

**Minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of Lode Tennis Club held on 22 September
2016 at 7.30 pm at 27 Station Road**

Present:	Jeff Kempster	John Lince	Sally Jaggard
	Will Jaggard	Denise Bardan	Lesley Pulvertaft
	Mo Brown	David Male	Heather Male
	Brian Brown		

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1. David and Heather Male and Brian Brown were welcomed to the meeting
2. The entire Committee of Management resigned in accordance with the constitution. All the committee members present offered themselves for re-election to the committee. There being no objections and no other candidates wishing to be considered it was declared that the Committee for the forthcoming year would comprise Jeff Kempster, Sally Jaggard, Will Jaggard, John Lince, Denise Bardan, Mo Brown, and Lesley Pulvertaft. As none of the other committee members wanted to become officers, Jeff Kempster and Sally Jaggard were prepared to continue to act in their current roles as chairman and treasurer respectively.
3. The minutes of the 19th AGM held on 3 September 2015 were accepted as a true record without amendment. All matters shown with action points had been dealt with.
4. Sally presented the treasurers report. This showed net income of £1,510 before taking into account the contributions to Parish Council of £10,000 in respect of the new court surface. This meant that the club currently had a bank balance of £1,116.76. The shortfall in donations to Parish council compared with the expenditure on the court was currently standing at £2,329.02. It was hoped that a further contribution to Parish Council could be made following the Safari Dinner Party this weekend. The report was adopted unanimously.
5. Coaching for 2016 had been cancelled as there was a lack of sufficient support. Some members had independently arranged some private coaching for 1 week with the same coach. It was decided not to undertake any junior coaching next year and to wait and see if there was any reaction as a result of this decision.
6. Subscription rates for next year; In conjunction with the club's conflict of interest policy, all the committee members and visiting members declared an interest because they were paying members as well as committee (and visiting) members. As it was not practical for all the members present to absent themselves from this decision, it was decided that any decision on this subject should be ratified by the Parish Council as an independent corroborator.
7. There was then some discussion concerning the levels of fees generally and of the relationship between fees for families compared to single adult membership. It was agreed that the need to increase fees generally was largely dependent upon the club's plans for improvements to the court, in particular the fencing, and of whether the club could secure any grants towards these future costs. As a result it was proposed and agreed that the subscriptions for family membership should be increased this year from £35 to £40 per year which would be a fairer reflection of the differential between these categories. All other fees will remain the same except for the cost of replacement / new keys which will now increase to £5 in line with costs. In addition, if grant applications were not successful during the forthcoming year, consideration should be given to increasing the fees the following year to £20 per adult, £40 per couple, and £50 per family, with an explanation that funding for improved fencing was required. This could be notified to members before the start of that new subscription year 2018/2019 so that they had some warning of the increase and why it was necessary. Jeff will refer the decision on next year subs (2017/2018) to the Parish Council.
8. During the discussion of subscription rates the current levels of membership were reported upon. There are now some 47 member units and approximately 100 members. Of those 47 member units 19 were family members and 2 were adults with juniors.
9. There being no other business, the next meeting of the Committee of Management was scheduled for immediately after the AGM and the AGM was closed at approximately 8.45pm with thanks to the members for their attendance. The visiting members were invited to attend the forthcoming committee meeting as guests.

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