

CAMBER LTC

Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 13th January 2025, 7PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 7:06pm

1. **Attendance:** Mel, Adam, Chris, Helen, Becca
2. **Apologies:** Callum, Laurent, Ollie
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (10.xii.24)**
 - a. *Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.*
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (10.xii.24)**
 - a. Venue registration.
 - i. Venue registration now successfully completed. Mel will be the new Welfare Officer but needs to pass various trainings etc. Until then we have a temporary welfare officer - someone from Surrey LTA (whom we like).
 - b. Thanks to Adam's efforts, Camber is now a Lime Bike free zone as of Christmas Eve.
 - c. For the latest status of open items please see the [Open Maintenance Items](#) spreadsheet.
5. **Perennials**
 - a. Site inspection completed and everything is fine.
6. **Finances (CS)**

Balance 12 January 2025: Old current account	£2,477 but includes £5,000 cash flow loan so
really -£2,523	
Balance 12 January 2025: New current account	£750
Balance 12 January 2025: Savings account	£94,264
Balance total 12 January 2025	£92,491

Balance at last committee meeting (5 November 2024) £95,806

Balance one year ago £77,632

Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

Outflows

- LTA venue registration £420
- Court 3 maintenance £679
- Companies House annual registration £34
- Trophy engraving £742
- All the annual dinner costs (but also some income)
- Drains £150
- Defibrillator maintenance £75
- Plumbing/toilet work £75

Inflows

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- Mark Thurgood £79 – not clear what this is for
- Gianluca court payment (October) £43

Commentary

Bearing in mind it is over 2 months since the last full Committee meeting, and there have been some hefty one-off annual costs, this is all not too bad. I have increased the cashflow loan to £5,000, which should – touch wood – easily get us through until subscription renewal season – the only *known* significant payment in that period is the quarterly rent (£870).

I will also bring copies of the full 2024 accounts – suffice it to say these look very promising – above the £25,000 target ‘profit’, and the highest bar takings and profit for many years.

Chris told off for poor cash management resulting in the need for a cash flow loan. Auditor also unhappy.

Having reviewed accounts, Committee recommendation is no change in main fees and no change in categories (subject to Membership Sec’s agreement).

7. Membership update (OM)

- a. Following a member nudge re. 2025 rejoin sent 6th Jan we've had three confirmed not rejoining, a change from outside M25 to full and a midweek to social.
- b. New members invite to be sent late Feb with new members session tba (to coordinate with Adam) and signed up to play 1st April
- c. Waiting list continues to grow, currently at approx 300.
- d. Will speak to Fernando re. club keys and will ask those not rejoining if they can return their key
- e. Are we going to review membership fees for 2025/2026 subs?
 - i. *See above*
- f. Any system to fasttracking advanced players (noting threadbare M1 team)
 - i. *At present Committee’s view is no - plenty of men available and willing - might have to bump up players from other teams. But if captains wish to make a case to the Committee, they can.*

Committee generally in favour of a much accelerated approach to getting new members in, even if it means taking a bit of a gamble on numbers not renewing and % of those invited who actually join. Details to be worked out with Ollie at the next meeting.

8. Inside the Clubhouse

- a. Issue with the boiler
 - i. *Boiler repressurised and working and thermostat repaired by Nick Bolt (thanks). Only issue now is whether thermostat has been reprogrammed - Colin looking at this. Otherwise people should be generally discouraged from playing around with settings on boiler/thermostat.*

9. Outside the clubhouse:

- a. Tree surgeon
 - i. *Quote accepted and planning permission granted. Can start soon. No response to the letter demanding repayment of the £250. Considering next moves - Mel to get second opinion from Fin.*

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10. Social Update (AF)

- Cancelled cinema club (Xmas).
- Couldn't do the American tournament due to stormy weather.
- Burns night struggling for numbers, needs 25 - likely will not happen.
- Focusing on the key events this year - finals days, annual dinner, Xmas clubplay, American tournaments and a couple of Camber kitchens.

11. Bar report (HN)

- a. An excellent year for bar takings. Great range of bar stock. Huge thanks to Adam for all the social events in 2024.
- b. I will be stepping down as bar secretary at the end of April due to other priorities. It's been a great experience. To discuss options for a new bar secretary & support required from members.

12. Tennis (Update from club captain (RS / LC))

- a. Proposal for new tennis calendar from captains:
 - i. Handicap final **Sat 7th June** (starting from mid-april)
 - ii. Solstice Cup **Sat 21st June** - one day/weekend doubles event - ask if they will move to March/Apr? e.g. 29th March?
 - iii. FAST4 **Sat 19th July** - one-day singles event *later*
 - iv. Main tournament **Sat 13th Sept/20th Sept** (starting from mid-June *earlier*)
- b. Feedback:
 - i. Can we move the Solstice cup to March? Ask Fin? Or will Charlie/George B and co do it?
 - ii. Move tournament finals day earlier in the year?
 - iii. Annual dinner 11th October?
 - iv. Could the FAST4 be a joint 10-year clubhouse celebration? Fernando to BBQ? or outside caterer?

13. AOB

- a. Payment for Pilates - *Chris to sort out invoicing. £10 per session fee, 2 sessions per week. Get up to date then invoice quarterly.*
- b. Court fees for new team coaches
 - i. Related - Toussaint (W1 coach) asking if they can do other coaching here.
 1. *No they cannot do other coaching beside the teams. However, they still need to pay for their court time then. Rebecca to organize.*
- c. Date for AGM
 - i. *Agreed 2nd March.*

14. DONM

- a. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th February** at the clubhouse at **6.30pm**.

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