

## ELTC Minutes 6th June 2017

Present: CD JS RH HP RH AP Dirk

Apologies: HK MB VF JW

Dirk attended to present his reviews of ball machines and stayed on for whole meeting.

ITEM	ACTION BY
<p><b>1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The Minutes of the previous meeting 2nd May were accepted as an accurate account</b></p> <p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <p>Honours Board: Update from Julian :No further progress on Honours Board names - Peter expressed a strong wish to get the same font as before and this means asking the person who did the previous names to provide some stick-on names for us to apply. All agreed to wait for further quotes and feedback from Julian. Bench :Oli has agreed the wording and Hak is arranging bench purchase with fundholders. Court work:Dates agreed for SSP to perform maintenance to courts 1 -3 Henri volunteered to supervise and report back. Rocky will attend if he can. Courts 4-6 Julian following up too.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>HK</p> <p>HP</p> <p>JW</p>
<p>2.Secretary: GBTW great turnout and great day. Coaches contracts :awaiting references from Flavia. DBS rec;d &amp; Copy of Safeguarding &amp; Protection in Tennis Certificate. DBS certificates : still waiting for Oliver's. Jackie will contact Oliver. Oliver has been made aware that relevant certificates are required for his summer camps. <b>First Aid Certificates</b> : Coaches to be asked to provide copies for board. Coach court hire fees : The rate as agreed with Peter when he started is £100 per month to be reduced on a pro rata basis if not taking up court time e.g.during school holidays or if working at LTA events</p> <p>Coaches will be invoiced and payment managed by the treasurer on a suitable template. Some discussion took place regarding how best to manage this simply and whether a direct debit might be easiest.</p> <p>Safeguarding Certificate : Jackie has completed relevant online one.</p> <p>No news re noticeboard</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>HK/JS</p>
<p>3 Men's Captain:Mens - all 3 teams have been playing and match squad training continues to have good turnout. Mens Bank Holiday doubles tournament held at the end of May. Good feedback from players. Practice Wall : Henri went over all the options which had been costed and explained exactly where the wall could be positioned. Sovereign sports quote and proposals looked most favourable. Henri will arrange mock up drawings and then sound out whether planning permission would be required with Julian plus any additional costs involved before membership are consulted as ultimately it would be a membership decision.</p>	<p>HP/JW</p>

4 Ladies: 2 matches played	
<p>5. Membership: To date we have 330 members and a total of £33,201.</p> <p>The GBTW brought in 24 new memberships - very successful.</p> <p>People are still joining and more shoe-tags had to be ordered.</p> <p>Peter Neathey : not joined yet.</p> <p>Combinations : due to be changed.</p>	RO
<p>6. Fixtures Secretary: Vets have played 2 matches.</p> <p>Julian pointed out via email in advance of the meeting that yet more members seen not sweeping courts when finished and wearing inappropriate shoes and has suggested some sort of 'more permanent and aesthetically pleasing' sign could go onto the face of the gate to Courts 1-3 with a simple message like &lt;Please observe our rules for Tags, Shoes, Sweeping, Etiquette and Tidiness. Thank you so much, ELTC Committee&gt;</p> <p>This is a good idea and maybe we can look at what other clubs do. Ask team captains to look when playing away.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW/JS</p>
7. Treasurers report: next meeting	
<p>8 Social:</p> <p>Rocky gave an update below on the meeting held with Brent Environmental Officers on Saturday 20th May at 7.00pm attended by Hak, Rocky &amp; Jackie.</p> <p>It was a very constructive meeting with the environment officials from Brent Council. we explained to them that we gear live music event not only for our members but more for our neighbourhood as a community event. Sadly he felt the complaint has not helped the situation but I did say that we are happy to take every precaution in the future to avoid any complaints. On the above understanding he is willing to let us continue with the monthly event but suggested the rehearsals wouldn't be a good idea to have it at the same venue as it would jeopardise the monthly event. The agreement to continue with the event we would need to take the following steps:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 The event to finish by 10pm</li> <li>2 Door &amp; windows shut during the event</li> <li>3 Monitor the music volume/noise</li> <li>4 Supervise the children</li> <li>5 Customers to leave the venue quietly</li> </ol> <p>We feel it was very nice of Brent Council to let us continue with the event as it was very popular with most of the community but just have to be careful in the future.</p> <p>Laura has been informed already.</p> <p>Booking enquiries continue to be high.</p>	
9. Bar Steward: next meeting	

**AOB:**

**Ball Machine**

Dirk Linder presented a summary of machines he has researched as below:

He narrowed the field down to 3 different models from different manufacturers.  
<http://www.spinshot.co.uk/Spinshot-player.html>

<https://www.lobstersports.com/products/el04.htm>  
<https://www.spinfiresport.com/product/spinfire-pro-2-ball-machine/>

The Spinshot Player comes in at £1475,  
The Spinfire Pro 2 would cost £1745  
The Lobster Grand 4 will set us back £2358 (without remote)  
(All prices inc. VAT)

We need to also consider the cost of tennis balls for the machine with will roughly come in at £120 for about 120 balls

I looked at these machines in particular since all of them offer a good degree of flexibility:

- They can all be used from beginner level to advanced and could also be used in youth development since they will also take orange and green balls.
- They all offer random oscillation both horizontally and vertically
- They all offer 2 line drills
- They all offer pre programmed drills
- They all offer varying degrees of programmability.

Obviously these machines are all primarily battery operated and in case of the Lobster can also run from the mains.

Ball capacity:

Spinshot 120 balls

Lobster 150 balls

Spinfire 200 balls

Committee thanked Dirk for doing this for us and some discussion took place regarding where the machine could be safely stored and how to monitor access in an inclusive way. It was agreed that keeping in the clubhouse was not a good idea and suggestions included having a little shelter built by one of the courts and power would be desirable,

Dirk, Rocky and Henri will review further

Coaching timetable

Rose has been gathering information from the coaches and will circulate.

DL/  
RH/HP

Patrick Tribute Evening; Julian and other committee members have now spoken to Patrick and have a better idea of what he would like. Date will be autumn.

RH

Court netting : next meeting

Clubhouse Items: Alex offered to make a list of miscellaneous stock items eg. toilet roll, bin bags soap etc to make sure we all know where they are and that they don't run out.

All

Bins : Rocky arranged last increase of bins and payment and will contact Veola agin with a view to increasing collections and bins.

AP

Gardener support - Charles has been in touch with John who is local, has his own equipment and previously worked at Roundwood park. John will be introduced to Patrick and will be able to do the more labour intensive tasks that Patrick needs help with.

RH

**Next meeting  
Tuesday 4th July 7.00pm**

