

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Thursday 8 July 2021
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

**Action
by**

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

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 27 September 2020 were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising from previous meetings:
 - a. Will has now treated the court with MMC Pro moss killer. Although the court appears to be in pretty good condition generally, there are some prolific weeds now growing. Jeff will get some more weed killer and treat them. There will need to be a work party for weed clearance later in the year; JK
All
 - b. Competitions for the previous year were eventually completed, and the competitions for the current year are now under way; JL
 - c. Sally had reviewed the membership to establish those who had specified that they wished to be 'x-directory'. She will pass that information to Jeff who will arrange to contact those members directly (probably at the start of the new membership year) to encourage them to allow their details to be shown on the web-site; SJ / JK
 - d. The proposal for chairs on court and a new scorecard which had been placed on hold because of coronavirus will now go ahead. John will arrange to acquire the new scorecard. Jeff was happy to donate 2 plastic style garden chairs to put inside the court on a trial basis; JL / JK
 - e. The donation of £200 had been made to Lode Star and it had been gratefully received;
 - f. It was decided to leave the hand sanitiser and disinfectant facilities on the court for the time being, until the current 'stock' had run out;
4. The incidences of court bookings for coaching were discussed and the following were decided:
 - a. Members should be advised that the committee requires 7 days notice of any such bookings;
 - b. The committee are happy to delegate the decisions on whether applications for coached sessions are accepted to Sally and Jeff (which will make the process more practical);
 - c. The current rules are sufficient to allow the level of control considered necessary, and no changes to the online court booking system are required. The subject will be monitored to see if any other changes are necessary. All
5. Sally reported that the club currently has a bank balance of £2,512.38. Although the club does not have any significant projected running costs in the immediate future, it was noted that the long term plan should be to build up sufficient funds to meet the costs of a full replacement of the court surface in 12 to 15 years time, without having to rely on grants from outside sources.
6. An Open Day (in the usual format) will be held this year on Sunday 15 August 2021, 2pm to 5pm with the barbecue hosted by Sally & Will after 5pm. As usual this will be open to everyone (not just members) and will be 'bring your own' meat/drink. As there will not be a Lode Star issue before that date, Jeff will e-mail all members, but committee members should help to spread the word about this event. JK
7. The possibility of measures to stop balls being lost in the adjacent hedge were discussed but no practical solutions were found as the court fencing cannot be made higher very easily and we cannot do anything to the hedge without permission from The National Trust. Measures to prevent people from climbing over the fencing at the gate were discussed, but it was decided to monitor the situation and see if there is any further evidence of this happening. All
8. The date of the AGM was set as Thursday 9 September 2021 at 7.30pm and will be held at Lesley's house. The items for the draft Agenda were agreed and Jeff will publicise it and them. The next committee meeting will be held straight after the AGM. LP / JK
9. The meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.