

Girton Tennis Club Committee Meeting (14th July 2020)

Via Zoom at 7.00pm

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Alan Franklin, John Irwin, Victor Travieso, Alan Richardson, James Page, Kevin Keeves, Mark Lawton, Mathew Boucher.

Apologies: Bruce Parker

2. Introduction

The LTA recently updated their guidelines for tennis venues. The meeting was called to discuss if we need to make any changes as a result.

3. LTA guideline changes

Junior Coaching: Could now operate with up to 15 under 18's attending but only where the venue has appropriate Covid precautions and attendees obey all the current guidelines. Our club has traditionally offered Friday Junior Sessions and, whilst concern was expressed about how to limit numbers and control social distancing, it was agreed that VT and AR would draft a Risk Assessment for this activity. The committee can then review this and decide if we can start running Junior Sessions again.

Club nights: Could now operate again on the two hard courts with doubles on each court and any waiting players or spectators outside the courts and at a suitable distance from each other. The MUGA remains out of use until the Parish Council complete their Risk Assessment and permit it to be used. The guidelines indicate that we would need to log who attends (for track/trace purposes) and maybe provide communal hand sanitiser. Anyone needing to perform first aid would need to use a facemask. It was agreed that JP and MB would draft a Risk Assessment for this activity. The committee can then review this and decide if we can start running Club nights again. AF will put a general note in the Aug GPN article to suggest it may be operating again but refer to our website for the latest information.

Other changes: Members are asked to do a 'pre-attendance' health self-assessment before coming to play tennis and not to play if they have any Covid symptoms. They should also keep a record of who they played for at least 21 days in case this is requested as part of the government 'track and trace' system. VT confirmed that our website court booking system retains details for more than the 21 day requirement. KK will email members to explain these new guidelines.

4. AOB

VT said coach DN had a problem with numbers for his adult catch-up session last Sat and still has no formal plans for coaching before Sept.

Some tennis competitions could now operate but we will await details from our local LTA branch.

5. Next Meetings

No dates were set but may be called as required.