

GLOSSOP TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE

Minutes

18th October 2021

1. **Attendance** : Marcus Gill [chair], Jon Horlock, Val Oakley, Ian Higginbottom, Andy Millican, Andrey Mirzoyan, Mike Pocock, Graham Oakley.
2. **Apologies** : All present
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** : Not available.
4. **Finance Report** : MP reported that the current account contained £46,000 which included the insurance payout for the flooding. The other account held £14,000.
5. **Fees issues** : A variety of issues were discussed concerning fees for next year and the major expenditures expected over the next few months. The LTA subscription was due soon – likely to be around £500. Marcus outlined the benefits and wanted to join at least for another year. We need to check that we are making full use of membership. We are on a fixed rate for electricity. Insurance – care would be needed because if we needed to put in another claim it might make us uninsurable. Marcus said that in the light of increasing costs, it would be necessary to increase fees by about 7% at the agm, though this could be spread over a number of years. Mike thought that we should not increase fees for juniors being coached as they were already paying coaching fees and the combined cost would be prohibitive.
Andy said that, based on membership numbers, he would do projections on what a variety of percentage increases would bring in.
6. **Membership Report** : AM reported that membership was currently 163 but Marcus said that another 10 were in the pipeline. Fees for the rest of the year had been reduced from October 1st. In the discussion that flowed it was suggested that we needed an online calendar like some other clubs. **Val to make enquiries about how Priory do it.** It was agreed that we needed a big relaunch for next season because we may lose players who joined during lockdown when tennis was one of the few permitted activities.
7. **Coaching Report** : Written report from Alan. Main coaching programme continues to run well with good numbers. Pupils are still invited to attend either a Wednesday or Thursday or both. All pupils are checked regularly to confirm that they have club membership. A six week programme has started using the LTA Youth Starter Scheme. At the end, players will be encouraged to join the regular coaching sessions via the direct debit scheme.
8. **Tournaments** : Alan would be running more of these. Andrey was still willing to run some and the box competitions but would be standing down from the committee. Feedback from members was that they had really enjoyed recent events. Marcus led thanks to Andrey
9. for all his work on the committee over the last few years.
10. **Main gate padlock** : This was discussed again. We now have a reliable make in mind of a sort found at other clubs, with a keypad. It was suggested that for an outlay of

around £300, the lock could be bought and fixed. A vote to install was passed. **Jon and Andrey to progress this.**

- 11. Building work :** Marcus gave out quotes from the firm Unibuild which covered the repairs and changes planned for the clubhouse. It was pointed out that it was difficult to visualize without a plan. It was thought unnecessary to have 3 toilets against the back wall and that two would be sufficient, with the third section used for a store. The present coach's store would be lost. The main room would be increased in size allowing more space for functions and perhaps a table tennis team. The kitchen would be open-plan. Water heating would be from units near wash basins in the toilet and below the sink in the kitchen. There would be no hot or cold water cylinders, reducing the chance of future floods. There was uncertainty over some areas – no mention of flooring, heating. Would these add to the cost? Also doubts about LED downlights in the main room if to be used for table tennis and whether if it was necessary to plaster all walls. **Ian offered to meet with Paul Totton from Unibuild.** There was an element of urgency to firm up plans and costs to secure a time slot for the work and to present the plans to the AGM in November. The committee agreed in a vote that the changes were needed and that the expenditure could be met at this time without compromising the need to have funds available in the future to renew court surfaces.
- 12. AGM :** Date agreed for 18th November at the Commercial Inn. A replacement for Andrey was considered and it was decided to approach Matt Thirwell and co-opt him immediately if he was willing.
- 13. Christmas Event :** No date fixed but towards the end of January likely. **Andy** to again be master of ceremonies, quiz, Play your cards right, etc **Marcus** to book the venue and sort the provider of food.
- 14. Any Other Business**
- [1] LTA safeguarding. Jon said we had been checked and our systems were OK. Safeguarding needs to be on every agenda from now on. Matt Whittaker from We Do Tennis to continue to be the lead contact. Need to change this on website. Andy to send out an email to ask if members had any health and safety issues.
 - [2] Mike suggested using Survey Monkey to get feedback from members about satisfaction with the club.
 - [3] Discussion on providing benches. Decided to get two, one with a plaque remembering Beryl Halsall, the other a picnic bench.
 - [4] It was agreed to put up two more security cameras.