

Hillhead Tennis Club Committee meeting.

Tuesday 24th August 2021

Meeting held at Hillhead Sports Club.

Present; Keith Fowler, Shona Ross, Ed Gallacher , George Cheyne, Carlos Celis Morales, Isobel Campbell (Minutes)

Apologies from Fraser Copeland

The minutes were proposed by Carlos and seconded by Ed

Matters Arising

Review of actions.

- Shona has sent letters of support for the bid for funds for replacement of floodlights.
- Keith is awaiting a reply from Suez. There are also other options to be pursued if this is not successful
- It is expected that the change to new floodlights would show savings of £12,000 per annum
- Isobel reported that the ladies team captains had met as planned to discuss teams for the new season
- Ash has taken over the old physio room as agreed with the board and is arranging the available space. A risk assessment for this room has been completed
- The summer tournament went well
- The new website is to go live shortly and the sitemaker payment will be cancelled
- Teams involved in end of season playoffs last week did extremely well; Men's 3rd won div 5, Men's 2nd have gained promotion in playoff v Western TC and Men's 1st won the Div 2 playoff. The third team received their trophy, but the first team have not as yet.
- The memorial benches have been constructed and placed on the courts, 2 to each court. The quote for plaques was excessive so Ed is looking for more reasonable ones.
- Ash will be asked to go forward with plan to source club kit by advising the committee of likely costs to outfit the coaching team. Thereafter members could order any of the club kit they wished with the HTC logo after we pay a one off fee.

Match secretary Report

- Deadline for teams to name their players is coming up
- There has been some unhappiness regarding the process of selection for the mens teams. Ash is intending to run trials for the teams over the coming months so that selection will be more transparent for the new years' seasons. There has been a lot of discussions going on behind the

scenes however the committee feel they will act only if formal complaints are laid. We agreed that being a team captain is a difficult job and we recognise that hard and sometimes thankless work in these voluntary roles.

- George reported that he had helped the Monday night and Sunday afternoon team captains by giving a list of a pool of players. Nominations are not needed for these teams.
- Kostas has agreed to run the National League competition, running in September/October as he did last year
- It is unclear why there does not appear to be an under 10 team competition available. Ash will check with John Stevenson
- Reregistration of the venue is about to become due. This is a time consuming task but George will make a start and Keith will send up to date membership number.

Head Coach Report

Isobel has circulated the minutes of the subgroup meeting. There had been an item missed in the minute. The subgroup asked Ash to consider if he felt a junior member who was showing exceptional promise, might benefit from some support from the club to develop their skills. This could for example, take the form of a grant to cover a course of individual lessons or the purchase of equipment. Ash will consider this and feed back to the committee.

Ash also asked the committee to consider some support for the development of the junior coaches e.g., in attending a course to upskill.

Treasurers Report

- Currently our account holds £13,540.66. Ash 's invoice has still to be paid.
- There are balls available for the upcoming matches
- We should consider a system of selling balls to members. The subgroup will raise this with Ash

Covid Officers Report

We will update members that booking for social sessions is now generally not required but that wearing masks indoors, sanitizing hands before and after playing, should continue. Also only one person in the new coach's room at a time as there is very limited ventilation

Maintenance

- A number of dragnets have been damaged, and some elements of court maintenance have not been satisfactory. Keith and Ed will raise this with the appropriate person on the board.
- A memorial tree had been damaged, and it will be replaced. Ed has sourced a replacement tree and found a suitable site.
- Other issues will be dealt with now that the holiday period is over and courts are not so busy.

- Protective netting behind court 1 should be considered
- A letter should be sent to the board to request the trees surrounding the courts to be trimmed

Media Subgroup report

Aims are

- Provide a club guide to members
- Advertise the club activities to the community
- Maximise attendance at social events and coaching
- Gain new members
- Promote competition
- Provide a pathway for rapid communication with our members

Carlos reported on the work to date.

- Facebook pages have to be merged.
- Members of the Social Media Team are Ash Webster, Jotie Jaidka, Baljinder Jee, Neil Douglas, David Byrne, Andrew McCulloch, Sandy Thomson, Carlos Celis. Carlos asked us to look for a member for this group from the ladies teams
- Keith asked the group to investigate using a new 'newsletter sender' on twitter to circulate emails more easily
- Keith will send files of the club logo which can be utilised to create a template for posts
- Plan to have an 'activities of this week' post
- Clubspark should be referenced for all coaching and booking and the HTC website for all other links

Safeguarding Report

An issue had been raised by a member to a committee member. The details were circulated to the tennis committee and the HTC safeguarding officer. This was reported to the board. The HTC committee were concerned that this should be logged as an incident with dates, names etc .and raised for discussion at the next board meeting.

AOCB

- We would hope to hold an awards night as we have done on previous years but the Covid situation is still uncertain and the opening of the upstairs area of the club has not yet happened. We will consider in September's agenda.
- Ed will be taking responsibility for issuing membership cards. This was previously done by Lizzie Millar
- Sports Club AGM is 15/9/21
- Possible date for HTC AGM is 23/11/21
- Keith will reply to Jo's email regarding Friday social tennis.

- Shona will respond to Strathclyde University who are looking to hire courts. She will liaise with Ash to be sure that junior coaching plans do not clash with this let. They have requested 3 courts for 4 hours on a Wednesday afternoon. Shona will check whether they have an interest in booking Saturday evening hours, which they have done in the past. This raises much needed revenue for the Sports Club.

Date of next meeting will be Thursday 23rd September at 7pm.