has not always been well attended and has not been used by Rusties but rather as adult drills. We now have a separate Improver social session so this is where new people will be directed. Craig will speak to Geoff to let him know and see whether he would be interested in running an adult drills at another time.