

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club Committee Meeting

MINUTES of meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 23 January 2023

Present:

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

1. President's welcome and apologies

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Mac Brown.

2. Matters arising

Will reported that we have received planning approval for the solar panels. Mac suggests we should check the William Hill trust and another fund. *Alison to speak to him.*

Glen will get flowers for Gemma's mother to thank her for auditing the accounts.

Leslie has informed Ian of the ten percent rise decision made at the last meeting.

3. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching

Treasurer's report:

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

Leslie has submitted the annual OSCR return and informed them that we have changed our year end date.

Membership:

Charles Strang has joined as a winter concession member.

Juniors / coaching:

107 children currently receiving coaching. Coaching lessons were cancelled Monday to Wednesday last week due to the weather. Ian and John Reid cleared the third court on Thursday so he could do his coaching.

Rachel written report: Juniors are quite quiet at the moment but am aware from the Tennis Scotland meeting last week that there is an appetite to get the junior competition programme up and running again with involvement from all clubs if possible. It is to be added to agenda at the Fixtures meeting for discussion then a further meeting with Grant Sharp will be planned for mid-Feb.

Also looking at a different format for junior leagues to encourage more players to participate.

4. Electricity

Electricity: we have used £1,700 between October and 16 January 2023. *Leslie will aim to put a monthly reading in so that we can monitor our usage.*

5. Trophy cabinet

Will has received a quote from the joiner for the trophy cabinet. We decided at the last meeting that it would go behind the door on the right. The quote is £1,302 for a glass lockable cabinet. We received £750 from Kathleen Dun which would go towards it. We need a door stop. The decision was taken that we should go ahead. *Will will inform the joiner.* We would like to invite Kathleen Dun to see the cabinet. We should also get the trophies revalued.

6. Christmas raffle

A record number of raffle tickets were sold (about 10 percent more than last time). We made £82 more than 2019, totalling £1,113.

7. Borders Confined

We received an email from Mike Turner asking if we would host the Borders Confined again this year. The dates are the 3rd week in August. We had a discussion about whether we should host it again. The decision was that we would agree to host it again, but we have a number of issues that we will raise with Tennis Borders about it. *Alison will compose an email to Tennis Borders.*

8. Card reader

Leslie has purchased a SumUp card reader. There is no monthly subscription. The charge is just over 1.6 percent. It is linked to Leslie's mobile phone. He has a SumUp app. Leslie is going to experiment with taking card payments for coaching lessons e.g. next Thursday during the coaching session.

9. Events calendar

Gemma, Lesley and Lorna are going to meet soon to begin working on an events calendar. They will bring it back to the next meeting.

10. Court cancellations / email to members

The committee discussed the need for members to cancel courts if they don't need them up until the time of the court booking. *The committee agreed that Alison will send out a members' email mentioning this and mentioning a season opener which will be the Margaret Bunyan.*

11. Any other business

Non-domestic rates: we have been valued as paying £7,600. However, charities are entitled to 80% relief. Leslie has obtained the relevant form. *Sophie will deal with it.*

St Mary's School: they are using the courts for netball practice during the next three months as they have done in previous years.

Scottish Cup: Lesley will ask the ladies if they wish to play. *Andy and Lesley should organise and submit the teams.*

Fixtures meeting: this is being held on Thursday 16th February in the G and A, Melrose. *Glen and Mike M will attend.*

Ladies' heater: Will has left an element heater on in the ladies changing room. It was agreed that it will be left on until the end of March or certainly after the cold spell.

Salt: there are still 5 bags left.

Ball machine: it is permanently on charge. We should check with Andrew Panter if this is how it should be.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th March.