

DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

Committee Meeting

Sunday 24th May 2020 - 7.30pm 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	LM	Suzanne McIlwaine	SM
Richard Smith	RS	Jan Johnson	JJ	Roy Robinson	RR

2. Review of Minutes of meeting on 11th May
- a. SM has amended Clubspark booking system
 - b. JJ has printed and laminated signs for courts and these are in place
 - c. DB – all members notified of extension of current membership until 31st May 2020
 - d. DB – DUTC Facebook updated with the special offer of membership
3. Membership Fees (starting 1st June 2020 – 31st March 2021)

IM – sent email to Committee members with a proposal for Membership Fees working on a 55% rate for the 2020/2021 membership. IM based this on:- no Clubhouse, no lights, only singles play, no league tennis.

DB – noted choice of Standing Order direct to DUTC or Direct Debit (DD) via Clubspark

SM – Clubspark is better but she was unclear how flexible it was on different DD periods

RR & RS – There is a benefit to paying a lump sum and it should be kept as an option. Would members be able to get a refund if tennis was stopped because of a new virus outbreak?

DB – Unlikely that members would ask for a refund as they were keeping DUTC viable. We will have to see what happens later in the year.

JJ – the number of months for payment is confusing. Can there be a standard number of months for payment? e.g. six payments

LM – Agrees with Ian on loading the payments at the start otherwise the Club may lose out because of members stopping payment in the winter.

IM & DB – Adjusted membership fees should be (all below are six payments except last two)

Adult	£17	Annual £102
Couple	£34	Annual £204
Young Adult	£12	Annual £72
Long Distance	£13	Annual £78
65+	£13	Annual £78
Family A	£35	Annual £210
Family B	£20	Annual £120
Student	£6	Annual £36
Parent&Junior	£12	Annual £72
Mini & Me	£45	
Coaching	£20	

4. Court Bookings

BW – some members asked if bookings could be 2 hour slots instead of 90 minutes.

IM, RS, SM, DB, JJ – all thought that the system was working well

SM – 2 hour slots would present problems and not stagger court start and leave times. It would be too rigid and the booking system works at present on three 30 minutes slots. This is also better for social distancing than starting at the same times on each court.

IM – just need to reiterate that courts do have to be vacated 5 minutes before leave time.

BW – some members have asked if it is possible to book two slots per day.

SM – booking system puts restrictions on how many times courts can be booked per week and if a person has used up all their booking allocation then they should get the other player to book the court.

5. AOB

DB to remove lock on gate as the gate was locked by accident.

LM – is the gate to be shut if there is no-one on the courts. DB – yes

JJ – does not locking the gate invalidate insurance? DB thought this was unlikely but he will check wording of policy.

JJ & IM – how to pay must be clear on the message to all members. Annual fee or Direct Debit.

RS – wanted box leagues to start and was happy to organise those for Div 1 and 2 players.

SM – send the details with membership message and start them from 1st June

IM – mixed box leagues and probably 3 or 4 per league

RR – to help with box leagues for lower division players.

JJ – was there any correspondence from the LTA or the NLTA?

SM – no response from NLTA yet as there is still time before Winter League starts

DB – LTA has refunded £440 affiliation fees. Next year fee is due to be paid in October.

DB – has made an application to Sport England for a grant of £3600.

6. Date of next meeting – tba - awaiting next statement from Government on sports etc.

7. Points not covered in this 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.

Club financial status to be covered at a future meeting.