

**Minutes of the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of Lode Tennis Club held on 30 September 2009
at 7.30 pm at Lode & District Social Club**

Present: Jeff Kempster Arthur Tomlinson Ann Tomlinson
 Sally Jaggard Will Jaggard John Lince
 Duncan Taylor

1. Apologies were received from Nick Whitehead. Action by
2. The minutes of the 12th AGM held on 23 September 2008 were accepted as a true record without amendment. There were no matters arising.
3. The chairman's report was discussed, in particular with regard to the success of coaching during the year. It had been well received by the participants and the incidence of minor vandalism had stopped. It was agreed in principle that the coaching should be repeated in 2010. COM
4. The Treasurers Report showing a net income of £782.53 and a bank balance of £6,838.77 was received, discussed and approved. It was noted that the surplus had been achieved in a year in which no fund raising events had taken place. The club was well placed financially with sufficient funds in place to maintain the playing surface immediately, even though that expenditure was not scheduled until two years time. The Treasurer was thanked for her work during the year.
5. Subscription rates for the coming year and the proposal to increase rates for non resident members were then discussed. The main reason for this proposal was a concern that non resident members were being attracted to the excellent playing facilities at Lode because of the low subscription rates. It was pointed out that even if these were increased substantially it was unlikely to be a deterrent, and that there was a limit in place to restrict non resident memberships to a maximum of 10 (which was about to be reached anyway). An alternative was suggested, that any application from a non resident for membership would have to be supported by a sponsor who was resident in Lode / Longmeadow. Some members still thought that non residents should be asked to pay a higher subscription.
6. It was also suggested that all subscriptions should be increased because they were so low and had never been increased. The counter argument was made that the club had very healthy finances and it should not be trying to raise funds which were not required to maintain the facilities. After some discussion it was proposed and carried that subscription rates should remain at their current levels and that henceforth a resident sponsor should be required for any non resident applications.
7. The entire Committee of Management stood down in accordance with the constitution, and all present and Nick Whitehead offered themselves for re-election. There were no volunteers to join the committee. There being no objections it was declared that the Committee for the forthcoming year would comprise Jeff Kempster, Nick Whitehead, Arthur Tomlinson, Ann Tomlinson, Sally Jaggard, Will Jaggard, John Lince and (if she was happy to continue) Denise Barden. The chairman would contact her to ascertain this after the meeting. JK
8. Arthur Tomlinson had contacted the resurfacing company regarding the problem of moss appearing on the court. They advised that a strong solution of Jeyes fluid should be applied in November and again in February. John Lince told the meeting that he had applied exactly that earlier in the year and it had not had any apparent effect. Will Jaggard said he would investigate any alternatives that may be available and report back. WJ
9. As the bin for community balls was frequently abused by a minority (and often used as a waste bin by others), an alternative was proposed that the balls that would have been put in the bin should instead be used to give each junior member a tube of balls at the start of the season when their subscriptions were paid. In that way the bin could be removed from the court, and the junior members would be more likely to retain their gift. The proposal was seconded and carried.
10. The next meeting of the Committee of Management was scheduled for immediately after the AGM and the AGM was closed at 8.30pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.