

Stewkley Tennis Club Committee

Minutes

July 21, 2021

Attendees: Neil Shefferd (Chair), Jeremy Gibbs, Kris Pratt, Rob Owen, Phil Whitecross.

Apologies: Matt Evans, George Gater, Malcolm Lee.

1. Minutes from previous meeting on Feb. 4, 2021, approved.
2. Correspondence:
 - JG submitted Tennis Club COVID-19 report, approved by NS, to Stewkley Parish Council's archives to document the impact of coronavirus on the village
3. Finances:
 - PW confirmed that we currently have funds to proceed with resurfacing and new shed
 - PW to investigate accepting Stripe payments (LTA's online payment provider) to allow non-members to book courts on the LTA national 'find a court' scheme and our website - enables simple payment via mobile app before the court combination is released. Not intended for subs given the percentage taken by Stripe for the transaction. JG to send PW application details
4. Subscriptions:
 - Current membership numbers: 104 (78 adults, 26 children) vs. 93 (69, 24) in '20-'21
 - Court bookings for non-members should be limited to daylight hours given lightbox lock. JG / RO to investigate options – JG to limit availability for non-members on the booking system to daylight hours
5. Welfare:
 - No incidents reported; Welfare Officer JG's training current after safeguarding course completed in May
 - Coronavirus rules to be relaxed for players in line with lockdown easing. KP to take a look at appropriate guidance and return shed key to the lightbox
 - Committee may need to undertake welfare training to retain LTA certification. JG to advise
6. LTA:
 - Nothing to report
7. Maintenance:
 - KP to investigate the clubhouse / shed
 - RO to investigate court resurfacing options
 - NS to investigate new bulbs and cleaning out of floodlights
 - JG to clear weeds to give access around the court perimeter

- JG to buy a replacement court combination lock and ask GG's help to weld
8. Coaching
- KP to discuss potential access programme for village youngsters with Claire Munday
 - Subsidized coaching complete. JG to ask ME about number of attendees that return for more coaching after the summer break. (Note: the program brought in three new adult members - JG)
9. Events, teams & competitions:
- JG to promote Tuesday Club Night (8 p.m. onwards) to membership in August
 - Singles Ladder – ML reported a good initial uptake then interest petered off as people found their place in the rankings. With some interest from new entrants, ML plans to close the current ladder and reinstate in September.
10. Next meetings:
- Next committee meeting on Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. (set out AGM motions)
 - AGM on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. (note: amended from proposed Nov. 24 date due to Pavilion availability)
11. Any other business:
- NS announced his wish to step down as Chairman at the AGM and to remain on the committee. The team thanked him for his stewardship

Jeremy Gibbs

Aug. 8, 2021; Amended Sept. 30