



**Minutes – Committee Meeting
Wednesday 25 October 2023**

Present: Holly Meiklejohn, Bastien Henrotin, Shane Spengler, Iain Robinson, Neville Welke and Bev Hundley

Apologies: Kim Jones, Emily Aarts

Minutes: Joan Sortberg

Meeting started at 5.40pm

1) Kidsport vouchers for equipment – status

Joan will update Kidsport site with junior racquets available in three sizes priced at \$80.00. Bastien to reconfirm pricing.

2) Light Repairs / Upgrades – status

Light Repairs

We have got two courts working with lights. According to Neville, there is a chance that the lights for an additional two courts can be repaired allowing twilight tennis to be played this season. Waiting quote from Griff for repair. He will also find out why one light keeps tripping.

Griff has since come in and repaired lights. We now have 4 courts working with lights for the season.

Light Upgrades

We made a minor correction to the grant application letter and will return it to Emily so that it can be submitted with the three quotes to the Esperance Bay Rotary Club.

Grant application to Esperance Bay Rotary Club was submitted on 6 October 2023.

3) Undercover courts – status

Shane spoke to Auspan at the Show. Estimate for a roof only shed (undercover area) \$375 000. We discussed other options, such as having a sunshade and higher fence on the sides to reduce wind and rain.

Iain received a quote from Makmax for another type of undercover area. Estimated costs \$1 000 000 that includes:

1. Hot dipped galvanised steel
2. PVC waterproof fabric (or HDPE Mesh for shade-only)
3. Footings
4. LED Lighting
5. Gutters and Downpipes to ground level (not used if shade-only fabric used)

It is still early days with the planning. The priority for bigger investments is the court lights.

4) Grant applications

Mt Burdett, EBRT, AG Fund, Southern Ports (deadline 15 November), AGT (unsuccessful). Shane to check if we can apply with Horizon Power.

Shire grant rejected because hire of indoor stadium is an ongoing cost – not a one-time event / project. Bastien will talk to Jarron regarding grant applications.

5) Food Safety Training – status

Emily followed up – we will need a Food Supervisor. Incentive - free Junior Membership if junior parent volunteer would do the Food Safety Supervisor course that is estimated to take 10 hours. Friday night social – no food i.e.,

no more sausage sizzles, but bacon and egg burgers for Saturday morning junior pennants are still viable.

Joan to address the food safety “issue” with the junior parents.

6) Planned events for the 2023/24 season

Shane suggested Saturday afternoon tennis sessions for seniors until light issues are resolved. Will review and make a final decision by 7 November (two weeks).

Community Christmas pageant for juniors 10 December 2023. Holly and Joan will walk with the junior players and Bastien will drive the car.

13 – 14 January 2024 – junior tournament in conjunction with January holiday clinic (wrap up). Alexander Park Tennis Club may visit.

Accommodation is difficult to find so they will need to find their own.

Overflow could be an option for visitors in self-contained vehicles.

Senior Open Doubles competition 16 February 2024.

Club Championship (Junior and Seniors) Saturday 23 March 2024.

Seniors visit to nearby club possibly Condingup, was discussed.

7) Committee roles – emails, grant applications, purchases, Tennis West communication, Shire etc.

The Secretary (Joan) and the President (Bastien) receive most communication from Tennis West. Most of it simply for information only so only important issues will be raised within the Committee. Joan is looking after the email correspondence and will forward messages for action to committee members. Grant applications are a big task and the committee will share the work between them.

8) Junior Update

Since the Committee meeting, Junior pennants have started. We had nearly 40 juniors playing pennants and OZ Tennis on the first day of pennants, 28 October. It was decided to reduce the price of bacon and egg rolls back to \$5.00 to stay competitive with Macca's!

9) Miscellaneous

Meeting concluded at 7:15pm.