

## Minutes of the DLTC Committee Meeting

Saturday 12 March, 2022

### Present

**Chair – Martin McCarthy (MM)**

Brian Butcher (BB), Sarah Maxfield (SM), Debbie Turner and Kevin Waller (KW)

### Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Helen Devy.

#### 1) New Committee Members

MM extended a welcome on behalf of the Committee to BB who attended as a new Member of the Committee

#### 2) Club Coaches

MM reported that it was common knowledge now that Jake Prime would be leaving the Club in the coming months and it was time to think about recruiting for a new position. MM had spoken with Toby Mettam and it was unlikely that he would take the role on and would look to move on at this point himself.

Having spoken with the Yorkshire LTA they would prepare a draft advert and once finalised would get this advertised with a view to recruiting ASAP.

It would be an opportune time to look at the payment structure and modernise the way in which this was done as the LTA recommended moving away from the 'retainer' currently paid to coaches in favour of a more modern approach.

AGREED that this would be followed up in the coming weeks as a matter of urgency.

#### 3) Treasurer Role

A discussion was held regarding the role of Treasurer. Having indicated before Christmas that she wished to step down due to work and family commitments, the Club were now seeking a replacement to step into this role. Members were not forthcoming and despite reaching out, no volunteers had stepped forward.

MM informed the Committee that the role could be simplified greatly with Smith Craven accountants taking on more of the accounts aspects, and some things could be done in house by the Club Administrator and Bar Manager.

It was important this role be fulfilled in order to align with the rules of the Clubs Constitution.

#### 4) Mental Health and Tennis

KW referred to some information he had received from a Member of Grantham Tennis Club surrounding the receipt of Grant Funding. It was suggested that they explore the possibility of acquiring funding for supporting mental health through tennis. For the receipt of a grant, coaches would provide sessions for those suffering with their mental health, helping people get out of the house and into healthy activities, whilst also promoting the club and everything it had to offer.

BB informed the Committee his wife could help in the formulation of a bid application, as it was a field in which she worked and could provide guidance.

The Committee noted that Steve Prime was wanting to reintroduce men's tennis at the club, a scheme which had run successfully in the past but had been shelved as a result of covid but it was now considered timely to bring this back at great benefit to the club and wider community.

The Committee held a brief discussion surrounding achieving funding and the opportunities that could be available to the club. MM had spoken with Lisa Hunter, DMBC Communities Officer previously who has indicated that Match Funding may be accessible between the LTA and DMBC and would speak further regarding this issue.

#### **5) Annual General Meeting**

The Committee AGREED a provisional date of July 6 for the AGM.

A number of Committee Positions would be up for Re-Election at this point and would be subject to voting.

#### **6) Jubilee Party**

The Committee discussed the upcoming Jubilee and felt it would be appropriate to hold an event to celebrate this. The date of Sunday 5 June was AGREED with a celebration to be held in the afternoon.

BB would steer this forward with other volunteers assisting. Points to think about were as follows:-

- Timescale – an afternoon celebration
- Food – BBQ and Cakes, Ice Creams, Cream Teas
- Fun Tennis Tournament for all
- Children's entertainment – rides, bouncy castles etc.
- Decorations – bunting etc.

BB would advertise this and the Club would communicate more information when known. Following the success of Bonfire Night and the Christmas Market, it was felt it was important to build on this success and drive forward with other similar events.