

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 3 December 2019
at 33 Mill Road at 7.30pm**

Action by

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

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead.
2. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm because the earlier scheduled time of 6.45pm, as shown in the last minutes, had been overlooked by several members.
3. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 September 2019 were accepted as a true record.
4. Following suggestions made at the AGM a new heading has been set up on the club's web page for "Club Nights" which explains how they work and directs users to a link to the message board. At the next meeting the committee will decide what nights and times should be set aside for Club Nights next year. All
5. All the 2019 competitions had been successfully completed. The format this year had worked far better. John Lince will be inviting entrants for next years competitions in January with the draw taking place in March. JL
6. The new fencing around the court was finished yesterday, and En Tout Cas Tennis Courts Limited ("ETC") are returning tomorrow and possibly Thursday morning to complete the deep clean and the spraying of moss killer. John Lince reported that he has tried out the practice wall and it was working very well indeed. Jeff Kempster showed everyone pictures of the newly erected fencing, which all agreed was a great improvement. Will will re-install the net posts and tennis net on Thursday. WJ
7. Jeff Kempster has sent off the signed self certification forms to ECDC which should result in the release of the grant funding of £7,200.
8. Following the success in obtaining a grant of £1,000 from LLVT towards the deep cleaning of the court, Sally reported that she had now drawn a cheque for £1,500 to meet the ETC costs for this (NB discounted from £1,650). Jeff Kempster would take the cheque to Jonathan Giles and explain what it was for. JK
9. It was suggested that a thank you letter should be sent to LLVT for their grant of £1,000. Jeff said he would arrange that, and a thank you letter to Lode Fete Committee for their generous donation of £200. JK
10. ETC staff had told Jeff that they now use a product called MMC Pro for all their Moss Killing treatments and that this was available to buy from various sources. Martin suggested that Patio Magic might be worth investigating as well. Will will look into both. WJ
11. David Turner had now taken up his membership, so Sanja Abbot would go onto the waiting list for outside of Lode members. Denise asked about her friend Eleanor Moses who also wanted to join the club. Sally will liaise with Denise after she has checked her records to confirm whether she had received a completed application form from Eleanor yet. If not, Denise should encourage Eleanor to download a form from the website, complete it and send it to Sally so that she can be placed on the waiting list. SJ / DB
12. The Quiz Night had gone well, Sally reported that the evening had resulted in a net profit of £507.10. As a result, after all the expenditure on the fence and on the deep clean the bank balance was now standing at £961.55. It was noted that there should not be any more major items of expenditure on the horizon, and the renewal subscriptions should boost the club funds in the Spring. This should mean that fund raising social events should not be necessary for a while.
13. It was agreed that next year the Quiz Night and the Safari Dinner would be temporarily retired. Instead there will be a Wine & Cheese evening which will be organised by Sally and Lesley and

- hosted by Lesley, on 6th June 2020. They will let Jeff know details of times and ticket pricing in the New Year so that he can put an article in the Lodestar and send an email from the website to all members. SJ / LP
JK
14. It was also decided to hold a Summer Family Tea & Cake afternoon with fete style stalls which will be held at Jackie & John's house towards the end of July. John suggested that this be a whole village event, but with profits arising going to the Tennis Club. John will arrange the publicity in the Lodestar, and let Jeff know the details in due course. JL
15. Possibilities for involving younger members in the tennis club were discussed and it was agreed that whilst social media such as Facebook might be good for bringing the club to the younger generations notice, it would be difficult to manage in order to minimize the risks and dangers.
16. There was a long discussion regarding the possibility of restarting tennis coaching aimed at juniors. Jeff was in favour of this, but did not want to take on the administration which was quite onerous. He explained the many issues that had to be considered. It was agreed that some publicity should be put out to see whether there would be any support for coaching if it were to be restarted. Jeff will put together some publicity material on the basis that the coaching would be on Saturday mornings or Sunday mornings over 6 or 8 weeks in the summer, with a contribution required of £5 per session - payable in advance. Jeff will also see if there are any coaches available who might be interested in providing this service. Sally would also enquire about possible coaches. JK
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17. Martin pointed out that a lot of members do not make their details (phone numbers and email addresses) available for other members to see on the website. He wondered if, when the membership renewal packs are sent out next year, members might be encouraged to allow others to see their details. Jeff will make that suggestion to all members, but pointed out that under the General Data Protection Regulations it would be wrong to make the disclosure of personal data to all other members a condition of membership.
18. It was then pointed out that telephone numbers and email addresses are shared between all members who are taking part in the summer tennis competitions. It was resolved that all participants should be asked to sign up for consent that their personal data can be shared to other competitors and that this was a condition of participation in the competitions. JL
19. Denise asked if it would be possible to have two garden chairs inside the court area so that players who want a rest between games can sit down. It was agreed that this would be tried in the spring next year. Hopefully they won't attract attention of vandals. JL
20. It was suggested and agreed that the approach to the new (wider) gate should now be tidied up by the addition of two paving slabs (which will be sourced by Will) and a new doormat (which will be sourced by Lesley) along with an extra padlock and chain so it can be secured in place on both sides. WJ
LP
21. It was suggested and agreed that it would be useful to have some discrete hooks on the inside of the court where players could hang coats or similar. Sally will arrange with Will how best to put this in place. SJ / WJ
22. Point forward to March meeting - 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. Jeff suggested that the next committee meeting in March might be the appropriate time for the committee to make a decision to donate say £150 to Lode Star. All
23. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at Lesley's house commencing at 7.30pm.
24. The meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.