

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 14 January 2025
at 20 Mill Road at 7.30pm**

**Action
by**

Present: Jeff Kempster Denise Bardan Lesley Pulvertaft
 Gill Thurlby Mark Crawford

1. Apologies received from Sally & Will Jaggard, Vish Gokool and Nick Whitehead.
2. The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 24 September 2024 were accepted as a true record.
3. The new net is still in Jeff's garage ready to be deployed if the existing net deteriorates.
4. A decision about a different social event in the Summer of 2025 was deferred until the next meeting.
5. There was no treasurer's report as Sally was away, but Jeff was sure that the club would still have nearly £5,000 in the bank, and the next year's subscription income would soon add at least another £1,000 to that. Mark asked if there were any upcoming expenditure required on maintenance of the court. Jeff suggested that, another refresher for the court surface would cost around £750 but only when it was felt necessary (the last one was about 2 years ago). The only issues with the court at present was the continuing problem with moss. Will had told Jeff that he was going to contact En Tout Cas to see if they could recommend any more effective treatments to get rid of the moss.
6. After a brief discussion, (and Jeff having recused himself from the decision making process) it was decided that a donation of £250 should be made to Lode Star magazine forthwith. Jeff thanked the committee on behalf of the Lode Star management team.
7. The competitions for 2025 were discussed and it was decided that for all the doubles competitions the pairings for each team would be determined by random selection in order to refresh the format and encourage players to meet and play with new people. The date for the competition draws was set as Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7.30pm and the deadline for entering the competitions was set as 1st April 2025. Gill would book Fassage Hall. Jeff will add this to the article to be published in the next Lode Star, and the subscription renewal email that would be sent to all members at the start of February.
8. There was a short discussion about encouraging more people to join the club, especially younger people. It was suggested that it should be made clear to everyone in the village that all residents of Lode and Longmeadow can join the club at any time. Jeff will add that to the Lode Star article. It was also suggested that existing members could be encouraged to get members of their families to spread the word among the younger generation.
9. The date of the next meeting was set as Tuesday 18th March 2025. It will be held at Denise's house at 7.30pm.
10. The meeting closed at 8.25pm with thanks to everyone present for their attendance.

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All