

Minutes of Board Meeting held 19:00 Tue 17 September 2024 on Microsoft Teams

Present:

Trustees: Howard Bennett (Chair), David Pagliaro, Maurine Lewin, Roger Waite,

Apologies: Lisa Watch, Cristian Winder

In attendance: James Mills (Managing Director), Luke Barker (Head Coach)

Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Managing Director's Report

Health and Safety

Nothing to report

HT (Hackney Tennis) Finances

Jame reported a healthy first six months with good levels of income on court rental and coaching. The gate at Spring Hill appears to have positively affected rental income at that site. Holiday camps and academy squads have seen particularly good growth so far this year.

Operations Team

Amar Francis has been hired as an operations assistant (July) and has made a good start in his new role.

Coaching

Summer Camps

JM reported excellent attendance throughout the summer with a high-level of delivery from the coaching team. Around 20 pupil premium places were taken up across the five weeks and James believes this scheme is starting to build momentum.

Autumn term

JM reported a positive start to the term with good take up across the sessions. A new adult indoor Pickleball session has been started at Stoke Newington School and is fully booked. JM believes HT could develop a pickleball programme to run alongside the tennis programme if HT can get access to local facilities. New LTA red girl sessions are running this term, and these are successfully bringing more girls into our standard and squad programmes.

Schools

Luke ran a year 3 & 4 schools' tournament on Wed 18 Sep with 32 players attending. Mossbourne Riverside, Betty Layward and Grazebrook all signed up to school club programme.

Indoor Access

Lee Valley indoor tennis centre have offered HT some access to indoor courts, and we plan to try to run some indoor performance camps this Autumn and start a Friday red performance programme there in the Spring.

Competitions

The adult and junior club championship events ran well over the summer.

The annual mixed doubles event was a success, and Luke plans to run a similar event in the Autumn.

Luke has a variety of junior matchplays planned for the Autumn term.

Facilities

Pavilion

The pavilion's CCTV and Wi-Fi upgrades are due for completion on 24 Sep.

Springfield Court Painting

This is scheduled to start on Tue 24 Sep and the courts will be closed for an estimated 2.5 weeks.

London Fields

The keycode gate will be fitted at LF on 18 & 19 Sep.

AGM

The date for the AGM is Monday 25th November 7pm start on Zoom.