

MINUTES EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2003

PRESENT: Hal, Steve, Maureen, Rod and Jenny

APOLOGIES: Pat and Jamie

MATTERS DISCUSSED:

LEASE - Hal advised he spoke with our Solicitor that day and the Lease we signed is O.K. and they are proceeding. As soon as we get the Lease from Council, we can then lodge the licence with GTC.

Rod stated they are worried about a lack of communication between GDTA and GTC. Recently they have twice requested from our Meeting a clarification on "proposals" to the bottom complex and have received no reply. Maureen apologised and stated it was her fault that these memos have not been answered, the first time she went away directly after the meeting and last month she omitted to do so.

Rod and Jenny are upset about the MANY MANY rumours going around about proposed upgrade to the bottom complex and they have not been officially notified of any of this from the Committee. Rod feels as they have an agreement with GDTA, they should be kept informed of proposals.]

The bottom complex constitutes a part of the lease/licence and at least 5 of the courts are not acceptable. They request, that in accordance with the terms of the lease/licence, a monthly deduction of \$500.00 should be given to them until these courts are repaired in a satisfactory manner, making a monthly payment by them of \$4500.00.

Hal stated this would be taken to the next monthly meeting of GDTA.

When looking to the future, and the proposals that have obviously been discussed by GDTA, they are concerned as to how long the people organising this will be around and will they see the whole thing through, as often things come to a halt once there is a change of Committee.

Rod and Jenny feel it is impossible at present for them to obtain any security for the hours they put in and if needed, would never be able to obtain any "financing" or similar without a signed lease/licence which is well overdue.

Rod reported the Blue chairs are almost rusted through and will need replacing in the immediate future as they are becoming dangerous.

Also, the umpires chairs are a concern, even though they are only used for the Ladies finals and the odd other tournament held here.

Could GTC have regular updates of the Members lists. Maureen gave them one that day, but it is the first one for 2003 and they are unable to check if people are insured if they do not have regular lists.

Rod thanked Maureen, Betty and Marilyn for their great effort with Junior Badge. The original terms of the contract showed all the courts were used for a Junior Competition. This was almost "lost" and we are very grateful to these ladies for picking it up and doing such a great job and having all the bottom complex with kids playing tennis each Saturday/

Pennant has also kept a lot of juniors playing tennis.

Rod had someone give a "rough" quote to re-do 4 of the bottom courts. Cost would be approximately \$100,000 which would raise the level some 4 inches and re-fence those courts. The chap suggested courts 18,19,20 and 21 would be best to start with as if we did 14, 15, 16 and 17 first, they would be damaged in getting to the others to do them at a later time. Rod and Jenny would be prepared to loan the GDTA some funds to get this work done if required.

*The car parking is a problem at present, with the Hospital and School both re-building and people are parking all along the road and even in our car park early in the mornings. Rod and Graham will come in early for the Ladies semi-final day to try and stop this from happening and it was requested the ladies put in their newsletter that they should park at the bottom complex and share vehicles, where possible – Liz will put this in the newsletter.*

Maureen stated she had taken out some figures showing income and expenditure over the past 5 years and read them to the meeting. Rod did not agree entirely with these figures.

Our "running costs" seem to be in the vicinity of \$25/30,000 and perhaps we should be looking at what can be done to reduce this amount. Income from GTC and Memberships is in the vicinity of \$80,000, so this is a high "running" cost for that amount of income.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

L.M.W. REPORT:

Minutes meeting 24/4/03.

Matters for mention - Hole on court 9 needs attention as it is dangerous  
Divider between court 10 & 11. - not at present, but will  
revise at later time.

Rosie reported the ladies President and other Executive will have completed their 3  
years at the AGM to be held on 11/9/03..

There has been a suggestion the Monday Night comp structure be changed to similar  
to the winter comp so that it is not so late (use 2 courts) - Maureen asked if there  
would be sufficient courts at outside venues to do this?

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Executive Meeting with GTC to be held on 21/5/03.

*Jamie advised there is a meeting with Council on Monday 12/5/03. We need to list  
our priorities, we could perhaps get up to \$200,000 this year. Courts 14-17 block is  
almost unusable. Perhaps we should try and get loans to do say that block. Surveyor  
would need to look at it as to what can be done.*

Suggested we grass 1 - 4. Courts 14 - 17 grass and fence and perimeter fence around  
the whole area at the bottom and repairs to Club House.

Steve reported that he and Warren Riley will continue to do whatever is necessary to  
assist and the remainder of Northumberland Regional matters will be handled by  
Tennis NSW. The Executive of the Board of Tennis NSW are to make a  
recommendation to the Board of Tennis NSW next Tuesday week.

Hal stated he would recommend to this Committee that if Peter Taylor puts his name  
*in for the Board of Directors, we should not vote for him.*

Steve said that the Chairman, Warren Riley, chaired the meeting that was held and in  
hindsight this may have been a wrong decision, as the meeting got out of hand. Craig  
Watson, Tennis NSW, then took the decision to suspend the Region as Steve Roach,  
the Regional Treasurer, was not co-operative and clearly was not doing the right  
thing. He was not getting the correct approvals and would not hand over the  
computer for audit.

Maureen to send Sympathy Card to Denise Bailey & Family.

Jamie will look into a Computer.

Meeting closed 9.35pm.