

<p>role of Junior Representative. An email will be sent to the membership following the vote, explaining the process and result.</p> <p>GS thanked AGi for his 4 years of service and confirmed that the process of selecting a new Chair will be transparent, agreed that all committee members should have time to reflect on the situation and be aware they have the opportunity to stand as Chair if they so wish. GS reminded the committee that the Trustees are available to offer advice and the benefit of their experience to anyone considering the role.</p>	<p>AGi/AGa SC</p>
<p>Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2023 were approved for circulation to the Trustees.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>Membership Update</p> <p>Since previous meeting on 9 October 2023 New members: 8 x Full Membership 1 x Off-peak Membership 2 x Junior Membership 2 x Adult Coaching Membership</p> <p>Current membership figures are: Adult Full – 125, Off Peak – 24, Under 21 – 10 = total 159. Juniors U8 – 16, Age 8-11 – 16, Age 12-16 – 11, Age 17+ - 0 = total 43. Adult Coaching – 18, Junior Coaching 2, Hitting Parent – 12.</p>	<p>GB</p>
<p>Collection of Junior Membership fees</p> <p>GB and JB are instigating processes to try and improve the take-up of Coaching for Juniors Membership. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further highlighting the requirement for coaching membership both on the coaching website and face-to-face where possible • GB and JB comparing membership and coaching lists every 3 weeks • reminder emails sent to those parents who have not paid the Coaching Membership fee <p>it was agreed the Junior Membership/Coaching for Juniors Membership and 'access fee' for juniors was confusing and the website needs to be consistent.</p> <p>Currently, parents are not able to pay their child's membership fee online when they enrol their children onto coaching courses. It was agreed that, despite there being a 2.9% charge, the introduction of a STRIPE payments platform. The platform would only be used for juniors. Adult members would still be required to pay their membership subscription by bank transfer.</p>	<p>JB/GB</p> <p>GB/JB/AGa</p> <p>GB/JB/AGa</p>
<p>Social Events Update</p> <p>The next event planned is Quiz Night on Friday 22 March. It was agreed team sizes should be limited to 6/7 people and CS will put up specific table sign-up sheets. Food would again be pizzas from the Cricket Club and the entry fee would be the same as 2023.</p>	<p>CS</p>
<p>Tournaments Update</p> <p>Carolyn Nye has agreed to run the one-off tournaments – Malcolm Bucknell, Barbara Stuart, Halloween and a Christmas tournament.</p>	<p>CN</p>

<p>JB has agreed to run the summer club tournament. He has applied to the LTA for a programme to be able to run the tournament online. The entry deadline will be Sunday, 21 April tournament will start on 1 May. More details to follow.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>Clay Courts Update</p> <p>AGi reported that due to the very wet weather it has been difficult to get experts in to look at the carpet and underlying surface and we are still awaiting another visit. Due to a lack of adequate maintenance over the years, the carpet has been badly contaminated by dirt, leaves etc. that has migrated under the carpet exacerbating the drainage problems. It is very likely that due to climate change we will continue to have longer periods of heavy rain and this needs to be taken into account. Therefore, it is proposed that a “french drain” is installed along the left-hand side (when facing towards the river) of court 3 under the carpet which will enable rainwater to drain onto the river bank. Awaiting another visit. The tarmac under surface appears to be in good condition but will need pressure washing to clear out all the dirt.</p> <p>Traditionally, HWLTC has always had two different surfaces which is attractive to many of our members and gives our team players an advantage over many other clubs who only have one surface to play on. Artificial clay is ideal for coaching and is becoming a popular surface for tournaments. The club has been budgeting for a top-quality product and the Lano Grand 12 artificial clay carpet is the leading product. Properly maintained, it has a minimum life expectancy of 10 years.</p> <p>AGi has been in contact with several court installation companies, obtaining quotations for both the Lano Grand 12 artificial clay and the latest Astro Turf surface. He has also been in discussion with these companies regarding the drainage problems. The general opinion is that extra drainage would not be needed once the under surface had been properly cleaned and treated.</p> <p>The Committee were all agreed that whilst the Lano Grand 12 surface is more expensive than astro turf, laying this surface would be in the best interests of the club overall. As all were in agreement a vote was not taken.</p> <p>As part of the future maintenance programme for any new clay and the current astroturf courts, it is suggested the club buys a new brushing machine which will give the courts a vigorous brushing and remove surface debris. The cost of such a machine would be approx. £600.</p> <p>AGa will update the financial forecasts to include the extra maintenance and reflect the extended life of all the courts.</p> <p>ADDENDUM</p> <p>Following the meeting, the chosen contractor, ETC Sports Surfaces, offered the club a start date of 19 February for the resurfacing work. It was felt this was too good an opportunity to miss as the courts would then be ready for the new membership year and tennis season. As the contractor was also willing to take stage payments for the work with the final payment being made in May, it was agreed a contract should be signed.</p>	<p>AGa</p>
<p>Bar Refurbishment</p> <p>Mike Nye and Guy Foster, Bar Manager, joined the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Mike Nye has drawn some designs for refurbishing the exterior of the bar area at a cost of approx. £2,000. As the club will soon be spending a very large sum of money on the new courts, it was agreed this project would be put on hold until later in the year. In the meantime, GF will clean out and tidy up the interior of the bar area to make it more presentable and also buy some new glasses. GF will also review the products currently on sale and the prices to bring the club’s profit margin back to 30%.</p>	<p>GF</p>

<p>Key Dates for 2024</p> <p>The key dates for 2024 were agreed and will be posted on the website and noticeboard. They will also be sent to the Fixtures Secretary so matches are not arranged on those dates.</p>	<p>AGa</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>Vacant Positions</p> <p>JB has offered to “re-post” from his own Facebook/Instagram accounts to the club’s Facebook account, but it would still be helpful to have someone dedicated to Social Media Communications. It appears the club’s Facebook account is still linked to AGi’s account and this needs to be changed.</p>	<p>JB/ AGi</p>
<p>Court Use</p> <p>Junior priority booking – Court 1</p> <p>It had previously been agreed that Court 1 would be blocked out on a Saturday morning for junior bookings only. To date, the court has only been booked on one occasion. It was agreed juniors may be more likely to book the court during the warmer months and it would only be blocked out for their use from April-September.</p> <p>Play on court next to a match</p> <p>Club policy is that members should not play on the court next to a match if other courts are vacant. It was agreed that there should be some flexibility when the clay courts are extremely wet, but otherwise this rule should be applied. Members will be reminded by email.</p>	<p>AGa</p> <p>SC/ AGa</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>JB queried why new members are charged £3 for a swipe card to access the clubhouse on top of their membership fee. It was agreed a swipe card would be included as part of the membership pack. Anyone losing their card and requiring a replacement would still be charged £3.</p>	<p>GB</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 4 March 2024 @ 7.30pm</p>	