

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Sunday 30th August 2020 - 8pm online via WhatsApp Video Call

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

Ian McIlwaine	IM	Liz Moore	EM	Suzanne McIlwaine	SM
Richard Smith	RS	Jan Johnson	JJ	Roy Robinson (not online - apology sent)	

2. Review of minutes of online meeting of June 30th were circulated to Committee then posted on the DUTC Clubspark website.
3. Matters Arising - Box leagues, Club Championships, Duston Cup and Summer Camps.

RS – a few matches still to play and as the weather has been poor the end of this round is extended to Sep 2nd. A few players not available for the September round.

DB - Club Championships – about ¾ of the way through the matches but the Mens Doubles is behind schedule. Winners need to return cups (Joe, Ellie, Roy, Pete S)

DB - The timings for Finals Day on September 19th are :-

Mens and Ladies Doubles 10.30

Mens, Ladies and Plate singles 13.30

Mixed Doubles 16.00

Presentation to the winners will follow each of the finals. **BW to organise.**

DB – Duston Cup – consideration whether to change the time to an afternoon competition. Publicity to be sent out as soon as possible when DB has confirmed start time. Ideally 16 pairs.

DB – Summer Camps – very successful and could have taken even more youngsters but there was a limit of 30. Ideally it would be great if these youngsters would join for rest of year.

4. Correspondence – Kate King, LTA
DB had received an e-mail from Kate explaining her role as Participation Development Officer. BW responded with the plans for the Club noting floodlights, juniors and resurfacing as the major projects. Kate will help where she can and she suggested contacting the European Regional Development Fund for some funding towards floodlighting. **BW to follow up.**
5. Treasurer's Report
DB – the membership is healthy considering the coronavirus disruption to play. A total of 191 members of which 68 are adult (44 men, 24 ladies). Juniors have increased from 11 to 22 but Minis and down from 80 to 74.

DB – the finances of the Club now show a bank balance of approx. £42,000 which has been helped greatly by £11,450 in grants and overall a total income to date for 2020 of £22,719 with a net income of £14,811. This was also helped by the LTA refund of £440 and the Scottish Power refund of £501. The membership income (some of which is still to be paid) is likely to total around £10,000 by the end of 2020. Selling balls to dog walkers has netted £370.

6. Winter Match season

SM – LTA still require Track and Trace records to be kept. Bookings should list all players on a court. There has been no further guidance from the LTA. Preparation is needed for matches which start on 3rd September. All agreed that Court 2 gate should remain locked as players pass behind the court.

JJ – noted that the signs are fading so these need to be **replaced where necessary**. Match Fees to stay at £2 per person.

SM/JJ/EM - should the clubhouse be used for social drinks following a match? General opinion was that this creates difficulties and clubhouse should be only used for toilets, floodlight switches and sheltering in cold and bad weather. **All captains to notify opposition that there will be no social drinks following a match. Captains are responsible for switching on and off the lights. BW to leave antibacterial spray in the changing rooms which only needs to be sprayed where there has been use. There is no need to wipe surfaces as the spray if used correctly will disinfect the surfaces (ie use liberally).**

IM – sanitising of hands. Hand sanitiser to be available just inside entrance to Clubhouse. Everyone to use if entering the clubhouse and if surfaces, switches, taps etc are touched then use the sanitiser again on leaving clubhouse. **JJ to print and laminate signage. RS has agreed to provide some sanitiser to be available from Sep 3rd.**

EM – is there a first aid kit? **DB – to purchase suitable items.**

IM – the net on Court 3 is poor. **DB to purchase a new net.**

BW – **to update rules to reflect changes and post on the Clubspark website.**

IM – do the Captains know who is in their teams? **DB sent a spreadsheet of names but IM,RS,CB,AH and BW to make sure they know which players are in the teams.**

DB – **Captains to collect match balls from DB.**

7. Floodlight project and new Lease application.

BW – updated Committee in a separate e-mail. The Floodlight planning application has been accepted and Northampton Council will make a decision by October 18th. An application has been made to renew the lease so that it will run for 21 years from 2020. No date has been given by Northampton for a decision.

JJ – Duston Parish Council may be approached for a grant but this may require three recent quotes for floodlight costings. BW has one current but the other two are 2019. **BW to get updated quotes.**

8. AOB

DB – due to theft of a chair and the first aid kit the security needs to be increased by re-instating the padlock on the entry gate. IM – members need to be notified as soon as keys are available. **DB to get keys cut and members to have keys by Oct 18th.**

BW – the drinks machine is too prominent. **Machine to be moved away from door.**

SM – can Wednesday night be used for matches? Yes, except Court 2 which can remain for Mens match practice if needed. **SM to update booking pages on website.**

SM – is there a Send to All on the Clubspark website. This can be used to update members for items like the date of the AGM, meeting minutes, etc. **DB to investigate whether attachments can be added.**

Phil Fairholm has volunteered to help with grounds work this winter. **JJ to help liaison with Nick Johnson asap as there are nettles behind Court 3 and matches start on Sep 3rd.**

SM – AGM and NLTL AGM. The NLTL AGM is usually in mid November although details have not been published yet. DUTC AGM to be held before. Date set for Sun Nov 1st at 7.30pm.

DB – to publicise and to note that this will be using Zoom. **BW to investigate usage of Zoom but post some of the documents on the ClubSpark website so these can be read in advance and any questions or comments can be raised in advance.**

RS – how do members access the floodlights? Rules to be amended requiring anyone using floodlights to sanitise hands on entry and exit of clubhouse. BW to make this change in Rules and update the ClubSpark website.

SM – Social club night and Saturday afternoons. A member of the Committee should keep the names of players on court and update the booking details.

9. Date of next meeting – Sunday October 18th – 8pm online