

CROSS IN HAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB – COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2017

Held on Monday 17th October 2017 at 19:30

Present: Chris Groom - Chairman (CG), Rob French – Joint Membership Secretary (RF), Helen French – Joint Membership Secretary (HF), Martin Stringell - Provisions Manager (MS), Danielle Cruickshank – Social Secretary (DC)

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Hon Secretary's Report, including matters arising/members issues raised
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report
5. South Coast Tennis
6. Membership Secretary's Report
7. Information, Advertising and Communications
8. Maintenance and Utilities
9. Social Activities
10. Match/Tennis Secretary's Report
11. Welfare Officer's Report
12. Provisions Manager's Report
13. Chairman's Report
14. Any Other Business

1. Apologies for absence

John Tetzlaff - Treasurer (JT), Corrie Huntley – Welfare Officer (CH), Bryan Hamblin – Match/Tennis Secretary (BH), Paul Dent (PD) of South Coast Tennis (SCT)

2. Minute of last meeting – unanimously approved by the committee

3. Honorary Secretary's Report including matters arising/members issues raised – (Vacant)/All

Club Tournaments are progressing successfully and on target to conclude during the year and provide winners for the honours board. CG and MS will ensure the Men's singles is concluded during the match practice sessions and the Men's Doubles will be held on 5th November.

Suzie Christie mentioned to RF that members would feel safer if the existing security lights could be extended to the car park area. The committee agreed and this will be added to the maintenance list.

No further incoming communications have been received into the club that require attention.

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report – JT (via e-mail)

JT covered the club's finances, including receipts and payments. Net income for the month of September was positive, with one of the major expenses which had been expected before the end of the financial year (astro floodlights) now moved into November. It is worth noting that the Tennis Sussex loan is now fully re-paid.

Subs and income in general are on track to meet the budget projections, with subs now at or above last year.

5. South Coast Tennis – PD (via e-mail)

The next block of coaching has been launched and numbers are increasing post-summer including Saturday mornings, which is encouraging. Various new initiatives are planned including a pre-Christmas "5k Challenge".

Dan, an existing part of the SCT team, has replaced Peter and is running the Minis on Saturday mornings with Anna Broad. Mikey is also continuing to expand his input to junior coaching.

6. Membership Secretary's Report - HF/RF

1 new adult member joined during September and there are no members currently trialling at the club. Our 2 summer members have now put down their rackets and will resume in the spring. Subscription rates are now above the 16/17 period and the peg board used in club sessions is fully up to date.

The non-member surcharge continues to be successful thanks to the joint admin process with our partners SCT.

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7. Information, Advertising and Communications – CG + All

The website is fully up to date, and CG has received a proposal for the club to be part of the launch of the Heathfield News website. For relatively low cost, as part of the agreed marketing budget, it was agreed that this made a lot of sense and will be followed up.

8. Maintenance and Utilities – All

The work to replace the two blown bulbs on the astro courts will now happen in November. The contractor has done the survey but has a busy schedule until then.

The maintenance board is now up and running and the need to repair or replace one of the clay court levellers has been highlighted. No volunteers have as yet come forward for the outstanding jobs which are –
- Astro floodlights, Astro retaining boards, Roof leak, Court brushing tractor run, Clay court leveller.

9. Social Activities - DC

The Curry Night worked really well this month and there is a “Bring a Dish” social and tennis evening hosted by Linda on the board. The Christmas event will be on Friday 8th December and is fully subscribed which is great news. DC looking is finalising options for catering at the clubhouse.

10. Match/Tennis Secretary’s Report – BH

All the teams have captains in place for the winter leagues and the courts are booked.

11. Welfare Officer’s Report – CH

No issues reported and medical supplies up to date.

12. Provisions Manager’s Report – MS

There will be a re-stock prior to the Christmas event in the clubhouse.

13. Chairman’s report - CG

No-one has as yet volunteered to be a member of the committee, and particularly to fill the vacant Hon. Secretary position. The committee continues to feel that that we need to add at least one more member to the team to make sure no one person feels overburdened.

CG and MS mentioned that an opposing player had slipped on the astro courts near the “tractor gate”. It was agreed that CG would highlight this area to members for their attention and safety and that matches would be more likely to be held on the clay courts over the autumn and winter.

The Hardy Roberts’ meeting, where CG expected to get more details of the rugby club development and how it impacts the drive and parking area, was postponed at short notice.

14. Any Other Business

The AGM is set for Tuesday 14th November at 20:00. CG has informed the members via e-mail.

The next meeting is set Monday 8th January 2018 or Monday 15th January 2018 at 19:00.

The Meeting closed at 20:45hrs.