

# DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

## Committee Meeting

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 - 5pm online via WhatsApp Video Call

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

Ian McIlwaine                      IM      Liz Moore                      LM      Suzanne McIlwaine                      SM  
Richard Smith (not connected)      Jan Johnson                      JJ      Roy Robinson                      RR

2. Review of activities due to change in LTA guidance following Government rule changes.

JJ & SM – can toilets be used and how is the cleaning regime going to work?

DB – this poses problems for coaching youngsters but he thought that parents need to be made aware at the beginning of coaching sessions that they would be expected to stay with children if there was any reason that the toilet would be needed.

IM – recommended that the Clubhouse should remain closed. All agreed.

3. Review of court use now groups can use courts and doubles can be played.

SM – the use of courts must be by arranged matches and using the booking system. Doubles or Singles can be played on Courts 1,3 and 4. No mixing is to take place between players booked onto different courts.

BW - due to numbers that may attend should 10 minutes be the allowed changeover time?

IM – leave rules as they are (i.e. finish 5 minutes before end of booking) but emphasise that care must be taken especially in the area behind the courts and the car park. Social distancing must be enforced in case the Club gets visited again (i.e. Police, Council)

JJ – is the booking system working? DB noted that there have been no problems so far.

LM, SM, IM – although the LTA have allowed up to six people per court it was felt that it is easier to maintain distancing by allowing doubles (4 players) per court. **DB – to notify**

**changes to members on WhatsApp and BW to update rules and post these on the website.**

4. Competitive play

DB – so far 26 members have signed up for the singles box leagues. Recommendation is to have groups of 3 per league with a 1 up, 1 stay, 1 down format at the end of the matches.

Discussion about time to play each league resulted in a period of 3 weeks to play the two matches. Format recommended is Pro Fast match system. Best of 3 sets with each set being first to four games with a tie break if a set gets to 3 games all. If a deciding set is played then this would be a Pro tiebreak set – i.e. first to 10 points. Normal deuce points in each game. RR & RS to manage the leagues after DB has set them up with RR & RS chasing up unplayed matches.

DB – Club Championship likely to be same format and now to include doubles. To be discussed at next meeting.

5. AOB

DB – insurance policy has no clause for gate locking and still remains valid.

DB – membership renewals look promising with most members rejoining. Noted that our membership fee is good value compared to other clubs in the town.

6. Date of next meeting – 7.30pm Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June via WhatsApp video call.

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.