**Camber Committee Meeting Monday 30 March 2015, 19:30 The Capitol, Forest Hill**

**Minutes**

Present: Chris Smith (Chair), Alex Lucas, Deborah Cullinan, John Stephens, Judith Wright, Fernando Chehtman

1. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising not covered below**

Minutes of 2 March were confirmed with the following amendments and matters arising:

* Item 2 – Trevor May visiting the club soon to provide action plan. Will involve repainting.
* Item 3 – Alex met Tessa Jowell at her leaving reception in parliament. She is keen to attend the opening. Opening day provisionally set for 25 July but might be altered if a ‘star’ is available on another date (no news on this so far).
* Item 12 – **Judy** to send Southwark bill for bar licence to John so he can follow this up.
1. **Feedback on new subscription rates**

Feedback from: (i) Andy Lyon questioning the rationale behind the subs increase. Chris has replied [Andy grateful for the reply and has since rejoined];

(ii) Miranda Wightman (midweek member) questioning the increase for this category. As someone who only plays during the day midweek and not in teams etc she does not benefit from the full range of facilities open to midweek members – but this is her choice of course, same is true of many full members. Meeting not in favour of introducing a cheaper, midweek day-only rate. Chris has replied and nothing further heard.

1. **Coaching and Head Coach application process**

Advert is on LTA site and various other relevant tennis jobs sites. Closing date 10 April. Will be a sift after that and then an interview process involving two observed lessons (1 adult, 1 junior) and an interview. Interviewers Chris, Alex L and either Hilary/Alex D/Claire. Interview dates may need to be post 29/4 because of Alex’s exams.

Gianluca raised a number of questions around the recruitment process and the post-recruitment coaching set-up with Alex; **Chris** will also have a chat to him. Committee agreed that incentives available to Head Coach apply equally to support coach.

Also agreed that as part of website revamp a new section is needed on Coaching – **Chris** to note.

1. **Wimbledon ticket allocation**

Agreed Liz’s option 2 (i.e. Camber administers our own ticket allocation on the basis of peoples’ expressed preferences) and vote of thanks to her for being prepared to administer.

1. **Clubhouse decoration and stocking/furnishing**

Re. decoration, Fernando requested small working parties on 3rd and 4th of April to undercoat doors. **Chris** to draft an email for **Michael** to distribute. **John and Fernando** to meet to agree requirements in terms of materials. **Chris** to supply food.

Re furnishing, decided that sofas for TV area would be dark brown leather (2 x 3-seaters). Otherwise a lengthy and inconclusive debate about nature and style of other furnishings for the main room. **All members** invited to submit further ideas to Chris who would corral them and organise vote(s) if necessary.

General agreement that an off-white/dull white shade should be the main colour for the clubhouse walls (not magnolia though!).

Fernando is getting and testing samples of materials to put on the ceiling – general agreement was that they should be clear to allow the wood to show through.

Fernando’s proposals on lighting were agreed.

Tiling depended on availability of our first choice – if not an alternative was available.

John had met with the Shepherd Neame rep and they were prepared to supply (or pay for in kind) fridges, stillions, pint and half-pint glasses and sundry other extras. This was an excellent result and would save us well over £1,000. **John** was also given the OK to buy smaller items for the bar as and when convenient.

Judy requested that reimbursement rather than up-front payments was preferred.

1. **Tournaments**

Handicap final moved to 30 May – draw 2 May. Cttee agreed to proposal of ‘first losers’ – thanks to Alex for being willing to organise this. Netting off handicap scores debated at some length – agreed possible if all parties to the match agree. Mixed handicap singles agreed – box leagues to be frozen for the tournament period. Date of any work on Courts 1-2 may also be relevant. All to encourage women’s entries in the various draws.

1. **New members**

Four new members had joined principally to play on Friday nights – Chris had shown them around and given keys etc.

1. **Communications, website and social media**

Chris was meeting Roger shortly so that we can operate the website. Following this will be able to upgrade member emails and other communications – more to follow on this.

1. **Maintenance**

Excellent session pre-AGM – thanks to Justin for arranging. No other issues for now.

1. **AOB**

Around £3k membership renewals had been received so far – revisit this at next meeting.

Judy said we had been awarded a renewal of rate relief – thanks to her for her efforts on this.

Main bank account balance was £85,445.

Tennis Circus – 20 June.

Wheelchair fliers are being printed.