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Management Committee Meeting Minutes. 2026-05

Date: 27 May 2026

Attended: Gordon Hughes (GH); Gillian Bunting (GB); Jono Wills (JW); Penny Biggs (PB); Karen Walker (KW).

Apologies: Bridget Longworth; Matt Frier

Item	Discussion	Actions	By whom	When
1	Minutes and Matters Arising The minutes were agreed and matters arising were discussed under the main agenda.			
2	Safeguarding: No further updates. GH has been unable to discuss with Sarah Jones.	Contact Sarah Jones for an update.	GH	ASAP
5	Finances: The P&L to the end of March will be discussed at the AGM so not discussed at this meeting. The amounts in the bank and building society are: Bank: £18.7k B Soc: £3.2k			

	The chairman is going to send a text reminder to the monthly payers who have not changed their payments to say that the amount has increased from £13 to £14 per month. Texting members about payments/renewals is working well. The 5% extra discount on drinks at the bar has been difficult for staff to operate and sometimes members have been given cash change when paying by card. It was agreed by the committee to discontinue the 5% as members have not really noticed the extra discount. GH is re-organising the TV screens so that another TV can be located in the Games room to enable more people to watch the World Cup. One of the TVs will still be used for advertising meals etc in the main room. Tables in the members bar and main room have all already been booked. Funding: KW reported that the application to Ragdale Hall Community Fund was not successful, but Nick Rennie urged us to apply again next year! Another application has gone into the East Midlands Railway Community Fund for £5000 towards solar panels to help reduce electricity costs. If this were successful we would have to raise the rest of the funding ourselves via events etc. We should hear in the next 2 weeks.	Communicate to staff 5% discontinued. Re-organise TV screens. Report back on any updates to the funding bids at next meeting.	GH GH GH/MF KW	Next meeting. From June. By June 9th. Next meeting
4.	Tennis and Pickleball: Tennis: JW suggested that coffee/tea be on offer in the clubhouse on Saturday mornings for tennis and pickleball players.	Implement urn for water and cups etc to be available in the Games Room.	GB/PB	ASAP

	JW/GB confirmed that the new rake has made a big difference to the tennis courts and urged all players to continue to rake regularly to maintain the courts.	All tennis players to be reminded.	GB/BL	ASAP
	League season is underway but there are opportunities for more players to join teams as some matches have not started yet. Anyone interested should contact Bridget or Gillian. Numbers for men's teams are more difficult but Barry is managing to get teams together.	Mention to tennis players via WhatsApp Groups.	GB/BL	ASAP
	Match fees have been increased to £3 but this does not seem to be causing any issues.			
	Adrian Coles is offering coaching with 2 taster sessions this Saturday (30 th May); Group 1 at 9.0 am (5 players) and Group 2 at 10.0 am (5). 20 people expressed interest. There will be a review after the taster sessions but hopefully will continue fortnightly (alternating with pickleball coaching).	BL to produce tennis calendar.	BL	ASAP
	The tennis calendar will be produced soon to be sent out and put on noticeboards.			ASAP
	Pickleball:	Arrange evening showing of new kit	PB	
	Clothing: there has been a very good take-up of various clothing tops. PB is organising more samples of kit including leggings and with GB will arrange a social evening for both tennis and pickleball players. Most players at the Hinckley friendly match wore the tops and looked very smart.	Arrange social evening for clothing and food.	PB/GB	ASAP
	There date for the painting of the extra 2 pickleball courts on Court 4 was deferred but will be completed on Saturday 30 th in the late afternoon.	PB to be available if necessary for the court painting.	PB	30 th May.
	PB confirmed that there are now 54 regular players playing on Saturday mornings and/or Monday evenings plus some on Wednesday pm and Sunday morning. 8-10 people are 'pay-as		PB and GB	ASAP

	you go' participants coming every week and are being encouraged to join. The issue of junior players playing with adults on Monday nights and Saturdays was discussed again as PB had missed the discussion at the last meeting. It was agreed that a family session would be the best solution so members will be canvassed to see if some players would be prepared to help run a weekly family session on Saturday morning or Thursday evening. It was agreed that several people on a rota might work best. The Pb ladies' day at Hinckley was a success: good fun was had by all (despite rain showers), 40 games were played by 10 players over 10 rounds. In the end Hinckley won 23:16 games (one drawn) but there were only 9 points in total difference. This is a much better result than last year. Six players took part in a friendly event in Coventry indoors. All participants found it great fun, very relaxed friendly competition. This format will be used for a BBQ and fun day on 6th September at HLTC. There will be a competitive tournament later in the year. Coaching sessions are going well with Adrian with more sessions this Friday (4) and more dates planned for June and July. They are available on the website for booking. Kit Box: there have been problems with the lock, but it is fixed now. Over winter some of the padels and sandbags have become mouldy. There was a discussion about where to keep them during winter.	Survey members/regular players to see if volunteers to run family session will come forward. Book the date with HS. Members to book coaching via website Look at possible storage solutions.	PB/KW PB ALL PB/KW	ASAP ASAP
5	Social Programme: It was confirmed that the Fun Run Day will be on Sunday 23rd August.	MF to confirm date.	MF	By next meeting

	The Games Night went well on 22nd May. There were some issues with payments (giving change) and the microphone. The microphone has been replaced with a new more powerful one and the payments system will be reviewed for future events. Other events including Pizza Night and Quiz have not been confirmed as the social co-ordinator was absent but will be followed up. The World Cup is running from 9 June to 19 July as mentioned above. The Games room is being fitted with another TV so that tables there can be booked for watching. Keith George (Boy George impersonator) has been booked for 23rd October. Tickets will be available online or via the bar. A firework display in November is being planned. More information available nearer the time.	Review payments system. MF give updates to the committee. Members to book tables for World Cup matches.	GH/MF MF ALL	Next event ASAP
6	Facilities update Court 4 lighting: will be repaired asap now that the weather is more suitable. Funding for LED lights has not been forthcoming. GB confirmed that lights are needed for evening matches during the summer. Painting of the extra pickleball courts to be on 30th May. Court security: padlocks with number code lock to be purchased. Court maintenance: Technical Services conducted a survey on 13th April. Their report confirms that the courts are not in bad condition and that there is 15mm of surface left which should be good for at	MF to update the committee. MF to buy padlocks, chain, springs etc GH to decide on security code. No further action apart from regular servicing every 3 months. Consider lowering the hooks for hanging draggers.	MF MF GH	ASAP Ditto Ditto

	least 5 years. There was nothing adverse in the report. Dragging the courts has been very effective. A bench is being purchased for the bottom courts. The picnic benches on the grassed area need replacing. They will be required before the Fun Run at least. Members bar: new, more subdued lighting to be installed and the room repainted. New sofas or comfy seats purchased to make it more cosy and inviting. As above, a new TV is in the members bar and other TVs are being reorganised to provide extra viewing for the World Cup matches in the Games Room. The sign on the Members Bar to be arranged to restrict access. In the clubhouse, the bar food menu has been displayed on tables and will be on the advertising screen in the main room. There has been a greater uptake of bar food, for example on the Games Night. All members urged to support the bar food initiative!	Follow up with Barry. MF to source some picnic benches that are reasonably priced. Arrange repainting, lighting and purchase new furniture. Re-organise TVs. Arrange signage. Promote bar food.	GH GH/PB MF GH/MF GH/MF GH ALL.	ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP
7	AOB: An email has gone out to members about the AGM on 11th June at 6.30pm including requests for comments about the constitution . As many members as possible to attend. GH to send out AGM reports in advance. First Aid: GB had obtained a quote for the first aid training at £75 pp for a minimum of 4 participants. It will be arranged	Urge members to attend. Arrange first aid training asap.	ALL GH GH/GB	ASAP Before AGM ASAP

	and members invited to participate. Some staff need updating. The health & safety in the club is still being reviewed by DH. A company is coming in to look at the situation and give a quote for any improvements needed.	Review	GH/DH	ASAP
8	Next Meeting date: AGM: Thursday 11th June at 6.30pm			