

General Committee Meeting – July 20th, 2020

Time: 7.00pm – 9.35pm

Venue: Via Video Conferencing (Link to be sent via Zoom)

Minutes of Meeting

1. Attendees & Apologies

- **Attendees** – Chris Lees (President), Alex Silcock (Vice President), Tony Haworth (Treasurer), Mike Phillips, Rob De Vivo, Del Campbell, Lee Spencer, Karen Horne (Secretary LMW).
 - **Apologies** – Kat Lees (Secretary), Lynne Buchanan, Rob Littlefield
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2. Previous Minutes

May 18th, 2020

Accepted – Chris Lees, Seconded – Rob DeVivo, - In Favour 8, Against 0

3. Correspondence in/out

Tony advised that Correspondence In included:

- Letter from The Honourable Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service awarded GTC \$132,575 to upgrade lighting to LED's.
- Letter from Options Disability support re use of facility.
- Grant Application Support letter from Central Coast Council for Retaining wall on courts 10 & 11
- Letter from Central Coast Council re shared path construction works – Stage 1 – Racecourse Rd, West Gosford. Chris noted that we should approach Council to see if we can look at linking a pedestrian access between the 2 centres. Tony/Chris to follow up with Council

No Correspondence Out

4. Reports: (As read)

a. President

It is great to see all the good work the team is doing at GTC in relation to the COVID -19 restrictions. We have been able to continue operations throughout the duration of the pandemic and from all reports our customers are very happy with how things are being run. It is a fantastic result to have finally been successful in a significant grant application. GTC has been successful in being awarded just over \$132k for the upgrading of lighting to LED's. A great effort from the whole team with special thanks to Kylie Brown, Jackie DeVivo and Tony Haworth. The first post Covid-19 senior's tournament has been

successfully run at Wyong which is good indications for Gosford's event on the weekend of October 16 & 17. It's great to see ladies midweek back in action and I'm sure the ladies are all very happy to be back on court. It was good to have Sea FM use one of our old umpire chairs to watch the NRL from the Central Coast Highway road bridge while crowd restrictions were in place. It was good to receive a mention of thanks from Sea FM and leaves with an opportunity to build a relationship. It is great to see everything back up a running at the centre including the junior tournament, Super Series, coaching, competitions etc. Looking forward to see how our 8 inter district teams get on when the competition starts on the 26th July. All the work Paul is doing is making the centre look fantastic, well done Paul and Mike Phillips.

- b. Coaching – refer to report. Jono and Alex have requested a \$5.00 increase in their fee for restringing as a part of the coaches agreement. It was agreed by the committee to allow a \$2.50 increase. Rob to make changes and send to Alex to send to Tennis NSW for their review.
- c. Operations – refer to report.
- d. Treasurer – refer to report. Request for approval to spend \$69,839 on LED upgrades and a part of the successful grant. All agreed. Request to spend \$3,000 (subsequently increased to \$3,500 and agreed by Executive) on the completion of architect works for upper complex. All agreed. Request to spend \$1,700 on a "Super Soaker". All agreed. Request to spend \$700 on a chainsaw. All agreed. Other requests require additional investigation before approval given. Further quotes to be provided for kitchen and fencing. Tony to speak with Dan to discuss court 12 & 13 plans with enlarging courts and understand any impacts on costing.
- e. Ladies Mid-Week –. Karen advised that the LMW competition has started up and all is going well. Membership is no longer an issue and all are happy to be a member as required. The Ladies Mid-week AGM will be held early September. Discussion in relation to Ladies Mid-week finances and their annual financial requirements. Agreed that as it is a sub-committee the requirement is for finances to be provided to the main body treasurer to be included in annual financial audit.
- f. Maintenance – Mike advised that the focus has been on carrying out repairs to brickwork and sandstone walls and the top and bottom complex with the aim to bring things back to original state. It was proposed to remove the garden between the entry and exit at the top complex. All agreed. Chris asked what it would cost to have courts cleaned by non-volunteers, Mike Phillips to follow up. Alex & Chris to review maintenance plan before submitting to Council to comply with lease requirements
- g. Infrastructure – defer to item 5(e) under general business.

5. General Business

a. Club Coach Agreement update

The coaches generally agree with all conditions in the club coach agreement however they have requested a \$5.00 increase in their fee for restringing as a part of the coaches agreement. It was agreed by the committee to allow a \$2.50 increase. Rob to make changes and send to Alex to send to Tennis NSW for their review. Then the agreement can be signed off by GTC and coaches

b. Draft Council Lease & Licencing Agreement Feedback

Alex and Chris to discuss with council once a draft agreement is put forward.

c. Masterplan

Lee outlined the basics behind the latest Master Plan sketch. Discussion was held around the additional court to be located where the existing club house currently stands. It was agreed that it might be of benefit to retain the existing building as a work shed and also that it would not be right to have a court at a different angle to all the other courts (the opportunity to put in hotshot courts to be investigated). It was reinforced that there will be significant drainage works required due to the current super saturated land. Lee proposed that we need to look at a QS for costings and Hydraulic Engineer to provide low level drainage plan. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to have a new clubhouse where the current entry path is. It was discussed and agreed that the configuration of the top courts should be as follows:

Courts 1-4 – Synthetic grass

Courts 5-7 - Hardcourts

Courts 8-9 – ITF Hardcourt

Courts 10-13 – ITF Clay (if not possible 10&11 grass and 12&13 ITF Hardcourts)

Courts 14-24 – ITF Hardcourt

d. Other

- It was proposed to hold a dinner for Lynne Buchannan as she will be moving away from the Central Coast. This dinner would be a thank you for all her efforts over many years at the club.
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- Next meeting – September 21st, 2020, AGM 26th October 2020.