

**Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of Lode Tennis Club held on  
27 September 2020 at 3.00 pm at 19 Abbey Lane**

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

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1. Apologies were received from Will Jaggard and Nick Whitehead.
2. The entire Committee of Management resigned in accordance with the constitution. All the committee members present (and Will Jaggard by proxy) offered themselves for re-election to the committee. Vishal Gokool was then invited to join the committee and he accepted. There being no objections and no other candidates wishing to be considered it was declared that the Committee for the forthcoming year would comprise Jeff Kempster, Sally Jaggard, Will Jaggard, John Lince, Denise Bardan, Lesley Pulvertaft and Vishal Gokool. As none of the other committee members wanted to become officers, Jeff Kempster and Sally Jaggard were prepared to continue to act in their current roles as chairman and treasurer respectively.
3. Jeff Kempster welcomed Vish onto the committee.
4. The minutes of the 23rd AGM held on 3 September 2019 were accepted as a true record without amendment. All matters shown with action points had been dealt with.
5. Sally presented the treasurers report. This showed net income of £1,672.31 and a bank balance of £2,561.76. Jeff pointed out that the club had an expectation of very low costs for the next few years and so it was well placed financially despite the lack of any social activity income.
6. After lengthy discussion of suggestions which had been received from Ian Cannie regarding guest membership subscriptions, external members' ability to have guest members and booking of coaching sessions, the following decisions were made:
  - a. that the £3 per guest per visit subscription will be discontinued from the next subscription year, so that guests (unlimited) would only be allowed by paying an annual fee of £20.
  - b. that coaching sessions with a professional coach can be arranged by members, but only with the prior approval of the committee of management, and the sessions will be booked by club administrators for the members. The committee of management would consider any such requests for the use of the court for professional coaching on its merit with due consideration of the time of year, the time of day and any other prevailing conditions.
  - c. that a gentle reminder should be sent to all members that the ability to use such an excellent facility as Lode tennis court at such a low price should be recognised as a privilege and that the club rules should be adhered to in spirit as well as to the letter. JK
7. It was not considered appropriate to adopt a further suggestion that outside of Lode and Longmeadow members should not be allowed to have guest members. It was felt that the other changes adopted above would enable the committee to have a greater level of control over potential abuses of the court booking, and the use of court by outside of Lode members could be monitored and this decision could be revisited if necessary next year. All
8. Subscription rates for next year; - It was proposed and approved that the subscription rates should stay at the same levels as last year, so: - Adults £20, Couples £40, Junior £7.50, Whole Family £50, Guests a one off annual fee of £20. Replacement keys will be £5. It was suggested that when announced it should be pointed out that subscription rates have now been kept the same for 3 years. JK
9. The current levels of membership are standing at 48 member units and at least 82 members. So about the same as last year.
10. There being no other business, the next meeting of the Committee of Management was scheduled for immediately after the AGM and the AGM was closed at approximately 3.45pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.