

## **Melrose Waverley Tennis Club**

### **Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023**

**at the MWTC Clubhouse**

#### **Attendance:**

Mike Miller (Vice President), Leslie Young (Treasurer), Alison Moore (Secretary), Sophie MacBrayne (Membership), Rachel Fourie (Juniors), Rosie Leslie, Lorna Hutchison, Will Grieve

#### **1. President's Welcome**

In Glen's absence, Mike Miller as Vice President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Lesley, Gemma and Glen.

#### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Leslie presented his Treasurer's Report which is appended to these minutes.

#### **Membership Report**

Sophie presented her Membership Report which is appended to these minutes.

#### **Juniors Report**

Rachel presented her Juniors Report which is below.

"Coaching has ceased for the summer break and will resume in August.

Junior Spring Leagues:

A successful run for both teams in the Spring Leagues. Team1 was defeated in the finals by a strong Earlston team for the top spot in Division One and Team 2 put up a strong fight against Earlston 3 in the finals of Division 3. Huge congratulations to Earlston – we are preparing to give them a run for the title in the Autumn Leagues!

We now have enough players to field 3 teams going into the Autumn Leagues which is fantastic. The format will be doubles so good for those new to competitive play.

Junior Borders Confined is now open for entries and we will have several juniors competing with Jack Fourie defending his 18U singles and Doubles win, with partner Harris McDougall.

We had a good representation from the juniors playing for EHS in the Inter School Championships in June, with Jack Fourie winning the singles and doubles with his Earlston TC partner Jonny Turner. EHS won the championship overall.

Two of our juniors, Lara Abdrabbo and Jack Fourie have started playing in the senior leagues and this appears to be going well for both players with them really enjoying their tennis.

Ian and Rachel need to confirm dates/timescale for the Junior Championships and get these under way following the summer break.”

**A request was made for the autumn leagues final to be held on our courts on Saturday 30 September between 1pm to 3pm. This was agreed (note that this date has subsequently been moved to Saturday 23 September).**

#### **5. Possible projects: LED floodlights / solar panels / pickleball**

Alison raised the issue of the club being in a relatively comfortable financial position at present and there being three particular capital projects that we could consider: LED floodlights; solar panels (planning permission has been awarded); a new pickleball court. Alison had circulated information about the possible location for one of two pickleball courts that were provided to us by the Council. The guy from Tennis Scotland had told us at the previous meeting that there is an [LTA Quick Access loan fund](#) available for LED floodlights.

**It was agreed that we would consider these projects further and may need a Members' survey in due course.**

#### **6. Visitor access to the courts**

It was noted that, if visitors turn up, they cannot get onto the courts. Should we re-open the gates and allow people to turn up to play? Particularly for holiday periods. It would be ideal if we could have an electronic noticeboard that would link to the online court booking system.

**It was agreed that we should consider opening up the courts in the future. In the meantime Sophie agreed to make a new poster for visitors.**

#### **7. Confined Tournament**

This is taking place 27 August – 2 September. **Query over whether Mac is doing the sponsorship again. Will agreed to ask him. We need to speak to Tennis Borders to confirm the hours the courts are needed and to check catering.**

## **8. Club championships**

It was noted that these are now underway.

## **9. Trophy cabinet**

It is finished. It needs filling with the league trophies. Will agreed to sort this.

## **10. Junior participation in mixed league**

The committee noted Lara's participation in the mixed leagues and the safeguarding arrangements that have been put in place around this. It was further noted that there are other juniors who may wish to participate and this should be encouraged and the safeguarding measurements applied to all.

## **11. Any other business**

Post office: mobile van, which Leslie uses to do all the banking, has not been here for 7 months. Leslie has written to John Lamont MP. A new van turned up last week, Monday and Tuesday, but the van broke down. It is linked to Denholm Post Office. Also, some of our mail was being re-directed to Ian Reilly.

Clubspark: some members log in and then the screen goes blank. Mike will do a screen shot when this happens and send it to Leslie for him to raise with Clubspark.

Keys: Leslie has a bunch of keys.

Britta: can we get a recycling bin? Who would take it home? Britta would be willing to, and a couple of other people would be willing to. Sophie will find out if we can get on the bin collection route.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be Monday 14 August.