

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on 5 March 2009
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Present: Jeff Kempster Arthur Tomlinson Ann Tomlinson
 Nick Whitehead Will Jaggard Sally Jaggard

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1. Apologies were received from John Lince and from Denise Bardan
 2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 January 2009 were accepted as a true record without amendment.
 3. Arthur had incorporated the small change to the proposed new Club Rules, and presented the revised version to the meeting. It was agreed that the new Rules be adopted with immediate effect.
 4. The club currently has a balance of £6,029 held in a Halifax account. Given the current economic climate it was agreed to defer the decision to seek a high interest deposit account until further notice.
 5. Interest in the coaching sessions now amounts to 14 juniors and 9 adults. Jeff had arranged with the coach that the number of sessions on each Saturday morning be extended to 4 x 1 hour. In addition the first Saturday would be arranged such that all the juniors attend for the first 2 hours, and then all the adults attend for the second 2 hours. In that way the standards/abilities of each participant could be established and then they could be allocated to groups. If necessary some of the adults would have to drop out in order to ensure that the juniors all had the opportunity to get coaching. Nick said that, like Jeff, he would be happy to drop out if necessary. Sally asked how the coach would be paid and how the subscriptions for coaching would work. The arrangements to date were that the adults would meet the cost of the coach for their sessions directly, and the children would pay £2 each per session. All subscriptions for the 8 weeks would be required to be paid at the outset. Jeff would contact Colin to find out how he wanted to be paid, and what would happen to his fee if the sessions were cancelled because of bad weather. A contribution of £250 from the Parish Plan funds would be received towards the cost of the coaching for the juniors. JK
 6. This year's subscriptions are now due (as at 1st March 2009). It was agreed that reminders would be sent to members in three ways, - Nick would send an e-mail to all members registered on the web site (together with the new rules), Arthur would do a mail drop (together with the new rules) and Jeff would put an item in the Lode Star. NW/AT/JK
 7. As the proposed date for this years match against Bottisham Tennis Club was on a bank holiday weekend it was suggested that this should be rearranged, if possible to either Sunday 10th May or Sunday 17th May instead. Jeff would try to sort this out with Charlie Platten. JK
 8. The social event at John and Jackie Lince's house on 7 February had been a great success, and had generated net income of £25. Everyone agreed that a vote of thanks should be given to John and Jackie for their hard work in hosting the event.
 9. A new membership application had been received from Sally Hames of Great Wilbraham. In addition Nick Froy of Swaffham Bulbeck had requested to revive his membership (lapsed last year). In both cases it was agreed that the applications should be approved. Jeff would contact them accordingly. JK
 10. Jeff had received a request from the Parish Plan group to do a similar display board as had been done last year. If anyone has any posters or ideas, please pass them to Jeff. If nothing else could be done, Jeff would ensure that application forms for membership would be available on the day. JK
 11. The date of the Summer Open Day was set as Saturday 18 July 2009, Sally and Will volunteered to have the Barbecue afterwards at their house.
 12. The next meeting was scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 18 June 2009 at Sally and Will's house.
 13. The meeting closed at 8.30pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.