

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club Committee Meeting

MINUTES of meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 4th April 2022

Present:

Will Grieve (President); Leslie Young (Treasurer); Andrew Panter (Membership); Rosie Leslie; Lesley Watters; Glen Gordon (Vice President); David Owen.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Alison Moore, Lorna Hutchison, Mac Brown, Rachel Fourie, and Gemma Ross.

1. President's welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Matters arising

- PAT testing of electrical equipment in the clubhouse is yet to be carried out. Will to contact Stewart's to organise for this to happen soon.
- Andrew Panter needs more membership swipe cards. These have already been ordered by Leslie Young who is awaiting delivery.
- Water leak in the hallway between the communal area and the men's toilet in the clubhouse has been fixed. However, joiner needs to visit to tidy up/finish off this job.
- Glen's new photographs were acknowledged.
- Lesley Watters' sister will complete the update of the Champs board by the end of May.
- Glen Gordon will clear out old tennis balls in the clubhouse this week.

3. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching

Treasurer's report:

Leslie gave a written report which is appended to these minutes.

Membership:

Andrew gave a written report which is appended to these minutes.

Juniors / coaching:

Rachel Fourie's juniors and coaching update was read out by Will Grieve.

Coaching is now on Easter break however going well and good to see good numbers in younger groups coming through and enjoying the competition opportunities we have had recently

Feb 5th 10U tournament with us entering 3 teams

March 26 saw the primary school championships for 8U - again we fielded 3 teams and everyone had a great time playing matches and the Skills Zone

Next competition for 8,9 and 10 is 8 May at Kelso so email has gone out

Spring Leagues start mid April with two teams entered - we are sitting in Division 1 and Division 2

Uptake has been a little slow but looking to encourage some green ball players to sign up for the experience

We continue to have good representation in the Tennis Borders District squad and players are enjoying training, matchplays and competitions again now that things are opening up a bit more

Jack Fourie has been selected to represent South Scotland at Kilgraston Inter District Championships. Jack is really looking forward to the opportunity and training with his team mates and wider squad

Rachel

4. Electricity

Engineer from Scottish Power recently came to install a meter but was unable to complete this task due to incorrect equipment. Another engineer may visit to attempt again on 27th April.

ACTION: Leslie Young has since emailed to arrange/confirm another visit. He is waiting to hear back.

Leslie expressed concern about the club's cleaning costs which have increased since last year in line with reopening of clubhouse for all purposes. Considering the membership and the electricity bill forecast for next year, the cleaning cost (as it is) may not be sustainable. This will need to be discussed at the next committee meeting. It is anticipated that we will then have a clearer picture of income from membership fees.

5. Mileage

Leslie Young proposed increasing the mileage claim for members travelling to matches away from 15p/mile to 20p/mile.

ACTION: Agreed.

6. Borders Confined

Borders Confined tournament to start on Sunday 21st August with the Finals on Saturday 27th August. Will Grieve has spoken to Eddie Brogan to make him aware of some of the club's concerns around hosting this. The club's interests will need to be discussed further.

ACTION: Agreed that Mac Brown must ensure sponsorship money for this event is sent directly to the club's bank account.

7. Report from Melrose Mixed Open 2022

Will thanked Alison and Glen for their time and effort towards organising the Melrose Mixed Open which was a highly successful event this year. The club has received several messages of thanks and appreciation. It was discussed that more publicity of this event may increase prospects for future tourneys at Melrose. Mention of this event on both the website and the Facebook page accompanied by some photographs would be beneficial.

ACTION: Lesley Watters to contact Gemma Ross with suggestions regarding updates to the website.

8. Court booking system and court cancellations

Club member sent an email to Leslie Young complaining about a court on Friday morning being booked but not used. It was emphasised that this is not the first time this has happened. Email was sent to those in question and apologies have been made. Committee discussed the responsibility of all members to ensure that court bookings which are no longer required are cancelled as soon as possible. This is especially important at popular times, such as Friday mornings. Enquiry was made about the possibility of cancelling a booking which is already underway. Leslie sent an email to ClubSpark to ask this question. The response was that it is not functionally possible under the current booking system to cancel a session which has already started.

ACTION: A reminder needs to be sent out to all members to dutifully respect the court booking and cancellation protocol.

9. AOB

- Club would benefit from maintaining an up-to-date website. As in Point 7, all events should be added to the website to optimise opportunities for wider community engagement. Teams and fixtures also to be added as soon as confirmed.

ACTION: Lesley Watters to liaise with Gemma Ross about this. Andrew Panter will update the welcome blurb on website.

- Will Grieve suggested putting a notice up outside the clubhouse to indicate where the nearest defibrillators are. It was mentioned that there is one at the caravan park beside the tennis club.
- David Owen passed on message from John Barrow who is offering to donate a 1 gallon tea urn to the club. Is this smaller than the one we already have? If so, do we want it? To be considered and communicated with John or David.
- Leslie Young notified committee that ClubSpark uploaded a message to their Facebook page apologising for some website failings. It was insinuated that these were LTA's faults, not ClubSpark's.
- Leslie Young is away from Thursday 7th – Monday 25th April.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd May.