

**Buxton Tennis Club: Minutes of Committee Meeting on Zoom,
Monday 27 July 2020.**

Present: AR, AT, SG, MB, CR, DO, ST

The meeting was hosted via a zoom meeting set up by DO, and was chaired by AR at ST's invitation because of potential clash of interests.

(1) The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

(2) **Glenda Hunter's letter** and (3) **Coaching arrangements** were taken together. It was noted that the new coach, Shaun Murray, was popular with the members and that his coaching sessions appeared to be well-run and that players who had been taking them had generally improved considerably. There has been pressure on coaching slots, which had led to a degree of dissatisfaction, and it was agreed that the allocation of slots should be left to the coach. There was some discussion of whether non-members, particularly juniors, should be allowed to take part in coaching sessions, and the following principles were agreed:

- Adult coaching should generally only be available to paid-up members. If the club decides to run recruitment drives then these could include a limited number of coaching sessions at agreed times, and clearly these would be open to non-members, but would not continue after the agreed time limit.
- Junior coaching will be available to non members if space is available. Non members will pay an additional £2 session. When they have paid £30 (attended 15 sessions) they are deemed to be members, and will no longer pay the extra £2. Juniors can, at any stage, opt to become members and would be able to defray the sum they had paid fully against the cost of membership. Non members who had taken part in coaching would not be able to book courts or play at other times.

The coach will provide a copy of the register to the committee member in charge of coaching or the membership secretary at least monthly, at the same time handing over the £2 levy

collected on the club's behalf.

- The coach will normally attend committee meetings, possibly remotely even once normal meetings resume.

(3) Teams The club has entered a ladies' team, a men's team and two mixed teams into the revised leagues. There was some concern that the men's and mixed leagues would run simultaneously, which would stretch the club's playing resources, but AT's interpretation of the schedule was that the mixed and men's leagues would alternate. There was some discussion of who the team captains should be given the non-availability of some members (notably Simon Bradbury) and of the logistical problems caused by the possible need to have multiple cars available for away matches. It was agreed that Sally Gould would be the ladies' captain, that Andy Storer would be the preferred choice for men's captain, Lin Robinson the mixed A captain provided that she is a fully paid-up member with Klate Tagg as a potential replacement and Anne Thompson the mixed B captain.

It was agreed that team captains must be paid-up members, and that no non-member should be selected for a team if there is a member who is available and wishes to play. Given that there are a number of new members, and that some existing members may have changed their preferences with respect to taking part in matches, AT will circulate all members to find out who would like to play in matches. It may be that in some cases the club could put out a stronger team with non-members than with just members, but Buxton teams should be composed of Buxton members, and the strength of the teams that club puts out should reflect the playing standards of its members. It was also agreed that selection, particularly of the ladies' team, which is more likely to be oversubscribed, should as far as possible ensure that selection is rotated among eligible members and that no members are given a preponderance of away matches.

(subsequent to the meeting the SDLTA confirmed that the mixed and men's matches would be played on the same days. After some internal discussion it was decided that the club should enter two mixed teams and withdraw the men's team).