

Hutton Rudby Tennis Club Minutes Monday 7th October 2019

1. **Apologies** – Sue Cosgrove, John Kitson, Alison Morton, Keith Hodgson.
Present: John Taylor, Claire Smith, John Kitson, Pam Dodds, Christine Devereux, Wilf Wilson, Simon Hill, Paddy Morton, Jonathan Greaves.
2. **Minutes of the Committee meeting 8th July 2019**
 - a. Minutes reviewed and accepted
 - b. Actions reviewed.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a. All club coaches are now LTA registered and accredited.
4. **Treasurers report**
 - a. John Kitson was not present. Treasurer's report presented by John Taylor. The club has achieved an 18% increase in membership fees and is a positive financial situation with £9,000 allocated to the sinking fund this year.
 - b. The committee thanked Club Coach and committee member Claire Smith on behalf of the membership for her development work and significant contribution to increasing membership.
 - c. Simon Hill noted that the new floodlight meters have been a success, he suggested possibly looking at fitting an external warning light in the future for when meter time is near to expiry.
5. **New Club Constitution and Facilities Usage Guidelines**
 - a. New and amended Club Constitution and Court/facilities Usage Guidelines presented to committee by Pam Dodds. Documents were accepted and adopted by committee for the club by vote, with 1 amendment: To point 6.6 of the constitution (regarding members liability).
 - b. Further: Pam Dodds proposed a name change to Appendix 1 from 'Club Rules' to Club Court and Facilities Usage Guidelines. Committee agreed change.
 - c. Proposal to adopt new Constitution by Simon Hill, seconded by John Taylor.
 - d. **ACTION Pam Dodds to send amended and final constitution document to committee, Paddy Morton to send out to membership.**
6. **Club Development Plan**
 - a. As the first part of the development plan it was decided by committee to get feedback from club members on their views on the club and future development direction. **ACTION Wilf Wilson to make a questionnaire to send out to members for club membership feedback.**
7. **Clubhouse use review.** Claire Smith and Fiona Booth suggested to the committee a proposal to increase and improve the usage of the clubhouse pavilion main room. This included putting sofas in the pavilion to improve comfort and provide somewhere for parents to sit during the winter. Further ideas included a new bigger window to provide a view of the courts.
 - a. Ideas were well received by committee. **ACTION Claire to organise a sofa to be put in the clubhouse pavilion.** Other initiatives subject to further committee discussion. **ACTION Pam to organise meeting with Bowls club to discuss new curtains & carpet funding and pavilion future development.** A joint bank account and sinking fund with the bowls club was also proposed.
8. **Grounds and maintenance programme.**
 - a. We need to purchase some new kickboards. **ACTION John Kitson to get prices from timber merchants.**
 - b. Weedkill needed on outer edge of courts. **ACTION Simon Hill to action when weather permits.**

- c. Hedge trimming. A date for trimming hedges was proposed for 29th February 2020. Volunteers would also be rewarded with a beer and or snacks. **ACTION Simon Hill to organise at time, Pam to organise rewards.**
- d. To reduce time taken to clean and brush courts it was suggested that possible volunteers 'buddy up'. Paddy Morton and Wilf Wilson agreed to jointly clean the courts in the future. **ACTION Pam Dodds to send out What's App message on Volunteer Group suggesting 'buddy up system'.**
- e. It was proposed all members need to be reminded to drag brush courts before use. **ACTION Paddy Morton to email our reminder to membership.**
- f. The committee agreed a formal thanks and recognition to Steve Brisley who painted the fence.

9. Club Activities

- a. Craig Trophy to be retimetabled to Sunday 13th October. **ACTION Paddy Morton to email out details to membership, Christine Devereux to text those already signed up.**
- b. Club championships discussed, Pam contacted Dan Farman for more information regarding the finals.
- c. End of season dinner and competition to be held on 18th October. **ACTION Pam, John & Fiona.**
- d. Christmas Quiz to be held on the 6th December. **ACTION Dan Farman to organise.**
- e. Claire proposed a 'Reward night for volunteers' in early December to encourage members to volunteer in the club and make those that already do feel valued. Evening expected to include drinks and some food and expected cost of c. £250. **ACTION Claire to organise**
- f. Ceilidh to take place in Spring. Possible date of early March. **ACTION Paddy Morton and John Coatsworth to organise.**
- g. Tennis Club Ladder Proposal . A proposal to start the previously discussed Tennis Club Ladder was put forward to committee. Proposal rejected by committee on the grounds there is enough club activities currently and playing members would not have enough time for more competition.
- h. Floodlit Time Dual Session Proposal. A proposal was put forward to committee to formally make two playing sessions during floodlit time. The proposal was rejected on the grounds that most people wouldn't want to play too late if possible and is not currently necessary.

10. LTA opt in. The time has come again for members to opt in to the LTA Wimbledon draw. **ACTION Pam Dodds to organise.**

11. Date of next meeting.

- a. Date of next committee meeting was agreed as 13th January 2020.

12. AOB

- a. The club has received some generous donations from members. A proposal was made by Pam Dodds to spend some money (c.£100) on a new trophy cabinet, kindly passed on from John Taylor from an LTA award last year. The proposal was accepted by the club. **ACTION Pam to organise.**
- b. The code for the Light Meter Override keysafe is to be changed. **ACTION John Kitson to change code at earliest opportunity.**
- c. It was brought to the committee's attention that Claire is owed money for a tennis course. The committee agreed to take stronger action to recover the money. **ACTION Claire to contact individuals requesting payment. Pam to follow up.**
- d. Cleveland League Results. **ACTION Paddy to send an email detailing our teams results in the Cleveland League this year, with congratulations to the Ladies 2nd team for winning the 4th division.**
- e. 4th Men's Cleveland League team proposal. A proposal was made to committee by Andrew Knox that the club fields a fourth men's team in the Cleveland League next year. The proposal was accepted by Committee.
- f. HRTC website.
 - i. Wilf gave an update on ideas for the future development of the club website.

ACTION Pam to organise a meeting with Wilf and Keith to discuss how we can move forward with the website.