

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 3 September 2019
at 22 Abbey Lane at 8.15pm**

Action by

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

1. Apologies received from Denise Bardan and Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 28 May 2019 were accepted as a true record.
3. The new Social Member status (for non-paying / non-playing members) has now been set up on the website. This will enable people to be communicated with via the website emails to all members.
4. The 2019 competitions were progressing well - the ladies doubles final had been played on 1st September and Izzy and Sanja had beaten Jackie and Tessa by 6 games to 2. There were several spectators and a small social get together had been organised by Izzy after the match. The mixed doubles final will hopefully be played next Sunday, as long as the 2nd semi final had been completed by then. The Singles Competition Final may have to be played later in September or early October as there were several matches still to be played in order to determine the second finalist.
5. The Safari Dinner had gone ahead on 6th July 2019 and even though there was a slightly reduced attendance, it was still enjoyed by all those present and it raised some £150.
6. The Open Day had gone ahead on 11th August 2019 with the barbecue afterwards at Sally & Will's house. That also was enjoyed by all those who had come along.
7. Jeff had already communicated with the committee, the fact that both the ECDC grant applications and the LLVT grant application had been successful, and consequently the LLVT grant had now been rejected (with thanks to LLVT for their time and consideration). As a result the new fencing project will be going ahead over the winter of 2019 / 2020, and a firm order had been placed with En Tout Cas Ltd and arrangements made for an initial site meeting in November. JK / WJ
8. Jeff had also mentioned to LLVT that the club has ongoing court maintenance costs which it has had to defer because of the fence replacement project and suggested that they might consider making a far smaller grant of £1,000 towards those costs. LLVT had responded by inviting the club to attend at their next meeting and to make a fresh presentation. Jeff had prepared a short draft presentation for that new application which was circulated to the committee members present, and approved by them. Jeff has requested a quotation from En Tout Cas Ltd and will attend the next LLVT meeting. Lesley wondered if any discounts from En Tout Cas Ltd could be negotiated and Jeff said he would ask them. JK
9. Sally proposed a vote of thanks to Jeff for all his work in completing the grant applications and answering all the follow up questions.
10. Jeff had received an enquiry about membership from Sanja Abbot who lives in Swaffham Prior, and asked Sally about the current position with outside of Lode members numbers. There is currently one place available, but an application form has been received from David Turner in Swaffham Bulbeck, and Sally is currently awaiting confirmation from David of his intention to take up that place. She will explain to him that there are others in the waiting list and that we need him to confirm his intentions asap. SJ

11. The arrangements for the Quiz Night (scheduled for 28th September) were discussed some more. It was suggested that 15th September should be the deadline for those compiling question rounds. Jeff encouraged the committee members to contact as many local organisations as possible to get them to take part, Jeff can provide flyers or template letters if required. Jeff also requested that committee members consider sources for any different and superior style raffle prizes. Jeff suggested that a Virgin Experience voucher could be purchased (decision deferred until nearer the date of the event), and John suggested that a weekend in a holiday caravan in Heacham might be available.

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12. Points forward for future meetings - social events: It was suggested that the Safari Dinner be dropped next year, and instead a Wine and Cheese evening be held. Sally & Will volunteered to host this. It was also suggested that a Summer Family Tea & Cake afternoon with fete style stalls could be held at Jackie & John's house.

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13. Points forward for future meetings - involvement of juniors and encouraging "new blood": Following a comment included in one of the responses to the questionnaire earlier this year, Jeff asked the committee to consider (so that it could be discussed at later meetings) whether there were any ways that the current committee could encourage more involvement of juniors, and or new ideas to involve current members more or to encourage new members. Some initial ideas were - reintroducing tennis coaching, seeking a junior member for the committee, and the possibility of better communications with juniors (and adults) in the village, - for example via a facebook group page?

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14. Points forward for future meetings - possible donation to Lode Star: Jeff pointed out that the tennis club makes a lot of use of Lode Star Magazine for publicising its activities and events, in most of the eleven editions each year. Although the current financial position and the imminent proposed expenditure on the fencing project (and overdue maintenance of the court) does not make it feasible to make a donation to Lode Star immediately, Jeff would like the committee to make a donation of say £150 to Lode Star as soon as funding makes it appropriate.

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15. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at Jackie and John's house commencing at 6.45pm.

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16. The meeting closed at 10.00 pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.