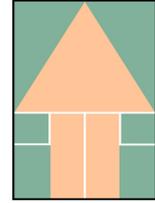




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## Minutes of committee meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**Present:** M Hildred, J Parsons, J Payne, P Tait, P Andrews, A Hildred, P Hildred & D Bontoft

The first thing the committee wanted to recognise was the vast amount of hard work that has gone into the last few weeks in preparation for re opening by Pete Andrews, John Payne and Adam Hildred. Their work in cleaning the whole of the club, setting up sanitiser stations and posters, re organising the gym and keeping members up to date with e mails, updates to the web site and members surveys has been invaluable and critical to getting the club set for opening on the 25th July.

Following on from last week's meeting the club now has a card machine set up and ready to accept payments within the club.

Patrick has done some work on the club's risk assessment based on the guidelines provided by England Squash and will be putting this onto the club's website. There will be posters put up in the club to advise members that a risk assessment has been done and where to find it along with a notice to inform members that if they have any questions or concerns, they should contact any member of the committee.

There has been a huge response to the resumption of the junior coaching to begin on the morning of Sat 25th July. We had a total of 18 juniors wanting to return on the first morning with even more expressing interest in starting the Tuesday and Thursday sessions during the summer holidays. Because of the current restrictions the committee agreed for Jackie and Pete to hold 2 hour long coaching sessions on Saturday, the first being 10am - 11am and the second being 11.15 - 12.15. These time slots will make sure that we stick to the social distancing required in each session and give time for cleaning and sanitation between the sessions.

Due to the popularity of the junior coaching it was decided that we would ask for booking for the Tuesday and Thursday sessions so we have an idea in advance how many are due to come. Because of the possibility of restricted numbers we have to point out that anybody who books and doesn't turn up for the coaching may not be able to attend the next session as there will be limited spaces. If we have an excess of 20 juniors wanting to come on any day then we can add another hours coaching if needed.

Each coaching session will take place in 2 groups with each of those groups being split onto 2 courts. In accordance with guidelines there shall be 2 juniors (and 1 coach) at any one time on each court with 1 junior "sat out" on a rotating basis. There shall only be 1 ball per court which will be handed out at the beginning of the session by Pete or Jackie. Juniors who don't have their own racket and/or goggles will be given them by Pete or Jackie having been sanitised and these are to stay with the same person throughout the session. At the end of each session all equipment will be sanitised. It is also important for the juniors to bring their own bottles with water and come changed to play. We must also ask that juniors not arrive in the club any more than 5 minutes before their allotted session is due to start and must leave no later than 5 minutes after it finishes to allow adequate social distancing and sanitising of courts and equipment.

With regard to other aspects of the re opening of the club, the gym equipment has now been spread out into the function room to allow for more distancing between stations. There will be disinfectant spray placed in the gym as well as outside each court for the cleaning of equipment before and after use. It has been decided due to current restrictions that a maximum of 10 people will be allowed in the gym at any one time.

Members will be informed that we will be using the key fob system for the use of information for any potential track and trace should there be any kind of Covid outbreak within the club.

The committee also discussed the re-opening of the bar which now has the furniture more spaced out for distancing reasons. A sign on the door to the bar will be put up saying "staff only" as we need to limit the amount of different people coming and going behind there. If at any point a group of people are in the bar and Pete is elsewhere then it should be decided that only 1 person in that group should go behind the bar for drinks and payments.

The committee also decided to offer all members 5 free guest passes for family members residing in the same household so as to encourage more people to come down to the club and start returning to squash and racketball.

In other business Adam had mentioned the potential of the club to apply for some funding from Lincs Squash. They have a certain amount of money already to help fund projects within clubs and for elite coaching sessions. The committee thought it would be a good idea to apply for this particularly for to the superb response to the junior coaching. The deadline for this application is the end of July.

Adam also had done some research into a new membership system. This system would be another step forward for the club and hold members' details on a central database which would help in the communication between the club and its members and also make the payment of subs possible by members logging into the system.

***Next meeting to be held on Mon 3rd August at 7.30pm***