

Bovingdon & Flaunden Tennis Club
Committee Meeting Minutes
22nd June 2022

Attendees:

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

Review of March minutes

Outstanding actions

Fencing: Dave to obtain additional quote and discuss with Jill then bring to next meeting – carried over to Sept meeting

Additional Action re Clubhouse cleaning: Cleaner to ensure spare loo rolls are put out every Monday: Jill to request

Rodent Issue: no further signs of rodent activity.

Agenda Items

Coaching Review

Jill, Dermot and Craig to meet Tyrell of Evolve next week to work through the detailed operational plans for Coaching (number / qualification level of coaches, adult and junior sessions planned, court booking admin/ review mechanism) ahead of signing contract.

Plans in place for improved cover / admin on Junior Saturday session and plans being developed for junior social session

Agreement to run coach led beginners / rusty racquets session on Saturday from 11-12 from Sat July 9th

Club Player Sessions Eligibility

Men's and Women's sessions on Sunday morning which are currently 'by invitation' will be open to all members who **play in club teams**. This is defined as having played 3 or more matches in WDTL or more than 3 in ADTL. Once members qualify to attend these sessions, they will no longer be eligible to attend Sunday Social tennis sessions

This will take effect from effect from Sunday 3rd July.

Actions

- Ali L to communicate via team captains
- Alison to include in Club News
- Steve to update website

Social Tennis

Sunday Socials

There has varied feedback to the Committee from members about the existing format of the Sunday social sessions. The Committee agreed that the focus of these sessions should be twofold

- to allow members who see themselves as less experienced players the opportunity to play with members of the same level



- to allow members of any standard who are not club team players (see definition above) the opportunity to attend social play on a Sunday (given some may not be able to make other sessions)

Decision for Sunday

- The Committee will continue to book **two courts for the non-club level** players to play with the other **three courts available for all members** to play social tennis.
- We will not specify which court is which but would ask members to work together to use the courts appropriately (neither group gets priority on courts nearer the clubhouse / gets asked to move disproportionately if matches have to be played)
- We would ask members to be open to playing between these groups if it means the numbers on court make more sense (3 non-club level + 5 club level should equal 2 courts of doubles!)
- All more experienced players should adjust their play where necessary to ensure every player feels they are able to experience enjoyable social tennis

Changes will come into effect from Sunday 3rd July

Wednesday evening social sessions

There has been considerable discussion concerning Weds eve social start time and format given that members feedback is varied about what time works best and issues with numbers / mixing in.

Decision for Weds and Saturday Socials:

- Two sessions will run each Weds. **Session 1:** 5.30 – 7: **Session 2:** 7-8.30
- Two sessions will also run each Saturday: **Session 1:** 1-2.30: **Session 2** 2.30 – 4pm
- We will monitor numbers attending these sessions over the next month and amend court bookings accordingly (to make sure we don't block courts unnecessarily)
- There is no need to book these sessions but suggest, when possible, members plan to turn up at the start of these sessions to try to reduce issues about mixing in / waiting around. We will continue with the existing format i.e., first to five games.

Changes will come into effect on Weds 6th July and Saturday 9th July

Social Tennis Actions

- Steve to send note on Newsflash and update the 'Play' section of the website ahead of changes 2nd July onwards
- Alison to include in Club News and circulate ahead of 2nd July
- Alison to update court bookings if necessary
- All committee members to report social tennis numbers for sessions they attend to Alison

Ways of working

The Committee approved the draft document with the additional areas suggested. Jill asked to be added to Tennis Organising Group.

Action

Alison to update and circulate document to the Committee

Steve to add Jill to Tennis Organising Group



Club Champs Plans

Plans are being developed to allow a slot on Club Champs Finals Day for Juniors to compete in their own mixed competition.

Actions

- Steve and Craig to agree format for the competition and circulate for approval
- Dave has kindly offered to fund new trophy
- Steve and Dave to select and purchase appropriate trophy

Dot Burgin Trophy

Steve brought series of options for the trophy to the meeting for discussion.

Actions

- Steve to purchase 8.7-inch trophy
- Steve / Jax to draft wording for the trophy and agree this with Dot's family
- Jill to get the trophy engraved with aim of presentation at Club Champs finals day
- Jax to talk to Matt about shelf to display trophy in clubhouse (Dermot confirmed this is covered by insurance)

Safeguarding

No issues received.

Accident Report Forms: Committee agreed process for reporting accident (complete form, place in envelope addressed to Kay, place in clubhouse post-box and email kay to alert her it it's there).

Kay clarified that if you have any mishap requiring first aid it must be reported so that she is able to investigate it.

Actions

- Kay to write up this process and ensure it is displayed in the Club house
- Alison to include a para in Club News to communicate this
- Craig to investigate what BLTC do re non-member accidents
- Kay to investigate LTA advice on non-member accidents

DBS Checks

Kay asked which of the committee have up to date DBS accreditation (volunteer level): Ali L / Jax / Dave and Jill.

Craig has full DBS accreditation

Action

Kay will contact Colin to get details of other DBS activity at the club.

A.O.B

Team Selection

Following discussion, the Committee felt it would be good practice to have coach involvement in team selection (Men's, Women's and Mixed teams). This will require coaches involved in decision making to have seen players who wish to be considered for teams.

Action



Craig and Ali to work up a proposal on how this would work in practice in time to implement before the next team selections.

Padel Tennis

Given the ongoing support by the LTA for Padel tennis Ali felt it was worth a further discussion.

Action

Discussion scheduled for next Committee meeting with a view to potentially asking all members to vote.

AGM 2022

This year's AGM will be held in October

Actions

- Dermot / Jill to agree possible dates then circulate to Committee
- Dermot / Alison to meet and draw up mini project plan of required actions
- All: consider if standing for re – election

Taster Membership

Jax outlined briefly the requirement for short term form of limited membership and suggested she brought a proposal to the next meeting

Social Activities Planned

Saturday 24th September: Escape Room and Cocktails in St Albans

Pilates

Opportunity for 'Pilates for Tennis' workshop to be held at the club for members

Action

Ali L to send further info to the Committee

Next Meeting Date

Monday 5th September

Items for future meetings

- Review of Junior categories and provisions (from May meeting)
- Review of rolling membership pros and cons: Jax, Ali and Dermot to pick up
- Taster Membership proposal (Jax)
- Financial Briefing (Dermot)
- Padel Tennis

