

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Wednesday 9 March 2023
at 22 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

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| Present: | Jeff Kempster
Will Jaggard | Sally Jaggard
Gill Thurlby | Lesley Pulvertaft
Mark Crawford | |
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1. Apologies received from Nick Whitehead, Vishal Gokool and Denise Bardan.
 2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 8 December 2022 were accepted as a true record.
 3. Matters arising from previous meetings:
 - a. Membership renewal letters had been sent out, and Sally reported that a lot of members had renewed their subscriptions with over £1,000 having been received already.
 - b. Jeff had also sent separate letters to all the non resident club members to enquire about their use of the court. As a result there were two members who had decided to change to being social members, thus freeing up two places for people on the waiting list. Sally will contact the next two in line and see if they still wanted to join. She also ran through the current waiting list. SJ
 - c. There had only been enquiries for coaching from five potential candidates, all of which were for children in the youngest age range. This would not really be viable for the club to seek out a professional coach to take coaching sessions in the summer. However, before deciding that we would abandon the idea of coaching completely this year, it was agreed that Sally would ask Vish if he might be interested in taking up some coaching sessions on an informal basis, and on what terms. (Jeff suggested that the club should recompense Vish if he did decide to take this on).
 - d. As instructed by the committee Jeff had been in contact with John Lince about the tennis competitions for 2023, and ascertained that John would prefer to stand down from his role of organising the competitions, and he would not be taking part in them this year. He also resigned from the committee. As a result, with the approval of the committee, Jeff had organised a gift from the club for John as a thank you for all his work in organising the competitions over the last 6 years. John had subsequently sent an email response thanking the committee for the gift which he had received via The Wine Society.
 4. Sally presented the Treasurer's report. The current bank balances stand at a total of £4,105.
 5. Gill, (who has taken on the organisation of the competitions this year) reported on the responses (or lack of them) from people wanting to take part this year. After some discussion it was decided that Jeff should send out another email specifically about the competitions and reminding people about the deadlines. After that it was agreed that, if necessary, follow up telephone calls and cajoling should be undertaken to ensure there were enough numbers to make the competitions meaningful. JK
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 6. Club Nights were discussed and it was agreed these would stay on Thursday evenings and would commence on 6th April 2023 and be from 5pm to 7pm, changing on 11th May 2023 to 6pm to 8pm. Jeff will add it to the website announcements JK
 7. A date was set for the club's Open Day as Sunday 13th August 2023, and the barbecue afterwards will be at Sally & Will's house. SJ
 8. Mark was thanked for taking over the spraying of the court. There was still some stock of the spray for further treatments later in the year. Lesley will need to buy some more Roundup and a sprayer to treat the weeds after the next cold snap was over. LP
 9. Lesley will also arrange for a new mat to replace the old one which had started to fall apart. Sally told her to submit a claim for the cost. LP
 10. Jeff & Will were both organising a new measuring stick to replace the old one which appears to have been stolen. WJ & JK
 11. A decision on whether to have a social evening this year was deferred until the next meeting.
 12. The date of the next committee meeting was set as 6th June 2023 at 7.30pm and will be held at Mark Crawford's house - 2 Willow Grove. MC
 13. The meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.