

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 16 April 2025
In the clubhouse

1. **Attendees:**
Alan McDougall, Jenifer Davidson, Naivasha Corsar, Angela Christie and Ilia Kuznetsov
2. **Apologies**
Iain McHale and Scott Douglas
3. **Minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes were accepted by the committee.
4. **Matters arising**
 - Safeguarding policies uploaded to website
 - Safeguarding risk assessments for tennis events - Alan to contact Sue Hay on what is required.
 - Jenifer is updating the information pack for new members which will include safeguarding details.
 - Due to lack of numbers, Easter junior coaching sessions aren't happening this year.
 - On the subject of coaching, provision of group adult coaching sessions was discussed. Naivasha to contact Graeme Soutar to discuss feasibility/options.
 - Roll of Honour board - Scott to look into costs of getting a new roll of honour board for club championship winners.
 - The discussion of the roll of honour board led to a wider discussion on the inside of the clubhouse in general. The key points arising from that discussion:
 - a) purchase a portable electric heater for the club - Ilia has a heater at home that might be suitable.
 - b) look at getting some comfy seats for the clubhouse
 - c) take the fading club photos down and put them in an album
 - d) employ a cleaner to do 2 hours a week on the clubhouse. Jenifer to email the club membership to find a suitable cleaner. Ilia to speak to his cleaner friend to see if they would be happy to take on the work.
 - e) paint ladies and gents toilets white to freshen things up and make them a bit brighter. Jenifer to check with the Council to see if we are allowed to do this within the terms of our lease.
 - f) varnish the inside of the main clubhouse doors.
 - g) put aside a morning for tidying up the clubhouse - date agreed 29th April at 9 am. Alan, Jenifer, Angela and Naivasha volunteered.
 - Naivasha made initial contact with Castlebrae school and will follow up after Easter when it is more convenient for the school.
5. **Floodlights Funding Application**
 - Angela and Alan met with Nathan from Sport Scotland on our funding application for the floodlights. Nathan will be supporting us with the application process. The key points of the meeting were:
 - a) the funding application should include the court resurfacing as well as the floodlighting.
 - b) Nathan can provide us with an example business plan. Angela to contact him on this.
 - c) Nathan might have a contact that could help us with the court 4 puddle investigations. Angela to contact him on this.
 - d) Key things to concentrate on for the application: getting planning permission, engagement with local schools and community hubs e.g. in Prestonfield and Craigmillar and look at providing wheelchair access to the courts.
 - Canvas the neighbours. Have an information day where neighbours can come to the club and have any of their concerns discussed. Angela to contact Halliday Lighting to see if they would be willing to attend the information day or at least provide us some back up info e.g. FAQs. Naivasha to draft a flier for the info day.

- Regarding the puddle issue on Court 4. Email to be sent to the membership to see if anyone has any experience or contacts that could help with the investigation into the cause.
- Angela to contact Halliday Lighting to get operating costs, maintenance costs and annual service costs associated with the floodlighting.

6. Allan Langley trophy and Dorothy Finlay trophy organisers

Allan Langley trophy - Jenifer to organise the tournament and Angela to organise the catering.
Dorothy Finlay trophy - Alan to organise the tournament

7. Social Tennis Tournament Organisers

June - Alan
July - Iain
August - Naivasha
September - Alan
Looking for a volunteer for May

8. Safeguarding

No safeguarding matters to report. Documentation all updated and added to both the Clubhouse folder and our website.

9. . AOCB

- Gill Harker has regrettably stepped down from the committee due to family issues. This leaves the Vice President role vacant. Jenifer to canvas Martin and Sheila about joining the committee.
- Ball recycling - in principle the committee is in agreement that we should recycle the tennis balls. This, however, should be limited to the balls generated from club events and league tennis matches. It was agreed that individuals should dispose of their own tennis balls. The wheelie bin that is full of tennis balls should be removed from the clubhouse. Find out how other clubs recycle tennis balls - question to be asked during the league matches over the next few weeks. Jenifer to look into the ball recycling option in more detail.
- Pickle ball - Angla reported that the first pickleball introductory session went very well. More sessions to be organised. Next session to be 3rd of May at 3-5 pm. Email to be sent out to the club membership.
- Membership payments - ongoing issues. Scott working with Clubspark to resolve these.
- Flier and poster to bring in new members. Iliia looking into this. Iliia also to generate a list of social network sites he is aware of, on which we could advertise the club.

10. Date of next committee meeting

Sunday 1st June at 7:30 pm.

Depending on the progress of the work associated with the floodlighting installation an interim meeting may be called.