

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club
Minutes of the Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 24th April 2023, 7pm
MWTC Clubhouse

Present:

Glen Gordon, President; Mike Miller, Vice-President; Leslie Young, Treasurer; Alison Moore, Secretary; Sophie MacBrayne, Membership Secretary; Rachel Fourie, Juniors; Lorna Hutchison; Lesley Watters; Gemma Ross; Mac Brown; Will Grieve; Rosie Leslie

Minutes:

1. President's Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies were given.

3. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

4. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching

Treasurer: Leslie presented the Treasurer's report for the 7 weeks since the previous meeting. The written report is appended to these minutes.

Membership: Sophie presented her membership report which is appended to these minutes.

Juniors: leagues start on Friday night. 14 juniors have signed up. It is a challenge to find the time to continually chase. First match, first team is away at Earlston and second team is home. **It was agreed that the juniors could have their own court time each week. This will be over two courts between 6pm to 8pm on Sunday evenings. An email will go out to this effect to members.**

Jack Fourie has represented the Borders at the Inter District Championships at Kilgraston over the Easter Break. Harris and Seth McDougal who are junior members at Earlston and Melrose also played for Borders. The 3 boys and Jack Fairgrieve will be travelling to Spain at the end of May with the Borders Tennis Academy to a week-long camp.

Coaching: Ian has cancelled his Sunday coaching. He is continuing adult beginners coaching for 10 weeks on Thursdays 6pm to 7pm.

5. 3rd team home matches – court usage

A request had been submitted for Saturday and Sunday mornings for the men's third team to play their matches. Last weekend they were allocated two courts on a Sunday morning but it ended up being cancelled. There are 3 matches to be arranged. This means there would only be one court available for the ladies. **The committee agreed that this would be fine but as much notice should be given as possible.**

6. Tennis Scotland meeting

We had been approached by Tennis Scotland's Participation and Development Manager, Grant Shearer, stating that he would be in the Borders in May and offering to come and meet with us. **The committee agreed that we would like to meet with him. This will take place on Thursday 25 May at 7pm. A list of items to raise with him will be compiled beforehand.**

7. Access to Treasurer's gmail account

Leslie is on holiday from 10 May for two weeks. **He is going to give Ali and Sophie access to his Treasurer's gmail account so that we can check it when he is away.**

Also, Lorna took the key for the honesty box to keep checking it while Leslie is away.

8. Post Office

The Post Office van has only been there 3 weeks out of the 16 weeks it has supposed to have been this year. The last time Leslie complained they said it would be there on 17th and it wasn't. The situation is that the van has broken down. It makes it awkward for the banking. Leslie has been going to the Langlee Post Office or sometimes into Galashiels. We should contact our elected representatives about the situation.

9. Possible young person membership category

It was noted that junior members pay £34 annually, then when they turn 18 they suddenly have to pay £90. **Leslie proposed that we should have an 18-21 year old category. This was agreed. It will be put to the AGM for consideration.**

10. Any other business

Scottish Cup tie: the men's captain has requested to hire a van. The committee agreed to pay for the van hire and fuel.

Melrose in Bloom: are we happy to go ahead with the four baskets? We assume it's still £200. The committee agreed.

Winners' board: we need to get it updated. We could perhaps ask another signage company. Lesley will find out the font and colour.

Sum-Up machine: we should try it and then use it for tournaments such as the Melrose Mixed Open.

Tennis Borders levy: the court levy will be increased from £50 to £60. Leslie asked for confirmation of how many teams we are entering into each league so he can complete the form.

Internet searching of the club: someone contacted Alistair O'Neil having found the club on a search engine. Can this be updated?

Clubspark: there have been quite a few new updates. Members' only pages, new fonts etc. Is there anyone in the club who might be willing to take this on? **It was agreed that this could be circulated in an email to members.**

Painting: Will and Andrew painted the hall this morning. There is a second coat to be done. The paint is coming off the wood in the men's changing room.

State of the clubhouse: it was noted that the clubhouse was left in a mess on Monday morning.

Cabinet: will be started in the first week of May.

Players conduct: the issue of people swearing on court was discussed. Do we need to ask members to sign up to a certain code of conduct. **Ali and Jessica will be meeting to go over our club policies and will consider this as part of that work.**

Benches: Lesley has moved the two benches from the ladies changing room into the shed.

Finals Day: is there potential to change Finals Day as a couple of members cannot play on the chosen day. A vote was taken and it was decided to leave it.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 7pm on Thursday 25 May when Grant Shearer of Tennis Scotland will be in attendance.