

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 6 March 2012
at 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Present: Jeff Kempster Arthur Tomlinson Ann Tomlinson
 Sally Jaggard Will Jaggard John Lince
 Maureen Brown Carole Faulkner

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1. Apologies received from Denise Bardan and Lesley Pulvertaft.
2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2011 were accepted as a true record after the day for the next meeting was changed from Thursday to Tuesday.
3. John Lince praised the sterling work done by Arthur in digging up the really persistent weeds and couch grass around the perimeter of the court. He will apply a treatment of weed killer in the next few weeks, as soon as the weeds start to appear. JL
4. James Nairn from ECDC was now dealing with the grant application. Jeff reported that Mr Nairn had apologised for the delays and promised to pay the grant next week if we could provide him with bank details so they could make a BACS transfer. Sally provided the bank details to Jeff who would check that it was possible to receive the transfer directly into a savings account. JK
5. It was decided (if OK with the coach) to start the club sponsored coaching sessions on 5 May 2011 on Saturday afternoons for 8 weeks [amended after the meeting to 12 May]. The coach, David Nation, had also asked to run some tennis camps over Easter, on 2nd 3rd and 4th of April from 10am to 12 noon. After some discussion it was decided that these would be acceptable, but Jeff was asked to let the coach know that afternoons would be preferable for any future mid week coaching sessions. In addition, the court would not be reserved for future training sessions and so should be booked by the member(s) being coached, and Jeff would ask David to pay £10 to cover the annual guest player fee. JK
6. The Pot Luck Supper went ahead on 11 February and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by around 13 or 14 people. A big thank you to Denise for hosting this event. AT/SJ
7. Arthur would liaise with Sally to confirm the current membership list and would arrange a mail drop in the next few weeks to remind members that the new membership year started on 1st March and that subscriptions were now due. Jeff would arrange for an email from the web site. Members would also be reminded that a form should be filled in with their details as this will help Sally with the administration. Members would also be asked to complete the booking forms even if they played on an ad hoc basis as this would help to build a better record of the court usage. JK
8. The suggestion that had been received regarding changing the current booking periods from 1 hour to periods of 1½ hours was discussed. It was decided to issue a questionnaire to all members to ask whether they were in favour of a modified proposal that three hours each day were devoted to 2 x 1½ periods with the remainder staying as 1 hour periods, and if they were in favour of such a proposal, whether they would prefer those three hours to be in the morning from 9am to 12 noon or in the afternoon from 2pm to 5pm. John Lince expressed the view that the current system worked perfectly well and should not be changed and asked that this view be minuted. JK
9. Carole asked what had caused the holes around the periphery of the court. These would be monitored to ensure they did not affect the court itself. Jeff had noticed there was more moss on the court surface, which should also be monitored in case it started to be a problem. In addition there had been some damage caused to the wire mesh at the top of the gate onto the court. Will had kindly been volunteered to repair the booking form box. Sally was still happy to put up the booking sheets this summer, but next winter either Jeff or John would put the winter sheets up. All
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10. The next meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday 29 May 2012, and will be held at John Lince's house in Mill Road at 7.30pm
11. There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.10pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.