

# DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

## Minute of Committee Meeting

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – 6pm in the Clubhouse

1. Present: Brian Warren BW Chairman  
David Barr DB Club Manager

Ian McIlwaine	IM	Liz Moore	LM	Suzanne McIlwaine	SM
Richard Smith	RS	Jan Johnson	JJ	Roy Robinson	RR
Joe Harrhy	JH				

2. Apologies – none

3. Review of Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March - Approved

4. Matters Arising

Lease – this has been marked for Approval on the Northamptonshire Planning Application website but there has been no e-mail confirmation from the Planning Department. BW has followed up many times for confirmation and when the Lease would be drawn up by solicitors. The new lease should be for 25 years starting from this year. We have been notified that the ground rent would increase from approx. £700 per year to £1,100 per year. Floodlights – everyone agreed that a solution is needed as the column of lights at the south side of Court 2 has failed. The lights spark if switched on. IM and DB insisted that the cost of any temporary solution must be low and a figure of £2000 seemed reasonable. BW will be meeting the contractor of Highlights on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August to discuss possible solutions. Due to a worldwide shortage of LED's there is now a lead time of at least 12 weeks for the complete renewal. BW would investigate whether the existing columns on the East side of court 4 could be used to light the west side of Court 3. Replacing the floodlights on Court 4 was always costed separately as originally the finances of DUTC only extended to replacing the floodlights on Courts 1 – 3 and the floodlights on Court 4 were still acceptable. BW will also ask whether the existing lights on Court 4 can be re-used on the failing column behind Court 2 as a temporary solution. EM noted that the first winter league match is on 6<sup>th</sup> September. RS had already had a complaint from a visiting club about the quality of light on Courts 1 and 3.

Notices around the Club – DB had taken down all notices that were not now relevant.

Keys – DB has installed a keybox on the gate post (4015) and the Clubhouse (3030).

Committee members thought this a good idea but if any members want their own key then that member will need to organise and pay for the cutting of keys.

5. Correspondence – Rate relief. At present this is 100% but DB is waiting to see if there is an update this year.

#### 6. Treasurer's Report.

The Mini membership, especially the Under 10's, has increased a lot this year to approx. 140 but the Adult membership is slightly lower. Total membership in all categories is now 267. SM and DB noted that the new adult members were more reluctant to play matches and just wanted to enjoy social tennis. New members prefer the monthly subscription method. The Club finances now stand at around £54,000 and this should comfortably cover the new floodlight costs and retain 10% of funds for any emergency expenditure. There are no major outgoings this winter. RS, SM and JH noted that the courts are slippery again. DB had organised cleaning 2 years ago and it was time to do this again before the winter matches. **DB to organise the court cleaning asap.** RS asked when the courts will be resurfaced. BW said that this was the next project and the new lease of 25 years would help in attracting loans and grants. All committee members thanked DB for cutting back trees and strimming the back of the courts. DB and SM noted growth of trees on Court 4 and that strimming would again be needed behind courts 1-3. **RR and Phil F to use trimmer.**

#### 7. Club Championships and Duston Cup

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> September. Schedule	10.30am	Mixed Doubles final
	1.30 pm	Mens, Ladies & Plate Singles finals
	3.30pm	Mens & Ladies Doubles finals

**DB – to restock drinks in fridge. DB – volunteered to do a BBQ from 1.30 – 3.30pm.**

**DB – to post on social, etc Burgers & Beer to buy while you watch.**

**EM & JJ – volunteered to do teas and cakes in the afternoon.**

**BW – to do presentation of Cups after the finals**

Duston Cup - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September

DB – currently 12 pairs signed up and ideally four more pairs needed.

#### 8. NLTL Winter League, Teams and Captains

The Ladies, Ladies Vets and the Mixed teams are all set for the winter matches.

Mens A captain – RS – team: Joe H, Liam, Rich, Max, Ian, Joe C plus Yannis & Piotr.

Mens B captain - RR – team: Roy, Andy L, Paul S, Dave & Dan, Jon, Rob, Phil, Alesandro

Mens C captain – BW – team: Cristian, Dan, Colin, Andy O, Mark, Chris, Theo, Brian

EM, RS, SM – all requested a new net for court 4. **DB to put new net on Court 4.**

Captains for Summer 2022 – SM and RS asked not to be captains of Ladies A & Mixed A

**JH – to update the bookings for the Winter teams as the first match is early September**

RS – DUTC won the Prentice salver for the efficient way in which DUTC updated match score

#### 9. AGM and NLTL AGM

Date set for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Clubhouse. **BW to send out Agenda.**

BW – to raise how penalty points are applied in the NLTL at the NLTL AGM. Everyone thought points were randomly applied.

10. Social Events – RR has offered to hold a quiz. Date set for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 for 7pm in the Clubhouse. RR to think about best way to include food but number will be limited to 40 people.  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December – time tba. American tournament with a Christmas theme.  
JH – suggested another 24hr tennisathon marathon in the Spring

11. AOB

LM – to renew DBS check.

RS – to restart the Box League in October. Preference is for 3 people per league.

12. Date of next meeting

AGM – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October