

SUTTON MONTIS TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 at Mark's house.

Committee Members Present: Mark, Barry, Lindsey, Louise, Trina.

Barry reported

- 1) **Apologies** – None.

- 2) **Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising** – Barry mentioned a metre reading for the club lights. It was decided that readings should be taken regularly now the court lights are being used. Lindsey will put envelopes with labels on for payment of court use whether a guest or use of lights.

- 3) **Chairman** – Mark welcomed everyone and thanked them for their commitment to the club over the last few years.

- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Barry produced up to date accounts and explained that the highest expenditure was the installation of the lights and the cost of the website was for the next three years. There was £266.44 excess over expenditure.

The account is healthy with £8667.74 of which £5000.00 is in a savings account (Barry's personal account) but will be transferred to a business account when it matures in February 2025.

Barry was asked about insurance and this is indemnity for playing members and guests but not the buildings which is why members guests need to pay to play.

- 5) **Membership Fees** – After some discussion it was decided that now we have regular ground maintenance it would be a good idea to raise the fees next year. This will be discussed at the AGM and it was agreed that fees should be raised by £10.00.

- 6) **Ground Maintenance** – Now the club has regular maintenance it was decided to continue holding maintenance days for club cohesion and the clubhouse and shed need regular sorting.

- 7) **Lighting** – The lights had to be changed as they were faulty but are now working well and have a 3-year guarantee.

Instructions for the use of the lights are in the clubhouse and also on the website.

- 8) Marketing / Events Organisation** – There was some discussion about the new website which Lindsey is working on but this is a slow process. It was also decided that only recent photographs should be put onto Social Media or the website.

Trina mentioned that club member Sarah Williams has offered to take over the fun days and will contact her to confirm this.

- 9) New Committee Members** – There was much discussion about how to encourage members to join the committee. Trina will write a letter to all members asking for volunteers but some members will be written to asking to take over certain key roles.

Barry and Trina will make a list of members who have already done time on the committee and helped over the years so in the future these members will not be asked to join the committee.

- 10) A.O.B.** – Lindsey mentioned the knockout tournament which this year was rather disjointed due to some members being unable to play. It was decided that future tournaments should have a minimum of 16 players at the start and if not enough players enrol then perhaps a one day tournament could be held instead.

Louise said she would like play on Saturdays but there is a problem of finding members who wish to play. Barry is going to start up Pickleball and Saturday afternoons seemed the best time to start this. He will organise a six week trial. An email will be sent to members asking for those interested to contact Barry.

The Lobster is in working order but needs new tubes. Barry and Lindsey will investigate this as Mark has been offered a machine and perhaps these tubes will be fit the original machine.

Mark would like to start a club session under the lights on a Tuesday evening. Trina will send an email to members asking for members who may be interested.

The meeting closed at 19.45.

Date for next meeting – no date has been set.

Trina
Hon Sec