

Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club
Committee Meeting Minutes
9th May 2022

Attendees:

Jill Cohen – Chair, Craig Blythe, Dermot Kirk, Ali Lyons, Alison Doyle, Kay Gobby, Steve Spikings, Dave Seddon

Apologies:

Jax Brabazon

Review of March minutes

Outstanding actions

AGM Minutes

Jill raised a member query concerning previous AGM minutes. Further detail will be provided in an addendum to the signed AGM minutes.

Action

Information has been provided and addendum posted.

Safeguarding

Kay raised two areas where the club could improve current processes: Accident reporting and First Aid

Actions

First Aid kit has been replaced and members notified.

Kay will source a GDPR compliant accident reporting book for the clubhouse (new action)

Agenda Items

Review of issues, compliments and complaints

No negative issues reported. Positive feedback received about recent tournaments and work of new gardener.

Safeguarding

No issues received.

Planning Application

A planning application has been received by the club relating to construction of a new 3 bedroom detached house in Green Lane. Access for the development will be via BFTC / Football Club access road. The committee have entered comments relating to this via the Dacorum Planning Website by the required date (11th May).

Lease Update

Brabners (LTA recommended legal partners) responded to Council draft promptly. We have yet to hear back from the Council and are actively chasing.



Court Cleaning

All courts have been cleaned and moss removed. There are still residual marks from bird droppings/ tennis ball scuffs. To remove these completely would require additional chemical / abrasive cleaning which would entail additional cost and some wear on court surface / colour.

Given that this is cosmetic (all courts are safe to play on), the committee decided not to progress with any further cleaning

Fencing

Dave and Jill ran through the quote obtained for fencing work to address damage to existing court fencing and improvement of fencing and access. The initial quote came in at a cost of £32, 060.40 (incl. VAT.)

Given the size of this expenditure (and mindful of rising costs and inflation generally) the Committee decided to get additional quotes and review at the next meeting

Action:

Dave to obtain additional quote and discuss with Jill then bring to next meeting

Clubhouse Cleaning

The Clubhouse has recently been found to be dirty (floors, unwashed crockery, food traces etc) on a number of occasions. We unsurprisingly now have evidence of rodents which we are dealing with. The committee felt that this is likely to continue with the lifting of COVID regulations meaning more food and drinks will be present e.g., post matches. The committee agreed the following:

Action:

Jill / Dave to appoint weekly cleaner initially 1.5 hours / week ideally reducing to 1 hour / week

Dave to monitor rodent issue

Financial Review

Dermot ran through the financials for the club for the year to date. The Club is in good financial shape. Revenues are broadly comparable with last year (and much better than 2020). We are entering a period of high inflation which will have a direct impact on all our costs and may have an impact on membership (and revenue) in the future. We will therefore plan to take a cautious approach to any future spending. *Any members wishing to ask any specific questions are encouraged to contact Dermot directly.*

Coaching

We are very close to agreeing a final contract with our new provider (Evolve) and hope to have this in place immediately post half term.

As well as continuing to provide existing coaching blocks (individual and group) we will be looking at the provision of a junior social session, summer holiday junior sessions and potentially cardio tennis (or similar). Steve and Craig are actively planning the start of Club Championships – more to follow soon. *Any members who are looking for any specific coaching or have ideas of what they may like to see provided are encouraged to contact Craig directly.*

A.O.B

Steve is sourcing a trophy (Plate) for the winners of the inaugural Dot Burgin tournament and there will be a men's and women's trophy for the American Tournaments courtesy of our sponsors (thanks to Dave and Kevin)



Next Meeting Date

This has been moved to Monday 27th June (from Mon 4th July) – small tournament at Wimbledon got in the way!

Items for future meetings

Carry forward Steve paper re World Tennis Number Integration

Review of Junior categories and provisions

Review of rolling membership pros and cons: Jax, Ali and Dermot to pick up