

**Minutes of the Lode Tennis Club Committee held on Tuesday 12 March 2013
at 22 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm**

Present: Jeff Kempster Arthur Tomlinson Denise Bardan
 Sally Jaggard Will Jaggard Lesley Pulvertaft
 John Lince Maureen Brown

1. Apologies received from Carole Faulkner and Ann Tomlinson.
2. The minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 5 December were accepted as a true record.
3. The weeds around the court were still in check **following Arthurs work on them last year.** Jeff and Will had applied the mosskiller and as soon as the weather improved the follow up treatment would be applied. Jeff will notify the committee when it was appropriate to sweep the court free of dead moss. It was suggested and agreed that the club should purchase a pump action sprayer to assist with future applications. JPK / WJ
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4. The Music Quiz had been a great success and had raised £227.10. John (and Jackie) Lince were thanked for all their efforts.
5. Sally reported that the current funds total was £6,831.53. After a lot of difficulties she had now successfully opened a new account at Nationwide. Arthur suggested that it may be possible to earn more interest if a second Nationwide e-account was opened which can easily be operated by making transfers online. Sally will investigate this. The committee thanked Sally for her efforts. SJ
6. Jeff reminded the committee that Arthur had established that the cost of a complete resurfacing of the court was still £10,000 which meant that the club was still on course to raise the funds to that total by 3 to 4 years time (or later).
7. Jeff reported that the online booking was working well and that Nick Whitehead had made some adjustments to ensure that deleting old members would not cause problems with the historical record of bookings. Jeff pointed out that there may be an influx of member units applying for registration of individual players this year, because it was only named players that can log onto the website and book the court.
8. Will was still working on a solution for the worn net winding mechanism, and would repair the broken centre net-tie tethering point. Jeff had washed the net (it was impregnated with green moss). WJ
9. Jeff passed round drafts of the proposed e-mail and letter to members which contained details of the subscription renewals, the new application form and the coaching, and asked the committee to check that there were no errors. Lesley offered to assist Arthur with the distribution of the membership renewal pack. Denise asked about distribution to non Lode members. This can be by post - or by passing on via the relevant friends in the village. JK / AT / LP
10. After some discussion the proposals for tennis coaching were approved, subject to Jeff agreeing them with David Nation. The details are - Sunday mornings 9am to 1pm subject to demand, commencing on 12 May 2012 (to avoid the first May bank holiday) for 8 weeks. Charges will be set at £3 per session for juniors and £7 per session for adults. All charges must be paid in full in advance before anyone can take part. Jeff also pointed out that the club usually funds the cost of half of one set of the special tennis balls for juniors. JK
11. It was suggested and agreed that the Club Nights will recommence towards the end of April. Jeff will publicise and encourage people to use the bulletin board on the club website. JK

12. The next social event was considered, and it was decided to hold another safari dinner party. Mo and Denise offered to organise it, and the date was set as 18 May 2013. The cost will be £10 which will be allocated to courses roughly in the following proportions. £1 for canapes, £2.50 starters, £4.50 mains and £2 for desserts. John and Jeff suggested their houses as venues for the canapes and the desserts respectively. Mo would prepare a notice so that Jeff could incorporate it into the membership renewal pack, and the next Lodestar entry.
13. John told the meeting about the forthcoming Village Fete on 8 June 2013 and asked if the club might want to take up a stall. After some discussion it was decided not to - unless a composite "this is our village" type of stall is going to be there.
14. The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 11 June 2013 and will be held at Jeff & Sue's house - 19 Abbey Lane at 7.30pm.
15. There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm with thanks to the members for their attendance.

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