

North Berwick Tennis Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 19th May 2021 – 7:30pm

Present (Zoom): Stuart Rye (Chair), Colin Anderson, Karen Price, Gavin Henderson, Keith Barbour and Lesley McClelland

1. Memberships and offerings for new season from 1st July 2021

The meeting was primarily to discuss memberships and club offerings for next season which starts on 1st July 2021

Through association with, and the production of, a valid ELC Access to Leisure card:

- i. Adult concession membership to be expanded to cover more categories of need as outlined in the Access to Leisure documentation.
- ii. Adult concession rate to be reduced to 25% of the standard adult membership
- iii. Junior concession to be reduced to a free membership
- iv. Support associated concessionary reduced pay-to-play rates (either through an assigned role or a 'free' membership category, either of which then requires pay-to-play access but at reduced rate)

Memberships to be extended to have Adult and Family categories with an option to make a voluntary donation of £20 to be put towards a club bursary fund

Club to match the first £500 raised for the bursary

The bursary fund to be managed separately for promoting disadvantaged access and reach out sessions (eg to finance coaching)

One such out-reach programme is to “Stepping Out” in North Berwick, with Ann in discussions with Nicky Fox about potential sessions. Associated link to 'Community Connections'

There is potential for fund raising to the bursary fund through an Amazon donation code

Members should also be able to make separate direct donations to the funds

Membership renewal will begin w/c 14th June 2021

Members who do not renew by 1st July 2021 will not be able to book courts until their membership has been renewed

Membership numbers to be monitored and a formal review will take place should they reach 600

Tags are to be used again, with orange tags being the preference for 2021. These will be primarily handed out to renewed members at the clubhouse, at set times from the middle of June

It was agreed to drop the out of county membership category from 2021, as pay-to-play is available at all times now for casual use and more regular users should take out a standard membership, as our membership fees are set at a reasonable level

2. Autumn East Lothian Leagues

The possibility of running two teams this year was discussed

There were no strong objections to running more than one team, but there is a need to test that we have sufficient player demand nearer the time. If entering two teams we need to consider the selection approach and ensure this is fair and transparent

The final decision was deferred until firm details on the leagues have been published this year

3. Additional high school camp w/e 9th August

Head coach Roddy's request to run an additional high school session during the august summer camp, to run from 3.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm, on up to 3 courts, was approved

4. Court Brushing

More consistent court brushing is required. It was proposed that the club Saturday session should start with a brush. That the first 15 minutes should be marked a brushing and the session should not start until completed

Committee members offered to brush when they have the opportunity

The men's teams will be asked to brush during Sunday training sessions

Heavier brush mats will be researched

Sportex reported back that there were no issues with Courts 1-3 after their Revive Maintenance in May

5. Club Ladders

It was agreed that re-instating club ladders for Singles and supplementing this with Doubles and Mixed Doubles ladders was a good idea. GH to review previous ladder process