

COLESHILL TENNIS & SPORTS CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting on Monday 9th April 2018

Present : Pauline Hoskin : *Chairperson*; Dave Arrand: *Treasurer*; David Wood : *Secretary*; Tina Wiggan: *Social*; Michael Wood: *Membership*; Jane Breeden: *Tennis Manager*; Rebecca Breeden: *Communications*

Apologies: None (Coaching representative unable to attend)

Minutes of last meeting. Agreed, circulated and put on notice board.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING.

- **External paving renewal.** No further progress to report. Matter ongoing.
- **Interior décor schemes and ideas.** This is still being looked into before ideas and schemes will be available for the committee to consider. Matter ongoing.
- **Resurfacing works to courts 3 & 4.** The replacement of the Tiger Turf carpet was commenced mid March, however, there are several 'snagging' issues, which Astrocare have been told to address, before satisfactory completion and enabling the sand to be applied. Unfortunately, the persistent wet weather has put a temporary hold on progress, as a dry spell of 2 or 3 days is required. However, the committee are very disappointed that the quality of work seems to be well below the standard expected, bearing in mind the numerous discussions regarding the problems with the original court surfacing. In view of this the overall quality of workmanship, provided by Astrocare, is in question, including Tiger Turf's representative and consideration is now being given to getting another company, experienced in court surface repairs, to complete the work. Jane will look into this with a view to finding out availability and indication of costs of employing another company (any costs incurred to be recovered from Astrocare). A written current condition report is being produced by Tiger Turf and will be forwarded to Astrocare. It was discussed that, if getting another company involved could not be arranged quickly enough, then Astrocare should be given the opportunity to carry out the 'snagging' works agreed during the next dry weather period, as the courts need to back in use as soon as practically possible.

PRIORITY MATTERS. None

FORWARD DIARY REVIEW :

Sat 7 July 2018 : Helen Walton – Dance school presentation : 80 - 100 people; 5pm – 1am (Sunday)- approved

CAPEX : Pauline has obtained some guide prices for providing a new metal or plastic shed, to replace the one by the BBQ. Prices range from £330 to £470 for a typical 8' by 6' shed. This will be looked into further to determine the best size required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- **Treasurer.** Latest financial report was presented.
- **Social.** Sales of tickets for the Queen tribute night is now priority to ensure good attendance. Live band 'Off The Hook' has been booked for Sat 14th July 2018. Karen Morris has confirmed that she will not be holding the music night in memory of Steve this year, due to several reasons and may consider it for next year. In view of this Tina will look into possibly arranging an alternative social event in September.
- **Tennis Manager.** Jane stated that the first adult / junior Friday social session went well, but the weather has disrupted the original 8 week programme which will be extended. It was pleasing to see that some of the juniors put their names down for the Easter American tournament, which was, unfortunately, cancelled due to weather. We have received no interest yet from other clubs to enter pairs in the Open Mixed doubles in May. If we do not receive enough interest by the end of April we will have to postpone it to its usual date early September.
- **Coach / Junior Rep.** Sam has reported that all is going well with the junior programmes. Jack will be helping to arrange the advertising pack for this year's Great Tennis weekend open days (12-13 May & 21-22 July) and a suitable date will be agreed. This will have to be one of the Saturdays as we have tournaments on both Sundays. Jack also reported that the £150 LTA funding for the 'Tennis for Kids' course has been stopped and parents will now be asked to pay instead. The agreed school run tennis tournament will be held at CTSC on Wednesday 23rd May 2018.
- **Membership.** All membership renewals have now been sent out. There are 163 in total of all categories amounting to £16,875 and so far £1,670 has been received. Mike has been asked to clarify the club's position whether or not there is any allowance or reduction in subs for members who, due to injury or the like, are unable to play tennis for some time. As there is no official ruling on this the committee are unable to agree, at this stage, to anything which may set a precedent for future. It was felt that this item should be put to the members, at the AGM, for inclusion in the club's rules. As more and more members are opting to pay their subs by bank transfer, consideration will be given to stopping the current practice of stage payments, by post dated cheques, next year. We have received 2 concessionary pairs of tickets for Wimbledon and the allocation of these, to club volunteers, will be looked into.

- **Communications.** Dave W has been asked to mention to Becky if she could link our Facebook page with B46, so that certain events, etc. could be made more public. Also consideration to start using our Twitter account again. Becky will look into these items. With the World Cup coming up, Becky will put up some flags, posters, possibly provide food, etc. and advertise the showing, on the large screen TV, of the opening match and all of England's games.

- **Secretary.** Dave confirmed that shelving units to the cellar have now been installed at a cost of £70 and all fire signs updated, as required, including a replacement kitchen fire extinguisher, for £90 total. Brian Sheppard will be asked to take away and return the Wii console, belonging to the Solihull M.B.C. The only other item of value, of the Solihull M.B.C. is the basketball stands, in the old shed, but no arrangements have been made at this stage.

- **Chairperson.** Pauline has contacted Sky TV to get an idea of the cost of showing Sky Sports at the club. The cost is based initially upon the ratable value and would be £400 + per month but, if we can be classed as a public house, then this would reduce considerably to £220 per month. Pauline will speak to them again to see if any further reductions are forthcoming. A questionnaire is being compiled for members to try and gauge why there is a downward trend in using the bar and whether or not we should pay for Sky Sports. It will only be a short questionnaire and will be available online through 'Survey Monkey' or written copy behind the bar. The results will be discussed at the next meeting. We have had an email from the LTA regarding club governance workshops, aimed at management ideas for club roles and responsibilities, etc. The workshops are free of charge. Pauline expressed an interest in attending and will forward details on to all committee members to see if anyone else wishes to. Following the last working party we have been asked to consider purchasing some equipment, such as hedge trimmers, or the like. Pauline went to Maxstoke Golf Club to enquire about holding the dinner dance there. Some basic information was given but Dave A agreed to revisit and speak to the person in charge to get some firm prices and menu details. Provisionally they have Saturday 24th November 2018 available. It was agreed that the club would organise something for members to watch the Royal Wedding on the large screen TV.

- **Maintenance.** Jane said she is arranging to have the remaining live moss treated on courts 1 & 2 asap..

- **A.O.B.** None

Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Refreshments £11.55

Next meeting – Monday 14th May 2018 @ 7.00 p.m.