

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 30th June 2020 - 9pm online via WhatsApp Video Call

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

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

2. Review of minutes of online meeting of May 31st were circulated to Committee then posted on the DUTC Clubspark website.
3. Review of Box leagues, Club rules and Notices.

RS – all box leagues had completed on time and RS now knows who moves up and down in each league. He has two new players wanting to join the league but as their standard varies he will place them appropriately in the correct league so that some leagues will have 4 players in them. RS to post new leagues asap so they can be played in July.

Club rules – discussion amongst Committee on how to use all the courts and the access to the courts. The majority decision was to keep Court 2 gate closed and access to this court would be via Court 1 with good etiquette practised for those wishing to use Court 2. Other rules to stay the same. Little change to the notices on the courts but **DB to send WhatsApp message to explain changes.**

4. Club Championship and Duston Cup

DB – wanted to run this the Club Championship starting in mid July. BW suggested moving the finals day to later in September. Agreement by all on Saturday 19th September. The format to remain the same i.e. knockout tournament, 3 sets with pro-tie break 3rd set. IM - Members to sign up by Saturday 11th July. Plate tournament for the first round losers dependent on the number of entries per event. **SM to book all courts for Finals Day – 10am – 5pm**

DB – would like to run the Duston Cup again this year and the best date was Sunday 27th September. **DB to do publicity and to book all courts – 9am – 2pm**

5. Correspondence - none

6. Treasurer's Report

DB – Most members have re-joined with a few new members. The monthly membership option is popular which means that funds will come in over the next few months. The club finances now are just under £40,000 and DB is still waiting for the Sport England grant of

£1400. This puts the Club in a strong position to replace the floodlights. DB is to approach Duston Parish Council to see if the Club can get a grant.

7. Floodlights project

DB had received three quotations and passed these to BW. BW has completed the online application to Northampton Council for planning permission as an application for change of use (replacement of current facilities). It is unknown how long the application will take to process but BW is to follow this up and IM also suggested an enquiry on the remaining period of the lease. BW to contact Council. The estimated cost of the new floodlights would be between £35,000 and £40,000 and IM recommended that £5,000 is retained in Club funds for emergencies. BW to consider, negotiate and plan costs to ensure that the buffer of £5,000 is maintained. IM asked about the civil works. All the companies quoting would take down the existing columns but not all would dispose of the ironwork and lights. This needs to be factored into costs. DB asked about siting of the new columns. BW stated that photographs of completed works show that the columns are inside the fencing which would then not require the back fencing to be removed. BW to communicate with the company chosen to ensure that the lighting is correct placed as specified in the LTA standards for lighting of courts. BW to communicate to Committee members as the application progresses.

8. AOB

LM – Would like to arrange a friendly match against Heyford. LM to book courts

LM – Clubspark website had problems for two days but now she reports it is ok

SM – Bookings updated on Clubspark with Court 2 now available from 4th July and Saturday Club afternoon back in Calendar, Tues evening back in Calendar plus SM will now add in Mens team practice on Wed evenings from 6pm – 9pm on Courts 1 and 2

SM – to change booking slots to a maximum of two hours.

DB – Summer Camps. DB would like to advertise these as there is already interest. He also has interest from coaches who would like to work with DUTC on the summer camps. Ideally the number would be 20 (maximum) juniors using Courts 2,3 and 4. Court 1 available for general booking. Each camp would run for 5 days – Monday to Friday from 9am for 3 hours. DB to book courts in advance as soon as dates are decided.

9. Date of next meeting – tba

10. Points not covered in meeting

Check the LTA Child Protection certificate is posted on noticeboard.

Painting of white line on step up to the courts.

Fundraising events are not possible at this time but EasyFundraising is to be encouraged.