

Lisvane (CAC) Tennis Club
Minutes
29 March 2021

Present – Clive Bolton, Juliette Sherrard, Emma Reid Jones, Cath Lynn, Tony Nash, Jim Allan, Victoria Morgan

Apologies - none

Minutes from last meeting - approved

Covid

Track and trace going well. Worth noting that month to date we've had 589 users from 13 March.

10 pay to plays.

The Membership Secretary - JS contacts them regarding bookings /how they found the process.

We need to reiterate that Covid rules still apply and these restrict who can play doubles (ie no more than 2) households. VM to pop something on the website to clarify.

Safeguarding

No issues at the moment. The Safeguarding Officer ERJ has done a level 2 course 'time to listen'.

Finance

Tomorrow's Generation (TG)

ERJ put out something with her thoughts and views. She's spoken to David Gow. Update from TG that they think they would like to use the club until mid-2022.

Discussed how and what we will ask them in order to make more space available in the upstairs club room. CB and ERJ will discuss with TG how the Club can use the space for team teas, events and tournaments etc whilst TG are still in occupation. Perhaps ask them to move their stuff for holidays etc so we can use the space better.

JS wondered about TG participants using a court/having a session with Club Coach TSH. ERJ will chat to TSH to take further. Perhaps arranging sessions with the Junior coaches.

Bank signatories

JS was wondering who are the signatories for either bank account (CAC or LTC's account).

TN to look at this and will report back with regards to the LTC accounts.

JA will ask for a paying in book for CAC for us to use when making membership payments directly into the CAC account (rather than via the Tennis Club account)

Finances

The Treasurer TN sent round some figures prior to the meeting.
As of the meeting date - membership numbers were around 190 with 13 new members.
Final reminder to be emailed Wednesday am.
Then from 1 April JS will make the COVID discounted membership packages invite only.
And VM will update the website with the final fees.

Had a bit of a discussion regarding what we can do with the levy money. It is understood that we have £6.5k in the levy fund from last year.
The Treasurer confirmed that in the club's own accounts there were the following funds:-
Reserve account - £706.11
Funding account £1513.78
Current account - £399.16 (STRIPE account)

Planning for future spends.

Probably need to think about the balcony. Could be tied in with accessibility/lift etc. ERJ is going to work with Geraint regarding accessibility.
Could have a few months of research for decking/lifts etc.
JA to see if the balcony refurbishment project would be a CAC funded project or would need to be funded in full by tennis club funds
CB will look into the balcony for safety purposes and will come back to us.
TN confirmed that CAC would not be able to confirm the 2019/20 accounts as they were still with the CAC accountants but TN will update the end of year figures as soon as possible and will circulate to the Committee

House and grounds

Last couple of months, Simon Howe and CB have been going up to monitor drainage on a daily basis. Since the last committee meeting repairs have been carried out to the car park, and bushes along-side the track and car park have been trimmed.
It was planned to carry out a deep brush and spread further infill during the last week of March but this had to be postponed.
As an interim measure TSH has spread some infill on the three courts. Thanks to him for that.

Once CB back and mobile the deep brush and infill will be re-scheduled. JA offered to help.

Two in 1 drag mat/brush– feedback

The general consensus was that the new 2 in 1 drag mat is a lot lighter and better at brushing. It can also be used a bit on damp sand.
Committee agreed to order two more. Levy to pay for this.

Booking courts earlier than 9am

Agreed – open at 7am. CB to change Clubspark.
'Summer's here you can book from 7am – all courts.'

Rubbish on courts – signs going up this week

JS to buy a watering can to fill up the water clay trays.

Membership

So far 190 members. 176 renewals. 13 are new ones.

(Post meeting note – as of 1 April there are approximately 250 paid up members – either renewals or new)

Couple of refunds required as they've paid twice by accident.

Agreed to pay it from our accounts and recover the money from CAC later. JS to speak to TN.

There is one member that thinks part year he may be moving out of the area. Committee will look at it on a case by case basis.

Getting lots of enquiries and JS following them up.

The WhatsApp groups are really good for members to get together to play.

Teams

Two teams for men (need volunteers for captains)

Two teams for women (have captains)

16 April deadline for entering teams.

JA will give Geraint (GR) a call regarding potential mens captains/managers.

Position on the committee for club captain. Discuss next time.

Balls

Thanks to GR for his excellent work on analysing how many tennis balls the club used in a typical year and which company would be the most economic supplier.

The committee agreed that we would buy balls for teams.

ERJ will pick up the unused balls from the 2020/21 season from SH. He has 12 x tubes of balls x 6 boxes. ERJ will pick up from Simon and we can work out if we need any more for this season.

After team matches, we will mark 'LTC' on the balls after use so they can then be used for social nights.

It was agreed to give keys for the understair cupboard to designated people or those people take home (to dry off for example).

Coaching

TSH reported he was really happy with the class renewals. We have also recruited 5 new 5-6 years olds in the Saturday and Wednesday classes. So our grass roots production line is in great shape. In his report, TSH commented that his coaching programme has the ethos of quality over quantity, and pointed out that the current committee just need to be mindful that the 30+ 5-8 years olds will all at some time need more advanced classes and more court space. However, at present the balance is great through seven years of trial and error.

Social

The Club Social Secretary CL will speak to members about what we can do within the Covid restrictions to plan for social events.

AOB

Potential required rule changes for AGM

Newer members on the subcommittee and then on the committee rules.

We need to look at the rules to ensure they're up to date prior to any AGM.

Approval process for prospective LTC/CAC members

The CAC Committee rep JA queried our process of joining up new members. JS explained that it's just a case of clicking on the website link but that in practice she takes the first enquiry, speaks to the prospective member(s) and shows them around the club.

JA mentioned CAC had asked us to reinstate the process of proposing/seconding into the club. The committee discussed this but agreed it would be very hard because we are an LTA registered club using Clubspark as our means of managing memberships/bookings etc. JA he will speak to CAC regarding this.

Club ball machine

In response to a member's request we held a discussion about getting a club owned ball machine, and decided that it's not a very good idea as it was felt it would be too tricky to organise/maintain/who is responsible. Decided not to progress this idea.

Date of next meeting – Monday 17th May 7pm.