

# SPLTC : Minutes Committee Meeting

## 7.00pm Monday 15th January 2024

### **Present**

Roger Parkin	Chair	RP
Divinder Bains	Men's Captain	DB
Diana Seagrove	Safeguarding & Welfare Officer & Ladies Capt.	DS
Karen Perez	Fixtures Secretary + Junior Organiser	KP
Mark McMullon	Maintenance Officer	MM
Anne Milne	Membership Secretary	AM
Triona Tierney	Treasurer	TT
Graham Roper	Website & Clubspark	GR
Phil Nash	Secretary	PN

### **1. Apologies / Not in attendance**

Charles Manga	Mid Morning Organiser	CM
Emma McMullon	Social & Publicity	EM

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting – Agreed by committee**

### **3. Finance (TT)**

Finance report redacted for public minutes.

4. Safeguarding & Welfare (DS) – no issues reported of health & safety though one incident of a broken wrist where procedure and forms were followed and filled correctly for any later repercussions. It was proposed that a future instruction on the book to advise posting future torn off reports into the Treasures Box as they could go missing and should remain private. DS's Safety Certificate is running out and will book an online course by the mid March expiry date. It was minuted to acknowledge and thank the efforts of DS on maintaining and updating the policies.

### **5. Maintenance – priorities list (MM)**

MM consulted an expert who advised there were years of wear left in the courts. They are within range of sand tolerance and not compacted as yet. MM will look to get First Surface to remove and re-distribute sand as part of cleaning. Cleaning can be provisionally booked for March. The moss clearance is a different process which can't be undertaken when wet. MM proposed himself, plus volunteers team to use spray guns to cover the courts. The yellow marker on a score board needs a repair and is hard to find a manufacturer. MM purchased a Convection Heater to help prevent burst pipes. Thank you MM for your regular support and jobs/fixes.

6. Website & Clubspark (GR)

Policies have been uploaded and now up to date.

Club Documents have been separated to Policies.

PN requested the contact e-mail for Sec. on website to be ***secretaryspltc@aol.com***

GR requesting a back up of the site from Andrew Hugues.

Calendar Events need an update and below (in AOB) new dates have been arranged.

A link to ClubSpark should be added to the website.

The Joining form needs a tweak update

ClubSpark running smoothly but still a little spam mail glitch

Need to keep communicating players to book courts and add additional player names.

Photographer Chris requests Memory sticks back

Thank you Graham for all hard work on the sites.

7. Coaching & Juniors – [KP]

A good Christmas Party was had by all and Claudia Verona was and has been very supportive of the Wed Junior sessions. Run by KP the sessions are doing well and trying to capture more local children which could grow and provide more Jr members. KP had contacted local school, headteacher not responded so suggested to go through Sheena. A meeting on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> between RP, KP & SW to discuss Jr coaching. *See below for full report from our coach SW.* Thank you KP for your commitment to the Juniors and Fixtures organisations.

8. Social & Publicity [EM]

£5,000 funding is looking good be offered from the Stoke Park new owners. EM is chasing through her contact Amy. Quiz Cash is on hold until we know about this grant application. Quiz cash was originally publicised as raising money for new toilets.

Although discussed on AOB, the 75th year of club celebration competition should run in the fashions of 75 years ago, flannels and blazers proposed by RP and frilly undergarments were proposed by AM 😊. With drinks, a BBQ, plan to invite older generation members plus bunting. A £5 cost to be agreed for entry / participation. Date agreed SAT 29<sup>th</sup> June Midday. Thank you EM.

9. AOB

-MM instigated change of Electricity supply to YU energy. Billing starts 19<sup>th</sup> Jan and proposed smart meter installation date 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

-Coaching (RP)

SW's coaching report was read out. RP has had several discussions with SW regard pay for floodlights and for SW to buy tokens. SW wants to run an under 9s girls coaching session but it was advised we need those youngsters joined up as we need SPLTC to benefit. The question of benefit to the club was raised with regards to SW coaching. The coaching relationship with SW needs a re-boot and the addendum sheet and list of expectations the club has of SW coaching should be re-set. This will be addressed at Monday 22nd Jan meeting of KP, RP & SW.

SW has positively ensured coaching continuity through illness. On the whole coaching is good but the club needs to air coaching concerns through proper channels and be seen as a union. A coaching report from SW can be seen at the bottom of these minutes.

-Balls : for all Social Sessions + Wilson balls (KP/CM/DB)

DB is proposing for Wilson USO2 for Wetter Winter times as they last longer in those conditions.

Then back to Heads for Summer

KP/CM raised that on some morning sessions (Tue/Wed/Fri) had lesser quality balls, if evening days were rained off, if matches had not been played, if single challenge matches had diminished them. It was requested to opening new tins on morning sessions on *some* occasions.

Points against were some members were Associate members.

Put to a vote, it was a No

-Members Obligations : A statement needs to succinctly phrased and regularly sent, to remind members of their obligations to payments for use of the ball machine, for cans of new balls, for match fees, for floodlight sessions, for their guests (whose names also must registered in Clubspark)

-Dates agreed for 2024 Diary (PN)

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March** : Committee Meeting 7pm

**Thu 4<sup>th</sup> April** : Mini Maintenance Evening

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April** : Open/Joining Day

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June** : Junior Finals day **Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Contingency Day

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June** : 75 Year Anniversary Tournament

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> July** : Horticultural Cup Tournament "Pick and Mix"

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> September** : Pre-finals Committee Meeting 7pm

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> September** : Finals Day, Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Contingency day

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> October** : Ray H Trophy followed by AGM

Gate : PN to reply back. In discussion with Parish Council regarding liability and quotes.

4 new members gained for the 15 month deal

2 Padel courts going into the Sth Bucks Golf which we will try to engage with

Meeting wrapped up 9pm.

### **Coaching report : Stephen Wright : 12-Jan-2024**

*-Monday and Saturday coaching sessions are running well and are set to restart this term on Saturday 13th January.*

*-We are running an LTA Youth Girls class on Saturday's which offers girls between the ages of 4-9yrs years old free tennis racquets, t-shirts and tennis balls. They can also attend a 6 week tennis course for £35. This is my way of giving back to Stoke Poges due to not paying for floodlights (due to cross wires) as per Triona's recent correspondence. We have 6 glrls signed up already and we have space for more.*

*-I am now going to be focussing more of my efforts on Stoke Poges and Wraysbury Tennis Clubs. Farnham Common and Chalfont St. Peter were just too big for me to handle with my other commitments and now more recently with my unwell dad. Stoke Poges is a much smaller venue and as I live locally it is very easy to continue to focus on expanding on our coaching offer at the club. CSPTC wanted me to coach more often personally and I just don't have the time for that.*

*-A meeting will be taking place between Karen, Roger and myself regarding possible Wednesday coaching between 4:30-6pm to run in parallel to junior nights. We can capitalise on the fact I will not*

*be coaching at Chalfont St. Peter any longer and we can invite players from CSPTC to Stoke Poges. Tim is running the Wednesday sessions at CSPTC with the view of inviting players to Stoke Poges after the CSPTC course has finished.*

*Stay warm!*

Kind Regards,  
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