

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on 12 May 2010
at The White House, Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

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

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| 1. | Apologies were received from John Lince and Denise Bardan. | |
| 2. | The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24 February 2010 were accepted as a true record without amendment. | |
| 3. | As agreed at the previous meeting, a Quiz Night will be arranged for September 2010 (probably the 2 nd week). Jeff will confirm this is ok with Carole Faulkner and check the current booking arrangements with Lode Social Club (and the current bar prices there). A decision can then be made whether to use the Social Club or to book Passage Hall. | JK |
| 4. | The coaching was under way and working well. The request to see if a contribution would be available from the Parish Plan fund had been successful and £250 would be paid as soon as it is required. The total cost to the club was going to be around £94. Jeff would find out when Colin Greenfield wanted to be paid. | JK |
| 5. | Sally reported that the club's bank balance now stood at £7,804.42. | |
| 6. | The moss killer applied by John appears to have worked well, and the weeds around the court had also been cleared. There are one or two small weeds appearing through the surface of the court, which could be treated by spot weedkiller by any committee member when they go to play. | All |
| 7. | The date of the open day was set as Saturday 17 July. As last year it will run from 2pm to 5pm and will be followed by a barbecue at Sally & Will's House, bring your own food and drink. Jeff will publicise in Lode Star. | JK |
| 8. | As it is now 3 years since the last overhaul of the court surface (August 2007), and having just had a hard winter, and given the healthy state of the club's finances, it was agreed that the court should be cleaned, repainted and resealed again, before it deteriorates any further. Arthur said that the last estimate for this was circa £2,800. He was asked to check with the contractors, and if it was still at that sort of cost, to book this in with them for the second half of July, which will be after the Open day. It was expected that this will put the court out of action for around 3 - 4 days. | AT |
| 9. | It was confirmed that the application for membership from Jo Pumfrey who lives in Swaffham Bulbeck had been accepted and that this is currently the 10 th and last place available to members from outside the Lode /Longmeadow village. | |
| 10. | Jeff had been asked by Charlie Platten whether Lode Tennis Club would be interested in taking up a Corporate Membership at Lode Social Club, at £10 or £12 per annum, which would enable the club to take visitors to the Social Club after any event. Jeff was asked to clarify exactly what this would entitle the club to, but as the fee was only £10 or £12. It would be acceptable in principle. | JK |
| 11. | Jeff informed the meeting that it might be necessary to register the club with HMRC for Corporation Tax purposes, even though it was unlikely that any tax would be payable, as there were various exemptions that should be available. He was looking into whether, despite this, it was still necessary to be registered, and then be granted the exemption. Arthur explained the nature of the relationship between the Parish Council, who owned the court, and the Tennis Club and said he would provide Jeff with the original Agreement between the parties. | JK
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| 12. | The match against Bottisham Tennis Club scheduled for 24 April was rained off. The second date of Saturday 19 June at 10am would now replace it. | |
| 13. | The next meeting was scheduled to be held at 7.30pm at Arthur and Anne's house on Wednesday 4 August 2010. | |
| 14. | The meeting closed at approx. 9.10pm with thanks to the members for their attendance. | |