

Meeting between SCC and SCrC on 20 September 202

The only topic for discussion was the proposed new fees.

1. SCrC income is £50k while SCC contributes only £2.5k. This is considered by SCrC to be too low a proportion considering our use of the facilities.
2. It was conceded by SCrC that they could put up Social membership at any time which would have a knock on effect on the proposed SCC membership fees, but reassurance was provided by Tim that this was not planned. If any fees go up there will be increases across the board.
3. The 2024 membership fee position is the final increase. No more are expected. SCrC wanted to get SCC membership fees between Social and Full membership (£25 and £45).
4. There was discussion around the maintenance charges during which it emerged that the real aim of the SCrC was to increase the SCC contribution to £4k per year by 2024. SCrC worked this so that the membership fee increases were relatively light with the remainder made up by steep increases in the maintenance charges. If we keep our 85 members in 2023 and 2024 we will be paying, in total, £3975 in 2024.
5. We pointed out that now we know that the aim is to achieve £4k per year from SCC we can work out 1) whether this is affordable, and 2) how we choose to achieve this sum. We could choose to pay nothing for maintenance and charge £75 per member for SCC and SCrC membership or any combination of membership fee and maintenance charge.
6. We pointed out that we would lose lots of members if our fees were put up by a large amount.
7. It was agreed that SCC needs to consider the implications of the £4k proposal and to reach a decision at our next Committee meeting on 18 October. The next SCrC/SCC forum is to be held in the evening of 18 October when it is expected that both Chairmen will be present. SCrC will then hold a committee meeting in early November to ratify whatever decision is taken ahead of their AGM later in November.
8. At one point it was suggested there should be one club (similar to the arrangement at EDLTCC where tennis and croquet players all belong to one club). I think this could be a way forward if we choose to stay with SCrC.

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