

MINUTES OF HARLOW TENNIS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 20th November 2017

PRESENT: Anne Clapham; John Shackleton; Graham Mather; Rachel Burberry and Helen Flynn

APOLOGIES: Andy Poulton

MINS OF THE LAST MEETING: were approved

MATTERS ARISING: Siobhan can't help with junior coaching. Graham has sent a list of other junior coaches to Matt. The website has been updated – thanks to Alex.

TENNIS HARROGATE: Matt had been asked for a written update but it hadn't arrived in time for the meeting. Saturday junior coaching had finished at HTC due to lack of numbers...Graham had asked Matt about having a junior tournament but hasn't received any details. Rachel asked if there could be sessions for adult coaching on Saturday mornings as the courts are now free. A discussion followed on Saturday morning junior coaching, Tennis Harrogate and whether or not they had increased the junior membership. As no juniors are now being coached on Saturdays this is not very likely. Chris Dight is coaching on Wednesday evenings. John volunteered to speak to Matt about available times for coaching on Saturday mornings 10 – 11, 11 – 12. It could be coaching on match technique.

MEMBERSHIP: new rules have come out which will require each member having to give permission for any of their personal details, e.g. telephone number, to be given to another member. Next year's membership form will include this.

WREN: The constitution still needs updating but there is a model at the LTA that can be used. Graham to contact LTA. Graham thought that we also need a Code of Conduct which would include court etiquette.

John hasn't put in an application for CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club) yet – still unclear if to go ahead or not but if we had that status we would be deemed to be a "fit and proper member."

Anne had heard that WREN had only given 5K to Boroughbridge TC. She wrote to Penny Beaumont to ask how much we would be likely to receive if we applied. It would depend on the application and would be between 2 – 100K but very unlikely to get full 100k. Have to show funding from other sources to get better funding from WREN.

There followed a discussion on LTA funding. They have 250 million to spend on development – mainly indoor courts and lighting and could help with 25% cost of a project. Rachel is willing to help with any tender and Graham said he'd talk to Gavin from LTA to ask about any likelihood of support from them. The LTA do point tennis clubs towards certain companies if they give funding.

HOT WATER: has been installed in the washbasin. The old heater in the kitchen has been removed and there is a new water cylinder to heat larger amounts of water needed on match nights. We need a completion form from the electrician – JS to ask Rosemary to contact electrician. John said that we have received £220 back from NYCC and received a 1K grant, so the cost of the hot water works has been covered.

COMPLAINT: 2 members who receive coaching from Chris Dight had sent e mails to the Committee complaining about the attitude and rudeness of 2 male players on the court next to them. Helen was asked to give an account of what happened as she and Rachel were playing with the 2 men. The Committee

discussed the complaints and decided to send a letter to both men, a letter to Chris Dight and a letter to each of the complainants.

COURT MAINTENANCE: Court 4 is getting covered with moss. It was decided to buy a leaf blower (Anne) and HF said she'd purchase a new wide sweeping brush. Barbara Lynne's seat needs sanding and varnishing. Only 1 strip light works in the hut – there is a spare. The court lights need adjusting – the Committee hoped Andy P would see to this.

CLUB SPARKS BOOKING SYSTEM: Graham has altered the booking settings so that there are now 30 minute slots. The LTA are able to monitor HTC bookings via Club Sparks. In the future they are also keen to establish Pay and Play, via Club Sparks, which would be available to the public (they would use a key code access).

AGM: Anne had enquired about using the Green Hut on Beckwith Avenue as the venue for the AGM. The Committee agreed to the new venue and decided to hold the meeting on Thursday 18th January 2018. There will be tea/coffee available (Anne/Helen) from 7.15pm with the meeting starting at 7.30pm. Thanks to Anne for her enquiries. The AGM agenda was discussed and amended.

A.O.B: Graham said he would produce a Newsletter to include the AGM date/time/venue/agenda and also other relevant information.

There was a discussion concerning the standard of new members to the club and whether or not they should be allowed to club play if other members thought they weren't good enough. The Committee felt that Club play is open to all members and that new players improved by playing with better players. We can only encourage them to get coaching.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: to be decided after the AGM.