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MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE GDTA & GTC MEETING HELD 28/02/2005

PRESENT: Hal Moir, Stephen Gibson, Lynne Buchanan,  
Rod & Jenny Rosenfield, Chris Uzelac,  
Liz Blake, Maureen Rowe.

APOLOGIES: Nil

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT: We are all concerned about how GDTA is going to continue, losing members, income, etc. We need to look at how we can get members back into Gosford.

REPORT FROM GTC RE THEIR REQUIREMENT OF HARD COURTS/GRASS COURTS:

Rod tabled a 13 page report in answer to various questions that had been presented to GTC and felt we needed to study this paper as it was not an easy question to answer re hard/grass courts, as both surfaces form part of the overall picture and their income.

GTC need a minimum of 12 hard courts to run Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW Tournaments.

Hal advised we would study same and schedule a further meeting in the near future.

REPORT FROM L.M.W.:

Liz advised she has spoken to some members and feels there would be 4 more teams willing to play from Gosford if we had more grass courts.

Rod stated that, as there are many bye's, if there was no home court number allocated, you could schedule 7 matches each week. Liz stated she did not know how this would work and she does not know how to work it out, Rod would assist.

Liz stated perhaps it should be considered in future to have as many teams as possible and as few bye's to have more of the ladies playing each week.

L.M.W. would like more umbrella's for the walkway.

There appears to be a breakdown of communication between GDTA and LMW and they would like a summary of our monthly minutes with any relevant information re complex, comps, etc. Maureen will do this each month.

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Covers for Umpire Stands. Hal advised it would be preferable to remove stands altogether. The wind gets under the covers and can blow them over. LMW will discuss further and perhaps have Court Supervisor's and do away with linespersons for their finals series.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Hard to get commitment from Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW that we would continue to get various tournaments if we were to repair/replace hard courts to any large degree.

Steve feels that if our courts are in the required condition we would continue to get these events.

GRANTS: Lynne has been in touch with Gosford Council and will organise a meeting for she and Hal to attend to get the information required to apply for grants through Sport & Rec.

Steve advised she should contact Matt Salier at Tennis NSW who would also assist with this. Lynne will follow-up with both persons. Hal advised Lynne to contact Craig Watson as he spoke with him in January re this.

Also look into approaching Tennis Australia & Tennis NSW for funding.

Hal will also speak with Malcolm Brooks (Mayor) about grants.

TEAMS LEAVING GOSFORD:

Concern that so many teams from L.M.W. and Saturday comp are using outside complexes in preference to Gosford. The LMW require grass courts, and the Saturday teams have gone to Tuggerah.

Maureen advised that when Pat was President there was discussion about imposing an additional fee for those teams wanting to play on outside complexes. Also there was discussion at one point that an affiliation fee should be imposed on the complexes for them to put teams into our competition.

We do not want to do anything that will lose us any more of the members for just a small return and it was felt it would be difficult to enforce this.

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SOME OTHER POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. CONDITION OF COURTS - TOP COMPLEX

Top courts pretty good.

Need to contact Major Sports re Court 2 as it is bubbling and is under warranty.

The grass courts need professionally sweeping, particularly court 5. Court 13 needs top dressing.

Grass courts are swept once a week.

Rod feels if any further courts were to be grassed it should be 3 & 4, as the "gallery" courts are 1 & 2 and 8 & 9 and also to grass those courts, you would be wasting courts which are in fairly good condition.

2. VARIOUS MAINTENANCE MATTERS TOP COMPLEX

DRAINAGE COURTS 12/13 -- Plumber's report - Rod has not yet arranged Plumber to come.

EXCESS SAND -- We need to top dress court 13 and then have excess sand removed.

Feel it should not go into sand pit, in fact it would be best if that was removed as it gets very dirty and spiders, etc.

SHADE -- Walkway shade is difficult to get design that will work well and Rod feels we need to get courts up to scratch first.

The umbrella at the back of court 2 is very good and we need same for courts 3 & 4.

Fences are being held together with shade cloth. Retaining walls are in bad condition and the one behind courts 12 & 13 is very concerning.

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3. CONDITION OF COURTS - BOTTOM COMPLEX

COURTS 22/23 -- Not in too bad condition.

All other courts are really beyond any further repairs as we are just putting good money into them and in no time they are back to being in "bad" condition again.

Rod feels it would be better to put in 3/4 new courts at the front of the present courts instead of trying to go over the ones that are there and not be successful.

GRANTS: Lynne will follow-up with Gosford Council and arrange meeting for she and Hal to attend.

Lynne will also speak to Matt Salier to assist and also with Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW.

NEWSLETTER: Maureen felt that the Newsletter should be condensed and any information re coaches, etc. should be on a GTC letterhead. Maureen will prepare out Newsletter to be given with Membership Renewal and Rod will enclose GTC one also.

We should hand out the ones to LMW and other tournament members, and post those to old members, etc.

Chris and Liz left meeting whilst other matters were discussed with Rod & Jenny.

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FURTHER MATTER DISCUSSED WITH ROD & JENNY:

MONTHLY PAYMENT. - They were advised that the meeting declined their reduction as it was done without any reference to any member of the Executive.

Rod explained that as there was not a meeting again until February and the courts were put out of the tournaments as they were not in good enough condition was the reason for proceeding, and Jenny & Rod apologised for not making contact with a member of the Executive re this matter.

As the condition of most of the courts on the bottom complex are no longer acceptable for their tournaments, they have requested a reduction for approximately 6 months to \$4,500.00 per month and wish urgent action to be taken to try and organise grants to get the courts "up to scratch".

Hal will also contact Alan Ford at Gosford Council as to the availability of the "lease payment" funds which should come back to us.