

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 13 September 2022  
at 22 Abbey Lane at 8.15pm**

**Action  
by**

Present:	Jeff Kempster	Sally Jaggard	Lesley Pulvertaft	John Lince
	Will Jaggard	Denise Bardan	Vishal Gokool	Gill Thurlby
	Mark Crawford			

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 28 June 2022 were accepted as a true record, after corrections to the recorded meeting date and the meeting venue.
3. Matters arising from previous meetings:
  - a. Work parties to tidy the court of weeds had not been arranged because the dry weather conditions had meant that weeds had not been so pernicious. As there were now some larger weeds appearing Lesley will spray around the court again. LP
  - b. The broken shelf (originally installed for hand sanitiser) has now been removed
  - c. Jeff asked about moss killer treatment. Will said that the dry weather had not encouraged usual levels of moss growth, but was going to apply another treatment in the next few weeks. It was suggested that this could be around mid-October so that it will be after the tennis competition finals. WJ
4. Jeff had contacted Bruno Fievert as instructed by the committee and it appeared that the ball machine had now been calibrated and used by Bruno very successfully.
5. The annual Open Day had been held on the afternoon of 28<sup>th</sup> August with the evening barbecue at Jeff & Sue's house. It was agreed that this had been a success.
6. It was decided to change the date for the Curry Night which will now be held at Lesley Pulvertaft's house on 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. As usual this will be a bring your own booze event, but all the food will be provided and a contribution of £12.50 each will be requested from attendees. Sally and Jeff both volunteered to help Lesley by preparing a main curry dish. It was suggested that the Classic Spice in Bottisham could be approached again to get a price for a selection Naan breads. Jeff will put an article in Lode Star for October and November issues and will send two emails to all members in order to publicise the changed date, and these latest details. Jeff will ask Julie & Mark Sale if it would be possible to use their car park for overflow parking. JK/SJ  
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7. John reported progress with the competitions this year, which were reaching a conclusion now even though it had been necessary to extend the end of August deadline so that the majority of matches before finals and semi-finals could be completed. The men's singles final (Vishal Gokool vs David Male) will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am, The ladies' doubles (Gill & Carol vs Izzy & Emma) will be played on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The mens' doubles (Jeff & Simon vs Mark & Charlie) is to be arranged very soon. Mixed doubles competition dates are to be arranged and participants will be announced in the next few days. JL
8. Sally asked if the club could consider re-starting the subsidised coaching program in the spring/summer months aimed at juniors. It was generally agreed that this would be a good idea, and that encouraging youngsters to try the sport would enhance the club's future membership. It was also pointed out that there would be a lot of administrative work involved, even though the various documents setting out the club's policies and procedures were already in place. It was decided that Jeff would publicise in the Lode Star (and in emails to members) that the club wanted to find out what level of demand there would be from juniors for a subsidised summer coaching scheme. Depending on the feedback Vish would investigate whether a suitable coach might be found who would be available and willing to undertake such a programme. JK  
VG
9. Denise was a member of a group called Forever Active that had been using courts at John Lloyd centre, but could no longer do so. It was confirmed that she could invite her friends to come along to the court, so long as she had paid the annual £20 fee so she could have unlimited guests within the current rules.
10. Jeff reminded the committee that the tennis club made extensive use of the Lode Star to publicise it's activities and the social events. The committee discussed making a donation to the Lode Star, and Jeff excluded himself from the discussion as he had a vested interest. It was proposed and agreed that a donation of £200 should be made to The Lode Star. SJ
11. The date of the next committee meeting was set as Tuesday 13 December 2022 at 7.30pm and will be held at Jeff & Sue's house.
12. The meeting closed at approximately 9.40pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.