

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 10 March 2020
at 22 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Action by

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

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 3 December 2019 were accepted as a true record.
3. Jeff apologised because he wanted to issue the subscription renewal pack, and had included the days and times for Club Nights thus pre-empting the decision by the committee. The committee were happy that the Club Nights should continue as last year on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7pm starting on 5 May 2020.
4. All of the fencing work and other court improvements were now complete and paid for, with one exception of the hook for the net strap. Will has now managed to obtain a part which he can use to replace the eye to attach the net strap to, and will sort that out in due course. WJ
5. Jeff has sent the thank you letters mentioned at the last meeting, to LLVT for the grant and to the Fete committee for their donation.
6. Will had investigated the moss killing products mentioned at the last meeting and determined that MMC Pro was the most suitable. He was authorised to buy a suitable amount of this to treat the court during the coming year. WJ
7. Following the sad death of Martin Ibbitt in January, there was definitely one place available for another outside of Lode member. Sally will contact Margaret Sanderson (a friend of Denise) who is next on the list of applicants and who had submitted a form. That means that Sanja Abbot is next in line. Sally mentioned to Denise that she had not yet received a form from Eleanor Moses. SJ
8. The Wine & Cheese evening on 6th on June 2020 which will be held at Lesley's house was discussed. The contribution to costs required was set as £12 per person and the start time will be 7pm. Sally & Lesley will sort out all the other details in due course. SJ / LP
9. John explained that issues with the timetable for a rebuild of a summer house in his garden meant that he could not commit to the planned Summer Family Tea & Cake afternoon in late July, but was happy to host the Open Day in August. The date was set as Sunday 16th August. Jeff asked whether Jackie & John would consider organising the Tea & Cake afternoon in a different location, possibly at Sally & Will's or at Jeff & Sue's. John will check and report back, and Jeff will check with Sue. JL / JK
10. There had only been very limited interest shown in the proposed coaching for juniors. A total of 5 enquiries, comprising 8 juniors in all, with a wide spread of ages. It was decided that this was not enough to make this plan feasible. Jeff and Sally would contact the people who had expressed interest and tell them. JK / SJ
11. Jeff asked if Sally could tell him, after the membership renewals had come in, which members had asked for their contact details to be kept ex-directory, so that we could arrange some method of contacting them to see their reasons for this and investigate if there is any way to change their mind (as suggested by Martin at his last committee meeting). SJ / JK
12. John reported that the competition applicants were running at around the same level as last year although not all the same people. Jeff reminded him about arranging a sign off slip to ensure those taking part gave consent for their contact details to be shared. John will liaise with Jeff ahead of the draw in the Shed on 25 March at 7.30pm. JL / JK
13. Denise had asked and it had been agreed that, on a trial basis, two garden chairs would be put inside the court area so that players who want a rest between games can sit down. John Lince will arrange this in April. JL

14. After some discussion it was agreed to make a payment of £200 to Lode Star magazine to pay them for accepting the tennis club articles over several years and effectively allowing the club to advertise its activities in the monthly news-sheet. Sally will arrange for a cheque to be drawn. SJ
15. John suggested a scorecard be purchased which will help members to keep score. The approximate costs would be £54. It was unanimously agreed and John will make arrangements to acquire it. JL
16. The next committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2020 at Lesley's house commencing at 7.30pm. LP
17. The meeting closed at approximately 8.45pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.