

**Minutes of the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of Lode Tennis Club held on 18 September  
2012 at 7.30 pm at 27 Station Road**

Present:	Jeff Kempster	Arthur Tomlinson	Ann Tomlinson
	Sally Jaggard	Will Jaggard	John Lince
	Denise Bardan	Lesley Pulvertaft	Mo Brown
	Charlie Platten	Fran Platten	Liz Mitchell (joined at 8pm)

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1. Apologies were received from Carole Faulkner.
2. The entire Committee of Management resigned in accordance with the constitution. All the committee members present and Carole Faulkner (in her absence) offered themselves for re-election. There being no objections and no other candidates wishing to be considered it was declared that the Committee for the forthcoming year would comprise Jeff Kempster, Sally Jaggard, Arthur Tomlinson, Ann Tomlinson, Will Jaggard, John Lince, Denise Bardan, Mo Brown, Lesley Pulvertaft and Carole Faulkner. Jeff Kempster and Sally Jaggard were prepared to continue to act in their current roles as chairman and treasurer respectively and were re-elected to those posts.
3. The minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 22 September 2011 were accepted as a true record without amendment. There were no matters arising.
4. There were no matters arising from the Chairman's Report that were not on the main Agenda.
5. The Treasurers Report showing net income of £1,043.96 and a bank balance of £6,801.48 was presented by the Treasurer. It was noted that the income included a £450 grant from ECDC which related to the previous year's coaching, and Jeff reported that the grant applications for the current year had been rejected by ECDC. It was also noted that some extra costs of about £70 in respect of keys were not yet included in the figures. The Treasurers Report was adopted.
6. There was some discussion about the cost to the club of providing subsidised coaching for juniors (about £270), and the need to achieve a balance sufficient to pay for a full refurbishment of the court in around 6 years time. Arthur was asked to find out exactly how much that cost might be now, as the assumption has been for several years that it was circa £10,000 and that may have increased subsequently. In light of the matters discussed it was decided to increase the membership fees for the next year as follows:  
  
Adult Single £15, Adult Couple £30, Family £35, Junior £5  
Guests £2 per session, or Guest season £15  
Key or replacement keys £3  
  
Members should be told that this increase was the first in the 16 years of the club's history, and that it was needed so that the club will have sufficient funds to refurbish the court when it was required.
7. The proposal to change the court booking arrangements from the manuscript form at court side to an online booking system was discussed at length with various views presented both for and against. It was proposed and carried by a majority of 9 to 3 that the online booking system would be adopted on a trial basis from late autumn, on condition that concerns regarding the ability to retain a record of historical court bookings could be addressed (as this may be needed if a grant application in connection with the full court refurbishment were to be made in the future). The committee of management would review the progress in May and reverse this decision if the new arrangements had proved disastrous.
8. It was agreed that the decision (and / or any related canvassing of members) regarding changes from the current 1 hour booking slots to some 1.5 hour booking slots would now be deferred until the next AGM. This would enable the new online booking system to be tested and assessed without having to make any major changes to the website.
9. Jeff presented documents showing all the amendments and corrections made to the original constitution document. After some minor typing corrections the new constitution document was adopted and the amendments made were therefore ratified.

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10. It was noted that the measuring stick had gone missing again. Charlie Platten kindly offered to provide a new one. A suggestion to provide a litter bin on the court was discussed and rejected.
11. There was a vote of thanks to Will Jaggard for his work in repairing the damaged net post with a new metal insert which has meant that the full court refurbishment would not have to be done immediately because of the old post hole having to be dug out.
12. There being no other business, the next meeting of the Committee of Management was scheduled for immediately after the AGM and the AGM was closed at 9.30pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.