**Northallerton Tennis Club Committee Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 27th June 2019**

**Present:** Nimmo Clarke, Paul Collier, Sue Pratt, Ralph Windwood, Jackie Hay, Margaret Fenwick.

1. **Apologies:** Debbie Pearson, Barrie Hay, Helen Mighall, Helen Coulthard
2. **Minutes of the meeting held 23rd May 2019** were agreed as a true record.

There were no matters arising not on the agenda.

1. **Management Committee**

Paul reported from the Cricket Club Management meeting held on 18th June:

* We have been asked to bury the slabs by the doorway to enable those using the mowers to drive across them.

**ACTION:** Ralph and Paul volunteered to carry out that work on Friday.

**OUTSTANDING ACTION:** Management Committee wishes the Tennis Club to display reference to public liability insurance in the pavilion. No written confirmation of the renewal has been provided as yet.

1. **Treasurer’s Report/Membership Details**

Jackie confirmed that she provides details to Dave Andrews on a monthly basis.

Membership is down from last year.

There are 68 paid up members compared to 90 last season (not counting the Mini Members signed up by Ralph). Only 36 seniors have paid (48 in 2018).

To date:

Income £4358.71

Expenditure £3040.16

Jackie reported that some members are charging visitors £2 rather than the agreed new charge of £5.

**ACTION:** Nimmo to remind members of new rate.

1. **Courts/Maintenance**

* The towel rail has dropped off.

**ACTION:** Ralph and Paul volunteered to fix that.

* Margaret reported issues with dangerous twigs/branches poking through from surrounding gardens. Some have been cut off but more needs to be cut back.

**ACTION:** Barrie to cut back the growth.

Margaret to record risk of harm on Risk Assessment form.

* Outstanding jobs:

‘Roundup’ treatment of cracks on patio.

Ridge tile to be repaired.

On-court seat to be repaired (John Topham has it in hand).

1. **Pay and Play**

There have been three scheduled weeks of pay and play. It had been advertised in the local papers, posters had been displayed in Town and hand outs left in the Cricket Club and word had spread over Facebook. Ralph and Paul reported that the first week was washed out by rain, the second week saw 4 players on court and the last week was very well attended with £60 taken on the night and all courts full.

Ralph reminded the group that he needs volunteers to cover the sessions along with him and Paul. It is hoped that all committee members will take a turn.

Paul suggested that a banner on the side of the courts would help attract players. It was agreed that this should be reviewed if numbers fell. Margaret has submitted another article to the local papers.

1. **Promoting Accessible Sport (Invitation)**

Margaret and Nimmo had attended an event at the College on Tuesday 25th June to promote our club, along with the Cricket Club. It was agreed pretty low key and there was not a lot of interaction with people attending (they were there to order school uniforms and meet form tutors). It was agreed that the next event on Monday 1st July would not be attended due to unavailability of committee members.

1. **Equality & Diversity (Standing Item)**

Nothing to report.

1. **Safeguarding (Standing Item)**

Margaret informed the meeting that she had received a communication from the LTA reminding us of the need to ensure that our coaches are accredited. Their records show that we have declared our coaches to be Level 3-5 accredited and we therefore comply with the new criteria which are mandatory for 2019 venue registration.

1. **Risk Assessment (Standing Item)**

See item 5 re dangerous twigs/branches.

1. **Coaching Report**

Ralph has added another coaching session on 20th July.

Summer Tennis weeks are scheduled on Wednesdays to Fridays in the first and last weeks of the summer holidays.

A junior competition is being planned for the autumn involving local clubs: us, Thirsk, Bedale and Hutton Rudby. The targeted age groups are Primary and early Secondary (bearing in mind that the Dales Junior League is Under 16). It is anticipated that matches will take place on our courts on Friday 13th and 20th in September from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.

Considering feedback from the Accessible Sport event where it was noted that some keen young players are unavailable on Saturday mornings it was agreed that consideration should be given to adding more coaching sessions next season for mini juniors on a weekday between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m.

1. **Honours Boards**

Dave Andrews has proposed that the records of honours won within the Cricket Club should not be displayed on wooden boards but should be incorporated within a new system whereby rolling information is screened on a television in the Clubhouse. The Tennis Section has been invited to consider taking the same approach. It is likely that the cost of inscribing many, many records could be expensive.

The feeling of the meeting was that our pavilion is not set up in the correct way for a television to be beneficial for this sort of activity. It was felt that it would fit better in the Cricket Club social setting so it is hoped that we could stream our information alongside that of the Cricket section.

**ACTION:** Helen C to discuss with Dave Andrews.

Margaret to print out records to display in paper form as potential interim measure.

1. **Tournaments**

The Ann Render Tournament was won by Matthew Midgley & Andy Holt and Margaret Fenwick.

The Championship Finals will take place on Sunday 7th July starting at 1.00 p.m.

Ralph confirmed that the Junior Finals will not be included on that day and that they will not have a separate, scheduled date for all finals to be played at once due to unavailability of juniors.

**ACTION:** Margaret to prepare schedule of play/ Nimmo to circulate.

1. **Presentation Evening**

Margaret informed the meeting that she has invited Rachel Holden to be the guest speaker. Rachel is considering whether or not to accept the invitation.

**ACTION**: Margaret to check with Rachel in good time.

1. **A.O.B.**

* A Family fun day was held on Sunday 23rd June. Ralph and Paul put out the junior nets on the grass and it had been a successful afternoon.
* Ralph asked if it was possible to introduce payment by journal transfer. He has been collecting cash due to some members having no cheque book. Nimmo and Margaret fed back what they had learned from Sarah Gardiner and Dave Andrews recently about banking/communication apps. It appears that progress on that front is likely.

**ACTION**: Appropriate colleagues from the Cricket Club to be invited to a committee meeting to demonstrate the new systems and discuss ways forward in readiness for next season.

* Margaret informed the group that the Harrogate League had invited us to participate in a new league for over 50s which was geared towards players who are not already playing league tennis. As we haven’t sufficient members in that category we have not accepted the invitation.

1. **Date of Next Meetings:**

Thursday 18th July @ 8.00 p.m. (Sue Pratt, Barrie and Jackie Hay gave their apologies)

Thursday 12th September @ 8.00 p.m.