

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Monday 18 March 2024 at 7pm
In the MWTC Clubhouse

Present:

Mike Miller (Vice President); Leslie Young (Treasurer); Alison Moore (Secretary);
Lorna Hutchison; Will Grieve; Lesley Watters.

1. President's Welcome

In the absence of the President, Mike Miller as Vice Chair welcomed everyone and chaired the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Glen Gordon (President), Sophie MacBrayne (Membership), Mac Brown, Rosie Leslie, Gemma Ross.

3. Matters arising

Will raised the Shed. He has had the quote from First For Fencing for a month. It is 12 feet by 5 feet, double doors, £1,295 incl VAT plus delivery and peg base, painting £295, totalling approx. £2,000. Will has been to the caravan park and asked if any objections and they said no. We will also need to buy shelving for it. Approved.

ACTION: Will to inform First for Fencing that we want to go ahead.

4. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching

Treasurer: Leslie gave a written report back to 1 January to last Friday, which is appended to these minutes. We have just over £2,480 in current account. £43,000 in total including savings accounts. Electricity – February usage averaged less than 33 units per day in this period so we paid 5% VAT. Also, the unit charge was decreased. The D/D is £309.62 currently but will be reduced in future.

Membership: Sophie was not able to attend the meeting.

Juniors and Coaching: Continuing as usual. Ian has changed the Monday's evening session from 45 mins to 1 hour. He has a new adult session on Thursday evenings which he might continue after Easter.

5. AGM

Leslie reported that he has not yet had the accounts signed off. Also Leslie registered his disappointment that no members came to the AGM. We need to publicise earlier and more widely. It may have been because we did not have the club championship presentations at the same time.

6. Lease

Our lease had been 21 years but runs out on 30 April 2025. We should take steps to get this renewed. The land is owned by the Gibson Trust but our lease is through the Council. Contact would be Estates Department at SBC – Mac would know.

ACTION: Will to ask Mac if he knows anyone we can approach in the Estates Office regarding the new lease.

ACTION: Register of Controlled Interest in Land: Glen, Mike and Ali need to register as office bearers.

7. Coach's pay

Ian had requested consideration of a pay rise. This was discussed and a proposed new rate agreed.

ACTION: Leslie to inform Ian Reilly.

The committee had also had a request from Elliot Compton for part contribution to his level 2 coaching qualification. The committee agreed a £125 contribution and we will check out the situation with Ian with regard to how long Elliot may be a coaching assistant with us.

ACTION: Mike to follow up with Ian Reilly.

8. Clubspark Coaching Module.

Leslie trialled the Clubspark Coaching Module. The recording of who is on which course and the payment of it would have to be run differently using this software. It might be something that a new Treasurer may wish to pursue.

9. Membership 2024

Leslie has been setting this up. We now have terms and conditions on the website. Current members do not get the ts and cs as a tick box, but anyone new would have to do the tickbox. This is why the ts and cs were circulated by email. Another issue was GoCardless did not work. It was due to not having the Trustees' names in, so it was working ok after that. The Co-operative Bank was missing from it but Leslie found a work around.

People were moved around between categories depending on their ages, including the new Young Person category. Sophie has suggested that this part of the role should be done by the Membership Secretary going forwards.

10. AOB

Season Opener – the events sub-committee will decide between 14 and 21 April. They meet tomorrow.

Website – the website news section is out of date. We will speak to Glen about getting a website officer.

Tennis Scotland webinar – a webinar regarding funding for development on floodlights took place on 7 March. No-one attended on our behalf. Leslie will check whether there is a recording.

Trade Waste – this is underway. Glen needs to sign a form.

Championship board – needs updating. Lesley's sister did it last time. It will be done but no date confirmed yet. We discussed buying her a thank you gift.

Trophy cabinet plaque with Kathleen Dun's name – Will to check with Glen.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 29 April 2024 at 7pm in the clubhouse.