

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Monday 2nd March - 7.15pm 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	Roy Robinson	RR	Jan Johnson	JJ

2. Apologies:

3. Review of Minutes of AGM 2019 – approved

4. Matters arising

Court cleaning – completed in January by Wetheralls from Corby. DB negotiated a £100 discount so the cost was £900. All agreed that they did a good job and courts are better. Court painting – the paint on the courts after the cleaning is still good so no need to repaint. A little bit of filling needed to Court 1. **DB to repair.**

Child Protection - LM reported on the visit before Christmas. The Club is fully certified under the conditions set by the LTA and we meet minimum level. Rosemary Swallow attended from Northants LTA. **LM to post certificate on noticeboard.**

Lights – DB has had a quote of £35,000 (£33,000+VAT) and there will be separate costs for removing fencing, replacing the fencing and hire of skips. The old posts need to be cut down. RR asked about scrap value. DB said that we should try to sell this separately and if not successful then to go in the skips. IM noted that we are about £10,000 short as he highlighted contingency costs and keeping some funds in hand so all agreed that the work should begin late summer 2021. JJ asked about using the same company that installed the lights on Court 4 but they have stopped trading. RR asked about the quality of the lights on Court 4. DB recommended that these are changed to LED at the same time the lights are replaced on the other courts. DB knows a scaffolder who could do temporary repairs should more lights fail between now and summer 2021. DB suggested that winter league tennis should only have one match on any one day or night as Court 2 lighting is poor. Wednesday night to be used as well for match nights. IM asked about “fold-down or telescopic” pole supports. DB thought that the extra expense was unnecessary as LED lighting had much longer lifespan.

Decking – DB organised a working party and the decking has now been removed.

DB has suggested raising the area outside the clubhouse to the height of the step using blocks and slabs. **DB to organise although not a high priority. The only remaining item is the white line to be repainted on the step up to the courts.**

LTA forum meeting – attended by LM. LM reported that new ways of membership and paying was the most useful item from the meeting. Pay & Play did not work for DUTC though. See Managers Report below

Adult Coaching – DB was due to start in last week of February but after a record wet month the coaching will start 4th March. The cost is £48 for six weeks on Tuesday nights at 6.30pm for 45 minutes with those who want to stay after the coaching to mix in with Club night tennis. One court is booked for this but if there are no members using court 3 then this will be used as well. 7 people signed up so far with a maximum number of 8. **DB to announce on WhatsApp.**

5. Correspondence – none
6. Manager's Report – DB is proposing Direct Debit monthly memberships for all types of memberships. These are more popular throughout all sports clubs now. This can be administered through the LTA Clubspark website without administrative overheads to the Club. DB suggested £24.99 pm for Singles. £45.99 (after reconsideration from input by JJ) for Couples. £49.99 for Families. £29.99 for Single Parent Family. Other rates pro-rata. RS asked about Summer only members. DB wanted to try to get everyone on annual membership or Direct Debit. **RS to discuss with the summer members about their preference.** DB said that this only applied to four players in 2019. RR asked about members who wanted to convert from Direct Debit to Annual Full membership. DB to allow payment of the difference assuming they would do this prior to their monthly costs being lower than the Annual membership fee. Committee passed this new approach to members en-bloc. **DB to promote this in March.**
7. Treasurer's Report – DB reported that there was little change in income or expenditure and he had sold old tennis balls totalling £140. More balls needed!
8. Events and Fundraising – RR suggested another Quiz and all agreed with a date to be set in April (avoiding Easter). **RR to organise.** DB suggested a Euros and a Wimbledon sweepstake and all agreed. BW suggested another American Doubles tournament and **BW to organise.** RR suggested a singles tournament so perhaps alternating with Doubles and **RR to organise.** JJ asked about Duston Cup and DB will run this again in late September. JJ suggested a Car Boot sale with every member donating a least three items for the sale and then paying for a space at a Car boot sale – possible Harpole. **JJ to organise.**
9. Any other Business – IM asked for minutes to be posted on noticeboard. **BW to action when typed.** DB would like a table tennis table which was approved by all. **DB to order a foldable table.** SM was concerned about the number of ladies of Division 1 standard as some members not playing. DB recommended dropping Ladies A this year and **SM will need to contact the Northants League secretary.** More concerns were raised by several members of the Committee on number of teams and the number of players available. **DB to call a Captains meeting asap.**
10. Date of next meeting – June 2020 – day to be arranged. **BW to check dates.**