

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 29 November 2018
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Action by

Present: Jeff Kempster Will Jaggard Sally Jaggard
Mo Brown John Lince Lesley Pulvertaft Denise Bardan

1. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 11 September 2018 were accepted as a true record.
2. Will has sprayed the court this week with moss killer and he and Jeff have taken down the screens and sprayed weedkiller on the surrounds to the court.
3. Jeff had been in communication with Nick Whitehead about GDPR and a privacy policy, but this had not yet been finalised. Jeff will endeavour to complete this before the next meeting. JK
4. Sally reported that the current bank balance was £2,803.99 and that the quiz night had produced a net contribution to funds of £503.73.
5. The debrief from the successful Quiz Night produced these points to be taken forward for any subsequent Quiz Night:
 - a. Teams should be set at 6 people which would make it easier to prepare identical trays of food;
 - b. On the night it would be helpful to have more people present to assist with the administration;
 - c. Entrance monies should be collected from each table as a whole once they were seated, rather than piecemeal from individuals. One team captain should be encouraged to collect for the whole team;
 - d. Although it was a lot of work, the event was considered to be worthwhile. The main priority should be obtaining teams to take part, and tennis club members should be encouraged to target individuals who can organise a team.
6. A debrief for the successful Safari Dinner produced the following points for any future rerun:
 - a. The possibility of reducing the amounts paid to hosts was discussed, but it was decided to leave these as they are to encourage people to be hosts and to prepare better quality courses;
 - b. Change the initial get together so that it isn't a food event, so rather than canapés, just make it a meet and greet with nibbles (that the organisers will provide).
 - c. Make sure that people are given details of where they are going AND the times they need to arrive, and that hosts know who they should be expecting.
7. It was suggested that the wire along the top of the court fence opposite the allotments should be repaired with a temporary fix next spring. Will, Jeff and John will liaise to organise this. WJ/JK/JL
8. It was also suggested that the 'matching funds' criteria for grants from the Lode with Longmeadow Village Trust may have changed. John volunteered to investigate this. JL
9. Rough timings for next year's events were agreed as follows:
 - a. Curry Night - early May
 - b. Safari Dinner - July
 - c. Open Day - August
 - d. Quiz Night - September
10. Although there were some problems with the 2017 tennis competitions they had eventually reached a successful conclusion. There had been several suggestions for 2018 to try and avoid the problems of competitors not showing up, and Jeff and John would sort out changes to formats/rules to improve next year's competition(s).
11. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 at John & Jackie's house at 7.30pm.
12. The meeting closed at 8.50pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.