



## MINUTES

### Buxton Tennis Club Committee Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.30pm

1. Apologies  
Mike Badman, Cath Reeds, Sally Gould
2. Present  
Carol Taylor, Carol Bassett, Sue Turnbull, Allan Ramsay, Dan Osborne, Tracey Ellis
3. Approval of previous minutes  
Approved
4. Matters arising (not covered by meeting agenda)  
Nothing
5. Key areas brief updates:
  - a. Membership update (ST)  
Getting people to re-fill in the on-line membership form has provided useful information. 104 adults, 42 juniors. WhatsApp community working well (70 adult members).
  - b. Treasurer update (DO)  
At end of 2023 had £45K, £40K reserved for court development. Currently £55K. Not yet paid management fee.
  - c. Safeguarding (CR)  
New Derbyshire safeguarding officer. CR has simplified LTA reporting guidelines and put on notice board. Committee have all seen LTA video and signed to confirm it.
  - d. Management committee updates (AR/ CT)  
No meetings since last tennis committee meeting. CT has discussed trees with Bob Marsden. BM has talked to tree officer from council and has asked for other sick trees to be dealt with promptly. BM and tree officer will plan for replacements. Ask for trees to be on agenda for next management committee meeting. Site of fallen tree might work for new pavilion.  
**Action: CT to ensure Trees on BCLTB agenda**
  - e. Teams (SG/AR)

CT suggested an end of season meeting of team captains + CT and AR, to come up with proposals for next years teams. Summer Men's Div 1 team has attracted new members this year – but will need to retain these for the team to be sustainable as the standard is too high for most of our regular club players. No issues with either Ladies teams, with good reserve of players. Late Summer Men's team has successfully put a team out each week, but possibly at the expense of the mixed team which has struggled at least in part because a number of the men's main team, who have traditionally made up the mixed team, have not been available to play for the club. Some discussion of the fact that we are low on lights tokens, some of which are being held by team captains for matches. Agreed to ask all club members who have a stash to consider cashing them in to get them into circulation again - and DO to look into buying more for the club.

**Action: CT to arrange team captain's meeting**

**DO to look into purchasing more light tokens**

f. Club sessions and coaching (CT)

Generally going well. Some issues about courts not being booked for coaching. Members have reported some issues with booking private lessons. CT to ask the coach to run sessions in the spring aimed at recruiting new members.

**Action: CT to discuss coaching plans for Spring with Pete Ledbetter**

g. Club affiliations, policies (AR)

Nothing to report

6. Club Maintenance

a. Weed Killing

Working parties have been useful. Must do a round of weed killing before any major refurbishment. Weed killer etc to be kept in locked box (to be purchased)

**Action: CT to arrange purchase of weedkiller, backpack sprayer and lockable storage box – and weedkill session**

7. Events & Tournaments

a. End of season tournament

Two tournaments have been held so far. Liz Blyth will organise an end of season one on 15/9.

8. Club Development

a. Constitution

**Action: CT and AR to check records to confirm an up to date constitution has been ratified and take it to an EGM if not.**

b. Club Schedule

Still a work in progress.

c. Communication – WhatsApp Community; Committee shared folder, newsletters

Whatsapp community working fairly well, but some teething issues.  
Newsletters have been helpful. Add code to access policies, minutes page on website.

d. Court re-surfacing - update on quotes and grants (CT)

Progress has been made, with significant help from Paul Swain. CT and PS have met three companies – Leisure Services, Sports Surfacing Solutions, Platt Construction . All recommended by New Mills Tennis Club. Quotes for court resurfacing, new posts, new sockets: all quotes within our expected budget, SSS significantly cheaper. Additional quote for fencing and extra gate (for visitor gate, and as a possible wheelchair access): £21K--£26K. Quote for drainage £1K--£5K (with or without kerbing). Club eligible to apply for grant from SUEZ, applications four times a year, small grants (£20K for a project of up to £40K), big grants (£40K for a project of up to £250K) – with more small grants than big grants awarded. Working party: Tracey Ellis, CT, Paul Swain. Can't go to Tarmac for tarmac, but could consider applying to them for fencing part.

**Action: Working Party to apply for Suez grant and look into other sources of funding**

e. Pavilion

Remains a medium term aspiration - court resurfacing is current priority.

9. A.O.B.

Succession planning for committee. Check constitution for limitation of period.

Next meeting Date: To be confirmed