

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on 15 January 2009  
at 19 Abbey Lane at 8.00pm**

Present:            Jeff Kempster                      John Lince                      Arthur Tomlinson  
                         Ann Tomlinson                      Nick Whitehead

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1. Apologies were received from Sally & Will Jaggard and from Denise Bardan
  2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2008 were accepted as a true record without amendment.
  3. The only small amendment suggested to the draft of the updated set of tennis club rules prepared by Arthur and presented at the last meeting, was the replacement of the words in "In the agreement entered into with the Parish Council (see below)," with "As part of the agreement entered into with the Parish Council, infringement of the rules will be considered by the committee, and". It was agreed that this amendment should be made, but formal adoption of the new rules was deferred until the next meeting so that those committee members not present would have the opportunity to vote. It was also noted that the above formal rules allowed the committee the flexibility to determine the exact procedure for determining suspension or expulsion, depending upon the severity of the rule infringement. However, a guideline procedure for dealing with any "rule infringements" might be as follows:
    - A complaint against any member for infringement of the rules will be considered by the committee at the earliest opportunity
    - If upheld the member concerned may be suspended for up to one month, with no refund of subscriptions, and return of the court key requested for that time
    - If a second complaint is upheld against the same member within 12 months, the member concerned may be expelled from club membership permanently, with no refund of subscriptions.
  4. It was anticipated that Sally would not yet have transferred any money into a high interest deposit account. This was held in abeyance until the next meeting.
  5. So far, enquiries for coaching had been received in respect of 4 children and 4 adults. In addition Jeff had secured the services of a coach for the Saturday morning sessions commencing on 25 April, at the anticipated rate of £25 per hour. The coach is Colin Greenfield, who has been a tennis coach for around 20 years, and has all the right credentials. It was agreed that more publicity was desirable, and Arthur offered to do a mail drop if Jeff produced some flyers. Jeff will also contact The Cresset, and ensure that Bottisham Tennis Club knows of the tennis coaching. It was agreed that the first priority should be for Lode youngsters in particular and for Lode Tennis Club members after that. Youngsters to take precedent over adults regardless of membership of the club, as one of the main objects was to promote coaching for Lode youngsters and to assist in eliminating vandalism in and around the court. Jeff has received assurances that £250 from the Parish Plan Funds will be made available to Lode Tennis Club for the tennis coaching project.
  6. A date for this years match against Bottisham Tennis Club has been set as 2 May 2009 with a potential rematch to be arranged for September. Jeff will include this in Lode Star article.
  7. John has treated the moss on the court with Jeyes fluid as recommended, which has improved the situation, although the problem has not been eradicated. It was decided to monitor it for now.
  8. There has been little take up as yet for the wintertime Social on Saturday, 7 February at John and Jackie Lince's. It was decided that more publicity and a phone round should be undertaken to see if more people could be nudged into responding. It was noted that the requested contribution towards costs was £5, and that participants should bring their own tittle. It was also noted that non members of the club were welcome.
  9. The next committee meeting was scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 5 March 2009 at Jeff's house.
  10. The meeting closed at 8.45pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.
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