

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Sunday 14th March 2021 - 7pm online via WhatsApp Video Call

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

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

2. Apologies – none

3. Review of minutes of online meeting of October 18th 2020 were circulated to Committee then posted on the DUTC Clubspark website.

4. Matters Arising -

Lease Renewal

BW – no progress after many follow up e-mails and telephone calls. Process is not helped by 3 changes of staff and the re-organisation of councils. **BW – to follow up again.**

RR – can we go ahead anyway as the funds are available and there is still 6 years left on lease

IM & BW – both thought it better to ensure the renewal of the lease is granted and that the next expenditure is the resurfacing of the courts so better to wait.

BW – noted that there is a 6 week wait time even if the order was placed now for the floodlights replacement which will mean the courts being out of action in May so it would be better to wait until September now.

DB – wanted to make sure we get the best deal possible and that the company will remove the posts at the north side of the courts. BW – will ensure another site visit is done and negotiate costs.

5. Correspondence – none

6. Treasurer's Report

DB- Membership has not changed but really depends on the 2021 subscriptions and members re-joining. No change to finances except the standard monthly outgoings.

7. Club reopening (March 29th)

DB – Clubhouse needs a good clean and **JJ (helped by Nick Johnson) kindly volunteered**

JJ – should the gate be locked when no-one on the courts. All agreed that we should revert to our original usage of the Club so that the gate is locked. **DB to check members have keys.**

JJ – is there enough hand gel. **DB – to check quantities.**

DB – the notices may need replacing. **JJ – to check what is needed and print & laminate**

DB – to update website on March 29th so members are aware of restrictions.
RR – where is the strimmer? Phil has taken the strimmer for repair. **BW – to follow up.**
DB – there are 3 Junior weeks over the Easter school holidays with a good number of youngsters already booked. These are morning sessions and already booked on Clubspark.

8. NLTL – Leagues and Teams.

JH – no further details to him from the NLTL although all the match fixtures are now on the website. **JH – to book the courts for the matches on the Clubspark booking pages.**
RS – does DB have balls for the matches? All captains should check what was left over from the Winter leagues and let him know how many are needed.
EM – is captain of the Ladies B team but who is caption of Ladies A? SM – would like to give up captaincy but will continue with some help from JJ this summer. It is hoped that one of the ladies in the A team will then take over the role.
RS – agreed to captain the Mixed A.
BW – does not want to Captain the Mens C team but Andy Hudson has agreed to do this with Chris Bennett captaining the Mens D team. **IM – to update the NLTL website.**

9. Membership Fees

DB – suggested that all membership fees should revert to the April 2020 prices.
RR – should there be a discount because of the uncertainty still surrounding COVID 19.
DB – members can choose whether to pay the annual membership or the monthly option should they think that a full year will not be playable. (£24.99 for a single adult and all other memberships pro-rata) Full membership for an adult is £185 and all the other membership fees are now listed on the website. There is also the court hire option.
SM – is the court hire option too expensive. DB & BW – thought that it was competitively priced compared to somewhere like Moulton Park which can be booked hourly.
EM – when does the membership fee have to be paid by? DB – normally it is April 1st but this year it will be extended to April 15th which is just before matches start (i.e. match players need to be members of DUTC). **DB – to send WhatsApp message for subs asap.**

10. Social Play and social events.

SM – no social play before April 12th (LTA advice) and limitation to Rule of 6. At present it will be organised singles and doubles play. Next Committee meeting to review situation.
JH – to remove Club nights and Club afternoon bookings for April.
RR – would like to have a Zoom Quiz but it is costly and technical. All agreed to have a quiz later in the year.
DB – there will be a social event after June 21st but to be decided at future committee meeting.

11. AOB

SM – did a Google search for Duston Tennis and the old site is still live. DB – to get this deleted asap as it has old rules, membership fees etc. *dustontennis.co.uk*

RS – is there interest for a singles box league? Yes, but the general thought was to run it in April and then review. RS – to set this up

EM – her safeguarding training is required again this year. DB – agreed and any costs recompensed.

12. Date of next meeting – Sunday May 2nd - 7pm online