

Girton Tennis Club Committee Meeting (14th May 2020)

Via Zoom at 10am

1. Members present

Andy Luff, Alan Franklin, Mark Lawton, John Irwin, Victor Travieso, Alan Richardson, Bruce Parker, Kevin Keeves.

Apologies: James Page, Judith Croasdell

2. Introduction

JI called the meeting to discuss the approach we need to take following the initial PC rejection of our request to re-open the tennis courts.

3. Opening Club Facilities

The PC has asked for:

1. A detailed procedure for controlling and monitoring access and use of the courts by members.
2. A detailed risk assessment of all potential consequences of resuming court use.
3. A method to help to prevent the general public from assuming that adjacent play areas are open for use.

AL agreed to continue to be our single point of contact with the PC during these discussions. He will collate input from other committee members and re-submit our request to open with any supporting information from the LTA.

These actions and responses were discussed, using the same points raised by the PC above:

1: The club website publishes an online calendar which VT can update and a 'bookings' email alias will be provided to members which then goes back to VT. Members will be allowed to book 2 hr playing slots up to 1 week ahead. Initially there will no limit on the number of slots you can book but this may be introduced if there is very heavy demand. The actual playing time that members can use will be 90 minutes so that there is always plenty of time between players for changeover. Members should always check that their slot has been reserved in the online calendar before going to the Rec to play. VT will email the proposed control and monitoring method to AL for inclusion in our response to the PC.

2: JP has offered to put our Covid-19 specific risk assessment together. This will be based on the template published by the LTA and make reference to the guidance for both Venues and Players. It was agreed that AR would tension the nets and remove the winders once the PC agree to re-open the courts. AR will also laminate and put up the LTA A4 poster venue poster at the same time. The provision of sanitizer and wipes was discussed. As the player guidance is clear about taking your own sanitizer and equipment, the committee agreed we would not provide anything on the courts that needs regular maintenance and could potentially be misused. JP will email the risk assessment to AL for inclusion in our response to the PC.

3: JI reported recently seeing a group of lads playing basketball (not socially distanced) and also children using the play equipment (with tennis courts closed). It would seem that the PC already has an issue with control of access to their closed facilities and this should maybe addressed separately by the PC. The tennis club can make sure that all members are informed that, should the courts re-open, this does NOT imply that any other facilities on the Rec may be used.

4. AOB

KK to email 'members' to advise that we are discussing the re-opening of the courts with the PC but, until further notice, the courts are not to be used.

AF to correct the last meeting minutes (JC attended) and email minutes for this meeting.

AF confirmed that the date for submission of the next GPN article is Wed 20th May. It was agreed that it would be nice to get a decision on court re-opening in time to mention this in the June article.

AR asked about responding to the information on Pavilion expansion. It was agreed that this should wait until this current situation has been sorted out.

5. Next Meetings No dates were set but may be called as required.