

## Minutes of RLTSC General Committee meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Present:** Kyri Costi (KC) Chair; Dermot Wickham (DW, Hon Sec); Simon Hancock (SH) Treasurer; Suzi Lynch (SL); Danine Irwin (DI); Gavin Green (GG); Alison Argyle (AA); Felicity Pick (FP).

**Apologies:** None.

**Conflicts of interest:** none declared.

**Matters Arising:** *job description* – FP had written one for the role of Welfare Officer and this had been circulated.

*Constitution* – KC felt no changes were needed ahead of this year's AGM.

*Racquets* – KC felt the scheme whereby the coaches sell discounted racquets was being properly managed by the Club office.

*Clock:* DI had investigated several options and the Committee were happy for her to go ahead with this purchase.

**Chair:** KC felt the Committee Whatsapp group had been an effective means of short term communication on most issues. The office staff are now on flexible furlough. Replacement access cards will be issued to members who lose theirs at a cost of £5/head. KC thanked the members who continued to volunteer to carry out daily security checks at the Club. A discussion was held on subscription levels and it was agreed that these should not be increased for 2021/22 and that AA would set up a sub-group to look at membership, including the idea of offering more generous family discounts. **Action:AA** Community Members playing with a full Member still created issues over court fees and the MyCourts system was unable to resolve this. KC thanked DI for setting up the successful Team Togs clothing site.

**Tennis:** AA will discuss how we judge the success of the interim arrangement with the new joint head coaches with KC and SH. The new coaches will be doing a Q&A session on Monday 18/1, to which all General Committee and Tennis Committee members are invited. We have treated the moss on the tennis courts and the hard courts are to be jet washed; we are looking for a member to volunteer to supervise grounds and maintenance. AA would also like a member to volunteer for the vacant Membership role; we also need to work harder to integrate both new tennis and squash players. **Action: AA/FP; GG**

**Welfare:** FP has ensured our safeguarding processes are in place.

**Finance:** Club finances have been very strong despite COVID and cash balance is now £263k. SH will proceed with his plan for rebating membership fees, as laid out in his report.

**Communications:** two local advertisements had been postponed several times owing to COVID but have now been approved for February and March editions. Social media is being shared between DI and the coaches. Team Togs has so far generated £84 in commission for the Club, some of which will be used to provide club shirts for the squash coaches. It was agreed that DI should arrange for some professional photographs to be taken for the new club web site, £175 for the squash coaches “head and shoulders” shots and squash courts plus a further £100 for the clubhouse and courts. The external ones should wait until the Spring. **Action:DI**

**Squash:** GG has been considering some changes in the court booking rules. The side walls of courts 1&2 and the tins of courts 3&4 have been repaired. The men’s changing room needs refurbishing and GG will give quotes to SH. **Action:GG**

**Social:** SL is hoping to organise a cross-racquet tournament in late May, followed by a social. She will investigate the cost of more outside tables and seating. **Action:SL**

**AOB:** FP asked if e were organising a collection for Jordan Miles and the Club will buy him a leaving present. **Action:AA**

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. SH will have management accounts prepared for this meeting. **Action:SH**