

Buxton Tennis Club: Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wed Nov. 8  
at 6.00pm in the Pavilion

Present: AR, KT, AT, CB, CT and ST; apologies: DO, CR, SG, MB

- 1.0 The minutes of the previous committee meeting having been circulated subsequent to that meeting attracted no comment and were therefore accepted
- 2.0 ST raised the issue of energy use in the pavilion. Even before the 2022 jump in electricity prices winter heating was costing c£2.5k, largely because the pavilion has single glazing and generally poor insulation. Turning off all heating, however, would also require the water to be turned off leaving players with no toilet. After discussion it was felt that a toilet is necessary. The option of using a Portaloo was raised, but the consensus was that using the toilets in the pavilion was preferable if it could be done without too much expense.
- 3.0 AR reported back on the joint-club meeting at which the prospect of a new pavilion was discussed. He suggested that while the cricket club has ambitious aspirations, there is currently little chance of funding a substantial new building. Members were concerned that the tennis club should not fund preliminary work, including planning application documents and wildlife surveys. The meeting also expressed concern at the joint-club reserves being used for such purposes. Any joint-club proposals to use reserves in this way should come back to this committee.

AT had discussed the possibility of building a small wooden pavilion with the Peak Park, who seemed open to this notion, but the club is some way from being able to afford this development at this point.

- 4.0 Teams. The meeting noted the success achieved by Buxton teams in the summer leagues. However, it was further noted that putting

out even a single mixed team in the winter league has proved difficult. SG had suggested, by email, that the present team was unlikely to retain Division 2 status.

- 5.0 Coaching. It was noted that junior coaching on Sunday mornings is continuing. CT suggested that senior coaching/cardio had become intermittent. It was expected these activities would cease sometime in December and resume in the spring.
- 6.0 Membership. AT reported a healthy post-covid position with respect to adult members (94). However, while the junior membership has recovered somewhat, it has not returned to 2017 levels, despite Sunday coaching.
- 7.0 Court maintenance. AR reported that MB was organising a working party nine days hence to cut the hedge, weed and de-moss the courts. It was pointed out that moss growth was particularly severe on court 3 and this should be addressed immediately.
- 8.0 2023 AGM etc. It was decided to hold the AGM on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, a date close to our financial year end.
- 9.0 Under AOB CB raised the poor state on the net on court 1. ST undertook to investigate nets and purchase a suitable replacement.

Having noted that winter meetings in an unheated pavilion are uncomfortable, KT kindly offered her kitchen as the venue for the next committee meeting. Those present gratefully accepted the offer.

ST, November 30, 2022.