**MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 14th OCTOBER**

ATTENDED: JANE GICK, DENISE O’DONNELL, RICHARD THOMAS,LISA MADGE ,ANDY LLOYD, MATT WHALLEY, DAN GOUGH,MALCOLM WATTS& SALLY MUTTON (TIM DICKINSON)

APOLOGIES NICK WHALLEY, TOM BOYLE & DAVE

**Chairs Report/ matters arising**

Today we received a further letter from Ashfords solicitors on behalf of Russell Bond summed up as:

He refers to himself as a tenant with tenancy rights

He reports exclusive rights to court 3, up until 18.30 each day (court 4 – covered by a canopy he locks)

The letter indicates he has a protected business lease – we would need to serve a section 25 notice – of 6 months duration (has was given notice beyond a 6/12 duration)he would have the right to challenge this & could apply to the court for a new lease!

The letter – refers to actions & threats that the committee have taken ?

The committee has consulted with a solicitor at each step of process

Lease of premises until April 2020

Vacation of the premises on 1st April 2020

On vacating he requests £4000 – the cost he suggests will be met by removal of the Portocabin

Minus – any rent owed - £750 –compensation for his stress & inconvenience!( to be paid on acceptance of this demand)

Committee/ REC – pay his legal costs £850 + VAT – documentation for the above ‘settlement’

The decision – must be agreed within 21 days of the letter dated 14th October

Russell Bonds – demands – will be taken back to our Solicitors – Scott Richards

**No mention to our solicitor – throughout this process is the fact that RB – has not had and still does not have the recognised qualification for coaching – the LTA will not recognise Newton Abbot as an official tennis facility**

Whilst Russell remains :

We are not accredited to the lawn Tennis association (LTA) – we would receive many benefits – support to encourage new members especially children to join

Membership numbers are low – for a club our size 80-100 tennis) Actually 41 & 4 juniors

We no longer get the opportunity to gain Wimbledon tickets via the ballot

The tennis club will no longer be able to take part in competitive tennis

He continues to ruin the reputation of the club

Through loss of income

His behaviour affects the club & its integrity as a whole

**Safe Guarding**  All up to date ( filing cabinet on premises for secure documents

**Membership** - Tim & Dawn Dickinson has stepped up to support us with sorting out the mess with memberships and subscriptions – we offer them a huge thank you – will endeavour to ge someone to fill the position of membership secretary to maintain this.

Time has spent time chasing people, and amending as necessary

The problems occurred originally with the payment system – love admin – it should have been picked up but was not.

Total members = 202

8 family

10 joint

Senior squash – 90

Adult tennis – 41

Student/apprentice/HM forces – squash junior – 25

Tennis junior 4

4 new squash members have joined this week

My courts is now up to date

Nigel Bell ( a member for many years) requested – the privilege of playing for the teams if he was in the area – now lives in Cornwall – this was declined however welcome to pay a guest at the club.

**Treasurer Report**

Nil to report

**Squash & Racketball**  kits have – arrived for the teams – all tee-shirts support just Giving

Bit.ly/elizaLBTBD

Summerteam donations went to Eliza Bell charity - Eliza has under gone a heart transplant ( Nigel’s daughter)

**Tennis** concern going forward about competitive tennis – Andy seemed to think – the winter league would be ok to enter..

**REC Trust**

Jane raised a grievance - with the REC trust about Paul Lennox

The issues raised are supported by the committee – they are fully detailed factual & dated

Richard Thomas stepped out of the meeting as a REC trust member – acts as an employer of Paul Lennox therefore a conflict of interest (Grievance document attached)

**AOB**

The constitution was reviewed & Malcolm suggested a couple of changes around auditing

We discussed displaying our committee meetings on a board at the club & distributing to all members

Sally updated first aid kit (items used replaced)

Sally to have access to my courts for sending information – e-mails

**The next meeting AGM Wednesday 20th November in main Hall**

**Next Committee Meeting: Monday 9th December 2019**