

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OAKHAM TENNIS CLUB

TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2023 HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE

PRESENT: Anne Boyce (AB), Anna Clyde (AC), Lisa Hornsby (LH), Dan Potter (DP), Rob Potter(RP), Sara Clifford (SC), Ed Carlyle (EC), Jane Gilmore (JG)

1	WELCOME/APOLOGIES Apologies received from Viv Redding (VR), Steve Ward (SW), Justin Fowler (JF)
2	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 17 th January 2023 were agreed and signed, for filing by Viv.
3	MATTERS ARISING 4. The new Clubspark website is now active, despite some initial problems, and all members should be able to log on to check out events, make court bookings and renew membership. As it is administered by Clubspark they are the people to contact in the first instance if problems occur. It was agreed that some issues could be dealt with by appropriate committee members (eg Dan for coaching, Justin for finance, Viv for membership) if contacted through the club gmail address. 6. Viv was thanked for agreeing to take over the membership role from Steve. 8. Dan reported back on the cleaning of the courts – there is still some staining on the lines, possibly due to them being painted when green still wet. Rob will speak to Charles Lawrence about this. (Action: RP) . Dan suggested that we may need to have the courts cleaned annually, in November, to prevent icing of courts when cold. (Action to be confirmed after Charles Lawrence have returned to inspect the lines). 13. Jane clarified that the floodlights can stay on until 8.00pm in the winter (October to March) and 9.30pm in the summer (April to September).
4	AGM Notice of the AGM will be sent out to members by 28 th March. Anne asked that reports be prepared for sending on to members, by 4 th April; and that any members' questions should be requested by 14 th April. Nominations for new committee members will also be requested. (Action: AC, DP, JF, VR, AB) Both the Keith McLeod Trophy and the Florence Howard Trophy will be presented at the AGM. Jane will contact Jill McLeod to see if she will be able to attend. (Action: JG)
5	CLUB DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION Anne opened the discussion by proposing establishing an overall picture of the present positive points, ideas for future improvement and clubhouse specific ideas. <u>Present positives:</u> size, pleasant area and appearance (thanks to Lisa), courts well-used, good social set-up, active committee, many competitions, benefit to the community, financial stability and a friendly, welcoming club. <u>Future ideas:</u> 1) Improvement of clubhouse and facilities 2) Dan will look into LTA funding options (Action: DP) 3) Possibility of introducing padel tennis (at an alternative venue, but under Tennis Club jurisdiction. 4) Ed wondered if a link between Catmose Leisure was an option.

	<p>5) See if funding from new housing developments could be obtained.</p> <p>6) Have an on-site café.</p> <p>7) Safeguarding issues – separation of toilets and changing rooms</p> <p>8) Promotion of tennis for physical health and mental well-being.</p> <p>9) Consequences to the community of loss of amenity.</p> <p><u>Clubhouse:</u></p> <p>1) Starting point should be to liaise with Oakham Town Council to establish exact situation regarding possible improvements. (Action: AB, JF)</p> <p>2) Arrange to have professional building survey done. (Action: SC, JF?)</p> <p>3) Investigate possible funding - Reference provision for disabled users (Action:SW) Contact South Luffenham Village Hall, following their refurbishment, Melton Tennis Club – Sara has been given their contacts (Action: SC)</p>
6	<p>SAFEGUARDING</p> <p>No issues.</p>
7	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>1) There was some discussion regarding having a ‘Junior rep’, to give feedback on their views, but general feeling was that it is not practical.</p> <p>2) Social Sunday Brunch on 2nd April will be open to guests, donations will be requested on the day. Viv has agreed to be point of contact. (Action: VR)</p> <p>3) CCTV policy update: Anne thanked Ed for his draft of a suitable club policy which will be circulated to committee and put on the website. (Action: EC)</p> <p>4) Lisa has been asked if it would be OK for Asksal to hold a tennis clothing sale on Tuesday 24th April. The committee agreed. (Action: LH)</p> <p>5) Anne had been approached by a lady wishing to buy some used tennis balls, it was agreed that £10 for 10 balls was a very acceptable.</p>
14	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>AGM on Tuesday 18th April, 7.30pm in the clubhouse</p>