

**Melrose Waverley Tennis Club**  
**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on**  
**Monday 6 November 2023 at 7pm**  
**In the MWTC Clubhouse**

**Present:**

Glen Gordon (President); Mike Miller (Vice President); Leslie Young (Treasurer); Alison Moore (Secretary); Sophie MacBrayne (Membership); Lorna Hutchison; Mac Brown; Will Grieve; Rosie Leslie.

**1. President's Welcome**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Lesley Watters, Gemma Ross and Rachel Fourie.

**3. Matters arising**

**Plaque for the trophy cabinet** – Glen has spoken to the Trophy Guy and he is going to make it. He is suggesting that we get a block of wood, paint it white, fasten the brass plaque on and it can be placed in the cabinet. This was agreed.

**Bins** – Sophie reported that the Council has sent the paperwork for the bins. We are going to go a half yearly recycling contract. The waste bag will need to be placed by the wall at the front. The form needs to be signed by a club signatory.

**4. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching**

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

**Membership:** Sophie gave a written report which is appended to these minutes.

**Juniors and Coaching:** Rachel to provide a written report.

**5. Floodlights**

The floodlights are being left on when the courts aren't being used. With the cost of electricity, we should maybe email members to say that we should only have one court floodlights being used and they should be switched off when finished. It might

be useful to highlight the cost per hour. We could also put a note on the switches and encourage people to move over court and turn the other lights on. If someone is not due on court after you, please switch them off.

Leslie attended an LTA webinar regarding funding for the development of the club and courts. So if we are replacing our floodlights with LEDs, we could apply for a loan. The cost has to be minimum of £25,000. Following this he emailed Kirsty Humphries of Tennis Scotland who advised of two companies who provide LED floodlights – Leslie has contacted the one who provided 60% of all LED floodlights to clubs. There might be less spillage of light. It is interest free payable over 3 years.

Leslie will follow up with the company to get more information.

## **6. Tennis Borders Confined Tournament**

Three weeks ago Mac and Will went to a meeting with regard to the Borders Confined tournament. The subject of sponsorship issue arose. Tennis Borders' AGM meeting is next Thursday. Tennis Borders wants us to host it again. Next year is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament so it is going to be a special one. We will need conditions agreed to, such as not playing beyond 10pm. It will be Sunday to Saturday a week earlier next year. We also agreed that one condition would be for our members to be able to play at another club during the week when our courts are out of action.

## **7. Quiz**

We are at 14 teams of 4, so 56 people. Lesley has met the hallkeeper. Lorna is buying the drink and it will be left at 4pm and set the tables up. She will go back at 6.30pm. Ali has the licence and will bring it and take the Sum-up payments. Leslie has the £200 float and Will will collect it on Friday morning. Ali will bring her phone charger. Surplus will go in Lorna's car. Sophie will take the bottles to the bottle bank. Lorna can leave her car on the drive. Gemma will be asked to do a social media reminder about nibbles and cash and card.

## **8. Raffle**

Will and Lorna have been going round to get the prizes. Letters have been done to the supermarkets. All the tickets have been distributed. 4,000 of 6,000 have gone out. 17 members don't have addresses on Clubspark; Leslie has emailed them all. Last year we sold 3,000 tickets and made £950.

## **9. Electricity**

This is covered in the Treasurer's Report.

## **10. Membership fees 2024**

The current rate is £90 and concessions is £50. There are more concessions than adults as it includes over 60s and out of area. A discussion was had as to whether the prices will be put up at the AGM and to what level. It was agreed that we will increase the prices: Leslie will consider two options and feed them back to the rest of the committee for a decision. Ali will try and find the benchmarking document that was done last year and send it to Sophie.

## **11. Salt**

Leslie and Glen agreed that another purchase of salt to be made – the exact number of bags to be ordered will be agreed by email afterwards. Glen will help Leslie carry it in.

## **12. LTA Venue Registration**

This has been done by Leslie. The practice wall has been added to the facilities list and the non-member usage figure has been updated. A risk assessment was done as part of the process. Fees went up by 12.5%.

## **13. Court painting**

We are at 5 years since they were last done. Should we consider getting them re-painted? Will will contact the company for a quote. It needs to be done when the weather is above 10 degrees.

## **14. Any other business**

Tennis net on third court – Glen will look at fixing it

State of clubhouse – agreed we would hold a tidy date

**15. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is going to be Monday 22 January 2024. The AGM is 19 February.