

# DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 6.45pm in the Clubhouse

1. Present	Brian Warren (Chair)	BW	David Barr (Manager)	DB
	Jan Johnson	JJ	Elizabeth Moore	EM
	Joe Harrhy	JH	Suzanne McIlwaine	SM
	Richard Smith	RS		

2. Apologies	Roy Robinson	RR	Ian McIlwaine	IM
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3. Review of minutes of Committee Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 – Agreed & to be put on DUTC website

### 4. Matters Arising

DUTC Lease with West Northants Council. The West Northants solicitor (Jennifer Alfie) is now in discussion with our solicitor (Chris Bennett)

Fencing repairs – **still outstanding RR & DB**

### 5. Correspondence

NLTL – see NLTL AGM

Court resurfacing costs – see below

### 6. Treasurer's Report

The current balance is approximately £26,000. There are expenses for Rates at £51pm, Rent of £425 and electricity costs for the remainder of the financial year. There is little income in the period up until the new tennis membership year which starts on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. The Club finals day presentation evening raised £250 but there are a lot of costs associated with Finals Day - £120 for Adult finalists medals, £24 for match balls and £30 for winners boards updates. DB sponsors the Star Awards and the medals for the juniors. Thanks to DB for sponsoring as this would be an additional cost for Finals Day. The profit on food was £61. The Duston Cup made a profit of £285.

DB stated that memberships run at approximately £16,000 revenue per year.

DB and RS recommended that drinks prices are increased to £2 for a bottle of lager, £3.50 for a bottle of beer or cider and other drinks pro-rata but soft drinks remain at £1.

DB was pleased with the SUMUP digital payments and that the cost of the use of the SUMUP device was covered by the increase in the price of drinks.

**DB – to update the financial spreadsheet for the AGM and put this in a protected area on the DUTC website.**

## 7. Courts

Resurfacing – it was unanimous with all members of DUTC that resurfacing should be done as a priority. BW has requested quotations from SpadeOak, Chiltern Sports Contractors and Doe Sports. Only SpadeOak has responded and kept their estimate to the same price as quoted earlier this year (£36,792 + VAT). **BW will follow up with the other companies for comparative estimates.** All the companies now have a lead time of six months so realistically the date for resurfacing will be in April 2023. The most likely dates are the week of 17<sup>th</sup> April as Easter falls the week before and March is not the best time for resurfacing. Courts normally take about 3 weeks to “cure” before painting. Several members prefer the colour of Court 4 and this is the likely colour as light blue may not now be a paint colour option. **BW to prepare the details for the AGM.**

## 8. Club Championships & Presentation, Duston Cup, Winter Leagues, Box Leagues

The Club Championship Finals and the Presentation evening was a success which was helped by good weather. SM and JJ noted that there was an underestimation of the volume of drinks needed for the evening. RS & JH thought that there should have been a raffle and propose this for 2023.

Duston Cup – RS was pleased that this was a big success, that other clubs were involved in the tournament and that there was a good standard of play. Let's do it again in 2023.

Winter Leagues – Mixed team is good with Max Evans and Katie Fairholm a good pairing.

EM – wanted JH to ensure there are no Wednesday night matches for the Ladies winter teams.

SM, RS, JH – match fees. The general consensus was to raise the match fees to £2.50 per match starting with Summer season leagues 2023.

Box Leagues – DB very pleased with the interest and the leagues have started.

## 9. NLTL AGM – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm Abington. **BW to attend**

NLTL – Young Player of the Year nominations. **RS & JH to propose Lucy Barr.**

New League – Super Vets Medley daytime morning league - DUTC not entering a team.

RS – penalties should be enforced by the league as it is always the same clubs that breach the rules. **BW to raise at the NLTL AGM.**

DUTC AGM – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October online 7pm via Zoom. **BW to host**

Subscriptions – following a general discussion the consensus was to raise the single annual membership by £10 to £195 and pro-rata all other memberships. **DB to list the 2023 membership fees on the DUTC website.**

A “two year” membership is proposed to help with raising funds for the resurfacing of the courts and this would be at the current rate x 2 - i.e. single annual membership £185 x 2.

All other membership pro-rata except the over 75's “two year” membership to be £150.

All Committee positions to be voted for en-bloc except SM who is now standing down from the Committee. BW thanked her for her service to the Committee.

JH – raised the subject of someone leaving the Club in the “two-year” membership period and that the Terms and Conditions of membership should be listed on the DUTC website.

BW and DB understood the issue and referred back to the last resurfacing of the courts when 2 year and 5 year memberships were offered. The Members that paid in advance were

those dedicated to the Club and DB thought that there would be minimal take up this time. BW hoped that even if a couple of people took up the offer it would bring the financial assets of the Club near to the amount needed to resurface the courts.

BW and DB to post their reports on the DUTC website for the AGM.

BW to post the AGM Agenda on the DUTC website.

DB to WhatsApp AGM details when website links etc are live.

#### 10. Social Events – Quiz – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> October 6.30 for 7pm £5 per person

RR – to send out a reminder and to include the fact that the bar is available.

DB – hoped for between 40 and 50 attending.

BW – to switch heaters on two days before Quiz.

DB – tables and chairs need to be returned to loft space after the event.

#### 11. AOB

RS – can the showers be used? DB – there is a health and safety issue as the shower heads must be maintained to prevent Legionnaires disease. This is not practical at present.

EM – would like an outside tap and one of the members (Nathan) is willing to install.

EM to ask Nathan if he will install the tap on the south wall of the clubhouse.

BW – members have asked him if the history of DUTC can be displayed in the clubhouse. DB referred to the photographs in the loft space and that these can be used. BW to create a collage and a history page on the DUTC website.

JH & RS – propose an American doubles tournament immediately after the courts have been repainted to launch 2023 club tennis.

#### 12. Date of next meeting – AGM – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 7pm via Zoom