

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Sunday 22nd May 5pm in the Clubhouse

Minutes

1. Present Brian Warren (BW – Chair) David Barr (DB) Joe Harrhy (JH)
 Liz Moore (EM) Roy Robinson (RR) Jan Johnson (JJ)
2. Apologies Richard Smith, Ian McIlwaine, Suzanne McIlwaine
3. Review of minutes of meeting on March 16th 2022 - Approved
4. Matters Arising
 Lease renewal – the current member of staff at West Northants council dealing with the Lease has left the council and BW is waiting to contact the new member of staff. Ongoing.
 Deputy coach replacement – DB has decided not to have a deputy but is using junior members to help with mini tennis and DB is fine with number of adults he is coaching.
5. Correspondence – the LTA has turned down the request from BW for a loan or grant as they are only funding new projects and not upgrades to courts or floodlights. The LTA have suggested other funding bodies such as EasyFundraising (already used), Grants Online (there are none available for tennis at present), Aviva (no active funding at present) and Sport England. BW has made an application for £9000 crowdfunded – matched funding (i.e if the Club can raise £9000 it will be matched by Sport England). BW has also made an application for extended funding of £15,000 should we exceed raising £9000. When the Sport England crowdfunding is online he will let DB know that so that members can check online to see how we are progressing.
 DB – suggested approaching the Parish Council again.
6. Treasurer's Report
 The Club funds now stand at approx. £22,000 mainly due to members re-joining and the subscriptions being received by 1st April. The number of adult members is roughly the same number as last year. DB is not taking his retainer fee again this year to help the Club towards its goal of resurfacing courts and eventually having an indoor court. RR thanked DB and said that this was very generous and asked if DB was ok this year as financial pressures increase. DB ok for the present. BW also thanked DB which was endorsed by all present.
 DB stated that there are no large expenses at the moment as the rent and rates have only had a slight increase and DB cannot compare electricity usage accurately until the next meter reading. He will report details at the next meeting.
 DB would like to introduce a one-off Wimbledon period membership offer (Monday 27th June-Sunday 10th July). It only lasts for two weeks and would be £10 for Adults, £5 for Juniors (under 18), £20 for a family (up to 5 family members). Everyone agreed that DB should go ahead but suggested he change the combination code on the gate for these two weeks. **DB to advertise this from Sunday 12th June.**

7. Resurfacing of courts

The cost of three courts to be resurfaced with a tarmacadam surface is £36,000 plus VAT and the likely cost of artificial clay is approx. £50,000 plus VAT (possibly less but it does depend on what companies consider is the state of our current macadam surface). BW said that this was the aim of our fund raising but it is unlikely to be done this year and more likely for either April or September next year.

8. Club championships

DB has organised the Club Championships which are under way and a few matches already played. September 10th is Finals Day and will be same format as 2021 but DB suggested a Fish & Chip supper at 5.30pm with the presentations at 6.30pm. DB will work out a way of including Juniors and possibly Junior single finals that afternoon. More details to follow. DB wanted to hold the Mini Championship in July – date to be announced.

9. Social events

1000 ball Rally-a-thon

DB suggested an event like the one a few years ago which was very successful. Everyone agreed. DB set the date of Saturday 16th July at 4pm followed by a BBQ. There would be prizes for lots of categories such as largest amount raised, shortest time, etc. **DB asked committee to find sponsors and prizes. JH – to ask Ricoh. RS – to ask for chilly bottles. BW to ask Decathlon. JJ to ask Mini-Meadows. EM – to advertise cake sales. RR – to ask. DB to post details to all Committee members for comment and final organisation.**

10. Any other business

JH – asked for Windbreak replacement on Court 1. Everyone agreed. **DB to purchase.**

DB - cable has been delivered for the repair of court 4 fencing. **DB & RR to install in near future.**

RS – strimming needed again behind courts. **RS has volunteered to do it asap.**

JJ – lack of toilet rolls. **DB to purchase and JJ to monitor.**

EM – security light not bright enough. DB suggested turning Court 1 lights on/off to get 5 mins light

JJ – can adults have the Club blue t shirts like the juniors. **DB to purchase if available.**

BW – thanked Nick Johnson for mowing the grass. **JJ to thank Nick.**

11. Date of next meeting

Sunday 21st August – 5pm in the Clubhouse.