

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Thursday 23 November 2017
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Action by

Present: Jeff Kempster Will Jaggard Sally Jaggard
John Lince Lesley Pulvertaft

1. Apologies received from Denise Bardan and from Mo Brown
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 25 September 2017 were accepted as a true record.
3. Jeff had researched the price for replacing the side screens, which was circa £280. It was decided that Jeff should order these in the new year ready for the next season. JK
4. After some discussion about ways to mitigate the issues arising from non members participating in the mixed doubles and other competitions the following were decided: JL
 - a. That the mixed doubles competition will go ahead but with smaller leagues than this year so that there were fewer matches before arriving at the semi final and final;
 - b. That the random selection process will incorporate a system to avoid 'all non member' teams;
 - c. That an entrance fee be introduced with a weighting for members (say £2) over non members, (say £5);
 - d. Due to popular demand there will be a knockout men's singles competition, which will be advertised within the club first, and only advertised to non members if there are insufficient to make it practical.
 - e. Due to popular demand a knockout ladies doubles competition will be held, on a similar basis to the men's singles. Applications will be taken from self arranged 'teams'.
5. As the Safari Dinner Party had been postponed there was a long discussion about social and fund raising activities for next year. Jeff had spoken to Ian Faulkner and they would be happy to prepare a Quiz Night for next year. There was already a Quiz Night upcoming for the Bottisham Library at the start of February.
6. John Lince suggested that he could organise a Music Quiz Night and felt confident that a lot of teams who take part at Hardwick (20 teams) could be persuaded to come to Bottisham. Sally & Will will find out when The British Legion was available for bookings at the start of March 2018. Sally and Lesley will organise the food (a supper). Tickets will be £8 to include supper. Jeff will put an item in the Lode Star if the date can be resolved before 14th December 2017. JL
SJ
SJ & LP
JK
7. It was agreed that a traditional Quiz Night would be organised for later in the year, say September 2018.
8. Jeff will contact Denise & Mo to get them to suggest an alternative date for the Safari Dinner Party, possibly for early February to catch the post Christmas and New Year blues? If it is to be then, they need to select a date before 14th December so that Jeff can publicise it in the Lode Star. Jeff will put this item in the Lode Star as a Lode Safari Dinner, completely separate from the Lode Tennis Club item. JK
MB & DB
JK
9. Jeff will put together a members subscription renewal pack for mid February with the new subscription rates. Sally and Lesley will liaise about distribution. JK
SJ & LP
10. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th March 2018 at John Lince's house at 7.30pm. LP
11. The meeting closed at 9.05pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.