

Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jill Cohen – Chair, Kevin Wilkes, Andy Ferguson, Martin Allen, Ali Lyons, Kay Gobby, Alison Doyle
Phil Hill (Everyball)

Review of minutes

Defib Training

Andy has circulated proposal for training which was agreed by the committee so training will now be scheduled.

Action

Ali L to produce list of people for training which should be a mix across Weds/Sat and Sun social sessions plus team captains and people regularly at the club

Jill to confirm if Football Club would share straining and provide venue

Andy check when battery on Defib needs replacing

Alison to check if there are Defib usage instructions available for inside noticeboard

Health and Safety

Andy queried if LTA contact had been sent to him. Alison promised to dig out and resend (done)

Key: offered to go through electronic files and check for H and S material (from Dermot) for Andy

Phil agreed to send through his First Aid Certification to Kay

Key raised the point that Nick L has had to re-register safeguarding with the LTA. Committee agreed to refund this.

Key to action

Cracks on Court 1,2 and 3

Key has followed up with the supplier (Chris Rolfe) who has agreed to repair these free of charge

Agenda Items

Safeguarding

No issues to report

Andy has been invited to attend meeting with LTA related to HACRO initiatives the Club has been involved with. He suggested Kay attend too

Action

Andy to liaise with Kay on the meeting on 6th Feb

HACRO Potential Coach (Anton)

Not yet received back DBS check – **Key** to chase

Discussion on Juniors playing in adult tournaments and Saturday adult social



The Committee are supportive of Juniors playing in adult events and adult social by invitation only. Juniors may be invited by team captains for external competitions and to play in Saturday social by the Head Coach only. On these occasions the Club will take no formal safeguarding responsibility for the junior player. Safeguarding remains the responsibility of the parent / guardian who must be present and, in their absence, a named alternative adult identified by the parent / adult. This alternative adult must be communicated to the team captain (for external competitions) and Ali Lyons (for social) in advance by email.

Actions

Alison D to draft a paragraph on this for the website

Ali L to communicate this to team captains

Tennis Activities

Committee expressed appreciation of work done by Ali in launching new box league and singles ladder and the tennis activities calendar

Action

Alison to produce laminated names for individuals in the singles league to be pinned on noticeboard

Coaching

Jill, Phil and Alison reported back on the coaching meeting (Friday 13th Jan) and circulated the draft of Coaching News which has details of potential new programmes.

Committee agreed that running a junior social was a good idea but that it required much more discussion about safeguarding, costs, organisation and balls etc. This being the case we should hold back on putting any news on a junior social out

Actions

Alison to circulate amended Coaching news (done)

Facilities

Court resurfacing

Key circulated information on cost options for resurfacing courts 4 and 5 plus information on a survey to all members to ensure they are aware of options and costs and have the chance to express an opinion. The committee thanked Key and Martin for the work in pulling this together. Andy suggested that it would be useful to have a cut off date for response. Ali asked if there could be included a reference to floodlights (we will address this once the lease has been formally signed – soon hopefully). Andy provided additional info on membership numbers, including adult vs junior breakdown, which will allow a more accurate calculation of costs per head for the resurfacing options.

Action

Key to edit the survey and circulate for agreement ready for circulating to membership

Grants

Key reiterated that following investigation he was certain that the LTA would not provide grants for court resurfacing

It was possible however that they may provide some amount of interest free loan to support the introduction of a means of covered play. Phil shared an option that a club he works with in Milton Keynes use. Company providing this is COVAIR

Action



Kev and Phil to research this further and bring to the next meeting

Hitting wall / mini court

Phil suggested to the committee that the hitting wall area was currently under used and that it might be a potential better use of space to develop this into a mini court which would have the advantage of being close to the club house

Action

Martin and Phil to research this further and report back to the committee

Shed or Sheds

Martin is keen to improve the current shed provision at the club. One shed is working well, the other is not fit for purpose (door is broken)

Action

Martin to research options and costs and report back

Membership Offer

Andy is currently researching what potential membership offer(s) we should be putting to members at the end of the current year. He asked the Committee for input on which areas of membership they would like to see grown. The general view came back that this was likely to be Juniors and members using the courts at non peak times. Ali asked a question about how feasible it was to hold membership fees at the current rates given rising prices. The committee had expressed a desire to try to hold rates the same if this was possible at the AGM but added the caveat that this would need to be reviewed in 2023

Actions

Kev to provide input on feasibility of holding membership fees level

Andy to work up membership options and fees ready for discussion at next FCM in March

A.O.B

Committee discussed non-tennis items on Bovingdon Social WhatsApp group (which is intended to be used for organising social tennis). Alison mentioned that there was a new Community page on the website plus plans for a community noticeboard. Alison offered to set up a **Community WhatsApp group** that members would be free to use to for non-tennis activities

Actions

Martin to investigate if there is any free wall space for additional noticeboard inside clubhouse (we do have two spare noticeboards which could be put up)

Alison to ask members if there is any appetite for additional WhatsApp

Tennis Ladder App

Phil mentioned that a number of clubs use a tennis ladder app and promised to send Ali details

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting is on 6th March (NB all dates are on top of committee WhatsApp group for info). Current items to carry forward are

Membership Offers 2023/2024 (Andy), Court Cover / LTA Grants possible (Kev/Phil), Safeguarding and H and S (regular items).

