

# DUSTON UNITED TENNIS CLUB

## Committee Meeting

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 - 8pm 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    | EM | Suzanne McIlwaine | SM |
| Jan Johnson   | JJ | Roy Robinson | RR |                   |    |

2. Apologies – Richard Smith

3. Review of minutes of online meeting of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 were circulated to Committee then posted on the DUTC Clubspark website.

4. Matters Arising -

Club Championships – all agree that this was successful

Duston Cup – DB reported that it was another successful tournament with participation from Chick & West Haddon, Rushmere, Heyford and DUTC. DB had to get replacement pairs at short notice due to some pairs dropping out.

Floodlight planning application and Lease renewal. BW reported no news yet from Northampton council on decision.

Box Leagues. RS – box leagues now postponed until Spring 2021 as winter weather makes play difficult.

Gate closure, locking and keys. BW asked if this was still necessary as the last incident was a one off due to a homeless person living in the pocket park. All agreed that the gate closure reverts back to previous state ie. Closed and not locked when no-one is at the Club.

5. Correspondence – Kate King, LTA

LTA running Forums on membership, utilisation of courts, junior members but these are really intended for clubs starting up new programmes. No one to attend from DUTC

6. Treasurer's Report

Membership has stabilised – two single memberships and one family stopped Direct Debit and two new members joined. Finances of club remain at approximately £42,000 and will change little over next few months. Club funds at level needed to fund floodlight replacement.

7. Courts and Covid19.

A frost cover has been purchased by DB at a cost of £153 and will be used as a test to see how well it helps in keeping frost off courts. It is 2m wide by 50m long. SM suggested a way of weighting it down as well as a way of rolling it up.

Covid 19 – JJ recommended paper towels instead of fabric towels for the toilets and kitchen. All agreed. **DB to purchase.** EM reiterated social distancing rules should the Clubhouse be needed for shelter during matches. **BW to remind captains on use of Clubhouse.**  
SM – LTA still require Track and Trace records to be kept. Preference is to use Clubspark bookings to record names on Club social nights and afternoons.  
JJ – noted that Nick Johnson and Phil Fairholm have cleared nettles behind Court 3 but the strimmer is not working correctly. Phil has taken the strimmer for repair. **JJ to thank Phil and Nick and ask on status of strimmer.**

8. AGM – Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 8pm online.

All agreed that this should go ahead. BW to send Agenda to DUTC Committee and if approved should be posted on WhatsApp and put on Clubspark. To keep the AGM to 45 minutes this year all reports will be posted on WhatsApp and Clubspark in advance so that members can read and comment.

9. AOB

DB – is a defibrillator needed? This is a costly item and the general view was to investigate if this could be funded by the Northampton council. Matter left for next meeting.

DB – use of the Clubhouse for members for table tennis. **DB – to speak to the members wishing to play ensuring that Covid19 rules are followed including use of antibacterial spray.**

DB – the Club has been approached by the Baby Tots group to use the Clubhouse. JJ thought it would be difficult to manage. BW asked about cleaning. IM was not in favour. EM asked how many it would involve. DB thought it would be 10 parents and their babies. SM recommended that this could be reviewed in Spring 2021. **DB to contact the Baby Tots informing them of the Committee decision.**

RR – asked about non members playing for teams. Due to non-availability of players the Mens Vets A would like to play an ex member. All agreed that team members should become a club member if not before the match then subsequently after, should that person wish to, or be asked to, play another match.

JJ – “Spotted in Duston” online is a useful way of DUTC reaching out to the local community.

10. Date of next meeting – Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> (AGM) - 8pm online