

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 13 December 2022  
at 22 Abbey Lane at 7.00pm**

**Action  
by**

Present:        Jeff Kempster                Sally Jaggard                Lesley Pulvertaft  
                     Will Jaggard                    Denise Bardan                Vishal Gokool                Gill Thurlby

1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead, John Lince, Mark Crawford and Vishal Gokool.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 13 September 2022 were accepted as a true record.
3. Matters arising from previous meetings:
  - a. The Curry Night social event had been a great success and there had been several complimentary messages received following the night.
  - b. The competitions had all been successfully completed much earlier this year.
  - c. The possibility of coaching next year had been publicised with a fairly limited level of interest to date. Jeff will continue to include it in future Lode Star publications and in the subscription renewal letter which will be sent out in February next year.
  - d. The donation to Lode Star had been paid by Sally from Club Funds and the Tennis Club had been thanked by the Lode Star administrators.
4. Sally presented the Treasurer's report. The Curry Night had raised a total of £257.50 and the current bank balances stood at a total of £3,624.
5. Jeff circulated a draft of a membership renewal letter which he proposed would be sent to all members in February next year, before the subscription renewal date of 01/03/2023. No objections to the contents were raised but this led to further discussions on the tennis competitions next year and on the issue of outside of Lode members who were not using the court and thus blocking places for others who had been on a waiting list for some time.
6. It was suggested that the twelve existing "outside of Lode" members should be sent a separate communication before the next renewal, asking them to consider their use of the court, and whether they ever played with someone who was not already a member of the court. In addition it could be explained to them about the limit that the club has on non-Lode resident members, and to explain how they might consider relinquishing their membership to allow others to join. It should be pointed out to them that they could retain a "social" membership at no cost to them which would mean they would be informed about, and could attend, all social functions. Jeff will draft a letter which can be sent alongside or before the membership renewal letter. JK
7. The format for next year's competitions were discussed and it was suggested that the club should consider restricting participation in the competitions to members of the club. This led to further discussions about the previous participants who had been on waiting lists for some time and so it was further suggested that those on the waiting list should also be allowed to enter. There were also some concerns about whether it was feasible for John Lince to continue to organise the competitions.
8. In order to progress this further Jeff was asked to speak with John Lince to establish whether he felt he wanted to continue organising the competitions, and if he felt it was feasible for him to do so. Jeff could also find out if John wanted to be a participant in the competitions, and whether he felt that was feasible too. Once that had been established we could then, either arrange for an alternative person or persons to take over the administration of the competitions, or arrange an alternative way to proceed. Jeff will report back to the committee in due course (probably in the New Year). JK
9. It was agreed that the 2023 competitions should be publicised within the club membership first, and only if there was an insufficient take up of places, to then seek participants from non members who were on the waiting list for membership if that was necessary. Jeff will include the 2023 competitions in an email to all members, and in the renewal letter which will be sent out in February, and in future editions of the Lode Star. Members should be encouraged to enter the competitions as soon as possible. JK
10. The date of the next committee meeting was set as Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm and will be held at Sally & Will's house. SJ
11. The meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.