

Action Notes from the South Wales Senior Tennis Committee Meeting
Date - 2nd March 2021
Via Zoom

In Attendance

Dave Stillman - Treasurer
Katherine Maddock-Lyon
Liz Slinger -Chairman
Jason Richards
Mike Harpin
Chris Hill
Freda Emery
Robyn Dow
David Foster
Mark Lewis

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none

2. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. In his new role at Tennis Wales, Mark Lewis (Competition and Event Manager TWL) would be attending future meetings. Katherine will be finishing in her role at Tennis Wales in May.

3. To agree the action notes from the meeting of 13/10/2020 - All

These were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising not on the agenda

- **Ladies east v west event** - this had not gone ahead in 2020 due to the current restriction. It was hoped it would be organised for 2021. **Action LS**
- **LTA database** - there was a lengthy discussion and MH asked ML for clarification on the GDPR position with the database. It was hoped the LTA were on top of this but ML agreed to submit a ticket query and share the response with the committee.
Action - ML
- **Changes at TW** - ML outlined the changes. Megan Jones had been appointed and ML would be dealing with Seniors in the future.

5. Home Nations Tournament

At the moment the tournament was still scheduled for the May Bank Holiday weekend. Realistically it was unlikely to proceed given the situation with Hotels. There was a meeting

of the Home Nations Committee on the 9th March where a decision was likely to be made. After a short discussion it was agreed that the position of the South Wales committee was that players needed at least 3 weeks notice that the event was going to proceed and an opportunity for the players to have had some practise in that time. Generally, the overwhelming preference of the committee was to postpone until later in the year when the vaccination programme had had a chance to be rolled out and the position regarding Covid was clearer. **Action ML and LS**

The Home Nations tournament currently sits outside the LTA. MH saw advantages to it being within the remit of the LTA for consistent management of the event. This to be raised at the STGB committee via AA and at the Home Nations Committee meeting. **Action AA at STGB and ML/LS**

KML informed the committee that the letters had gone out to the players with information on kit sizes. MH thanked DS for his work on collating the men's age groups.

It was agreed that the younger age groups would be notified of what was happening with the Home Nations. They would be directed to the TW website where we had posted an update.

Action LS and KML

6. Feedback from the South Wales Committee meeting

The last meeting had been cancelled and there was no update.

7. To discuss the county teams and finances

DS had prepared a draft spreadsheet in respect of the finances. However, until it is known whether 4 people can travel together and the format for the matches the money available for each team can't be finalised. DS agreed to update when more information was available. MH and RD briefed the meeting on the various ladies and men's teams. Each team would have 4 matches: two at home and two away. Although geographically close it may still be necessary for overnight stays. There was a discussion regarding the use of indoor venues. Currently this isn't allowed but given that the season has been extended until the end of November it was possible that this would change.

ML confirmed that TW will supply the balls again this year for the county matches.

ML asked whether the county teams purchased team kit. The majority of the committee felt that a number of teams would welcome the opportunity to have a team kit and ML agreed to discuss with Chris Lewis. **Action ML**

8. Senior Tennis Great Britain Committee meeting

AA had attended a meeting the previous evening. All LTA sanctioned tournaments before Bournemouth have been cancelled. A decision on Wimbledon (15-22nd August), Indoor Wrexham (24th September - 3rd October) expected by 31/3/2021.

The World Tennis number, once up and running, will provide an opportunity for more focused competition at ranking tournaments.

9. To discuss the Welsh Senior Championship

ML advised the committee that the working group was scheduled to meet on the 19th March. He reminded the committee that KML was going to be the tournament referee and the date and venue would be confirmed asap but is anticipated to be sometime in August. It will be a three day event. A further update to be provided at the next meeting. **Action ML and KML**

10. A.O.B.

DS asked ML to clarify the team captains for north Wales to assist with the finance spreadsheet. **Action ML**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting.

The committee agreed to meet in May and LS to circulate possible dates. **Action LS**

N.B Although we discussed having the next meeting at the end of May can I suggest we look at either the 1st or 2nd June as there will be an update from the Home Nations Committee that is meeting on the 1st June.