



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – SOUTHBOURNE TENNIS CLUB
Monday 2nd November 2020 – 7.00pm**

Meeting called by David Bull to tackle numerous outstanding issues and to help bring him up to speed as the new chairperson. It was not a full standard meeting.

Present

David Bull (DB), Daniel Light (DL), David Sanger (DS), Carolyn Day (CD), Colin Gilbey (CG), Celia Barron (CB).

Quorum achieved.

1. Apologies

Amanda Nagle (AN)

- 2. Offer by Kirsty, Cleo & Sarah to join committee**
- 3. Geoff Searle and the net posts**
- 4. Martin Mullard's email and Monday Nights**
- 5. Maintenance provision**
- 6. Membership fees**
- 7. Membership year**
- 8. Clubspark**
- 9. Covid safety**

2. Offer by Kirsty, Cleo & Sarah to join committee

Committee discussed the offer from Kirsty, Cleo and Sarah to join the committee.

At present there is only position available on the committee, for social secretary. Due to Covid there is not much demand for a social secretary although it was agreed we could do some things “virtually” if someone wanted to fill the role.

It was also felt that we could do with more help fund raising and if someone wishes to work on this, or support the committee with this from a non-committee position this could be of interest.

David Bull agreed to respond to Kirsty, Cleo and Sarah and explore interest.

The committee do not wish to expand committee posts to include positions that do not have designated roles as experience of this previously has not been good.

3. Geoff Searle and the net posts

Committee acknowledged Geoff’s offer to do some work on the net posts and acknowledged what a good job he did with the gates previously.

However, it was felt that the posts are not really in need of repair and that if net posts were away for any period of time it would disrupt play on the courts.

It was also felt that net posts traditionally have been changed, and used as a bargaining position, at the time of renewing the courts, which we are due to do in a couple of years.

CG agreed to reply to Geoff Searle.

4. Martin Mullard’s email and Monday Nights

Martin’s email was acknowledged. Committee discussed this and the general feeling is that the Monday night club session is a challenge, and has been for some time, as it has such a wide range of abilities. It is agreed that the Monday night session is not really working properly. Other sessions are also not doing as well as they used to – Covid Lockdowns have changed behaviours.

It was agreed that we need to see what we can do to improve the Monday session (in particular) but also that it is not possible for us to make people who attend play with other people outside their normal circles, or team levels.

DB suggested CB contact team captains and suggest getting rid of the Monday session and seeking ideas how otherwise to use it.

DL agreed to email Martin Mullard with a response that we are looking at ways to improve the Monday, but cannot make people turn up and play others.

5. Maintenance provision

The discussions regarding maintenance and how committee had previously come to the conclusion that we need to pay someone to do most of it came about. DB questioned whether we could not just pick items off the list one by one and get people involved?

CB also asked whether we were sure members will not do the maintenance?

CG recalled his experience trying to get people involved, and the response usually being given that they don't want to do it and would rather pay more to have someone do it.

It was however agreed we can try to chip away at jobs, but that we do need someone we can turn to on a paid basis. At the AGM a member had suggested that she was aware of someone she felt suitable, and CG agreed to ask for these details.

Additionally, a new member, Hugh Richards, had also given us some thoughts on the height of the nets due to maintenance issues. Hugh has historically been involved with maintenance at another tennis club and CG agreed it made sense to ask him if he is interested in managing maintenance for us.

6 and 7. Membership fees/ Year

We discussed how the membership year came about and discussed the pro's and con's of moving this. The main plus to the membership year was felt to be that it coincides with "peak" tennis season and therefore people are keener to renew.

The reasoning behind deferring the levels of fees until next year, requiring an additional general meeting, were explained to DB who agreed to the plans for this.

8. Clubspark

DB wanted to know the capabilities, limitations etc. of Clubspark for our requirements. DS and CG provided lots of information for DB. Whilst far from perfect nobody was aware of a better system at this time.

Next meeting: Deferred until Monday 7th December 2020 7pm