

TAVISTOCK TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING : 3rd AUGUST, 2021

Present: Rhys Dunford, Jon Farquharson, Leigh Hackel, Richard Hendin, Hilary Picton, Pete Rodgers, Ron Temperley, Liz Webb, Julie Wigmore, Inga Zmiena

Apologies: Christian Jenkins, Lyndon Clark

Coaching Update (Rhys and Inga)

Following the re-opening of the clubhouse, the coaches expressed concern about the storage of their kit.

AP1: Coaches It was agreed that the coaches would purchase lockable storage units (max budget of £120 each, ideally less. BandQ have a good selection) for insertion in the mens' and womens' shower units. Coaches would invoice club and Jon kindly agreed to reimburse. Coaches would be responsible for safe upkeep and security of storage.

AP2: Pete – The committee discussed concerns about an unofficial club 'hitter'.

Family Social Event 4th September (Julie)

Julie has issued a 'keep the date' email and gave an overview of preparations.

AP3: Roles for the event were as follow:

- Car parking supervision (**Ron and Jon**)
- sound system (**Pete**)
- Play supervision e.g. rounders and cricket Richard, Pete, Claude and others)
- Publicising event (posters and getting club members to commit (**Julie and Richard**))

Drains Maintenance (All)

Whilst the club has not been found liable for the blockage that occurred in late July, it was agreed that we need to take steps to avoid future incidents of green hand towels and sanitary towels clogging the drains. Chair agreed to contact Devon County Council to inform them of our difficulty.

AP4: Pete to arrange for notices to be clearly displayed in toilets reminding members that the above items should not be flushed down the toilet. Cleaner also to arrange for the purchase of one or more sanitary towel container in the ladies toilet along with appropriate bags.

AP5: Jon to approach the cleaner and ask that she dispose of sanitary towels regularly.
[Already actioned by Pete]

AP6: Pete to speak to Devon County Council re. the road.

Capital Expenditure (Pete)

Pete updated members, stating that we are still awaiting quotes for the court improvement and that Tavistock Town Council had limited their support to £15,000.

AP7: Liz to prepare an email to Courtsall inviting their analysis of the drainage problem experienced on Court 7.

Club Sessions (Richard and Pete)

The Committee agreed to extend club sessions on a Saturday. From 1.30-4pm we shall have intermediate and above standard and from 3.30pm until 5pm we have beginners. If any members are unsure what standard they are then our coaches have kindly agreed to tell them.

AP8: Richard to notify members of the revisions to club sessions

A.O.B.

Jon raised concerns about the low amount of visitor fees so far this year despite the large volume of guest players. He also highlighted the large volume of balls issued and the modest number of balls returned to the club house after play.

AP9: Jon, in collaboration with Richard, to prepare a notice for display in the clubhouse informing members as to how to go about paying for visitors

AP10: Liz to draw members attention to the loss of tennis balls by (a) displaying a poster above the returned balls rack and (b) issuing an email to all members reminding them of their responsibilities and indicating that we shall severely limit access to balls if there is no improvement. **[Actioned 5th August]**

AP11: Pete to send wide-ranging email to members covering visitor fees, standards for Level 1 and 2 coaches, and return of tennis balls.

AP12: Liz reported court occupancy data for a recent week's play. In order to bottom out concerns re. court availability in a time of significant membership expansion, it was decided that a longer-term (6 month) analysis of court usage, 'pinch points', and courts dedicated to coaching was required.

Leigh Hackel
7th August, 2021