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Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 14th July 2025, 7PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 19:07

1. **Attendance:** Callum, Chris, Adam, Mel, Rebecca, Ollie, Randy and Colin.
2. **Apologies:** None, first full house of the year!
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (2.vi.25)**
 - a. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (2.vi.25)**
 - a. The maintenance day was successful in the end and all participants will be thanked in the newsletter.
 - b. Update to the club logo.
 - i. The committee reviewed the updated designs proposed to them and agreed that the last design of the set was the best.
 - ii. Chris will check about adding "Lawn" into it but otherwise we agreed it looks good and will go with that.
5. **Perennials**
 - a. Site inspection has been done and all is fine.

6. **Finances (CS)**

Balance 14 July 2025: Old current account	£19,718
Balance 14 July 2025: New current account	£14,039
Balance 14 July 2025: Savings account	£94,264
Balance total 14 July 2025	£128,021
Balance at last committee meeting (1 June 2025)	£124,842
Balance one year ago	£110,000

Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

Outflows – total £2,947

- Shutter repair £1,140
- Floor cleaning machine £230
- Court 3 service £984
- Bench refurbishment £89
- New cork mats £7
- Court 3 bench £470
- Other maintenance £27

Inflows – none

Commentary

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Another month in which strong bar takings more than outweighed some hefty maintenance costs (and the bar takings exclude Saturday's 1s v. 2s match).

Nothing much to remark upon except that the club's savings account matures on 22 July. We will receive £4,902 interest, taking the total in the savings account to £99,166. As set out above, we also currently have around £34,000 in the two current accounts and this is currently increasing at around £3,000 per month.

We can reinvest in a further one-year bond at 4.25% (lower than the current 5.2%, but still attractive – I will do a full market check before agreeing anything). The question arises of how much to save. At this point last year, I left around £5,500 in the current accounts (after allowing for the expensive Court 1-2 maintenance) and this proved to be insufficient by about £5,000, which would suggest keeping perhaps £12,000. However, given that we are likely to make a £3,000 a month cash profit for the next couple of months, at a time of year when we would normally not be making a profit at all, that may be over prudent. I would suggest that we keep £10,000, which should be more than enough, but comments would be welcome.

If we re-invested the £99,166 and the additional £24,000 from the current accounts we could expect an interest payment of about £5,235 in a year's time.

I have not had a chance to update the figures on expected takings compared to the VAT threshold and will attempt to do that prior to the next meeting, although we believe we are still on course not to go over the limit. If we did think that was possible, then it may be prudent to hold significantly higher levels of cash, as I believe VAT payments would need to be made within 2 months of the end of the year.

Committee meeting discussion

- Suggestion of using an iPad instead of the till which might make VAT easier if we have to do that.
- Agreed to keep £12K aside in the current account to be ultra safe. Chris will go ahead with putting the rest in a longer term savings account but only for a 6 month fix in case of the need to pay VAT.

7. Membership update (OM)

- a. No major updates.
- b. Several ad-hoc enquiries have been made about joining the waiting list but a couple of emails appear to have been lost / not received.
 - i. Question around whether there is a need to upgrade info@tennis-at-camber@org.
 - ii. Ollie to investigate if anything can be done to improve the reliability of the email account.
- c. We still have a number of keys waiting to be picked up from new members.
- d. The waiting list is very strong (circa 300). Need to tidy up the automated sheet as currently has those previously on the waiting list that have since been offered a place (and either joined or declined).

8. Inside the clubhouse:

- a. Ball machines
 - i. Following these being checked on maintenance day we have identified that one is working and one isn't.

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- ii. Mel will try to Freecycle the non-working one along with the rope (potential interest from Ollie) and some other things.
- iii. Otherwise Callum to take these items to the refuse center when he rents a car later this month.
- iv. Other stuff in the disabled toilet has magically been taken away which is one less job to do.
- b. Rubbish bins
 - i. Given the additional recycling currently being generated Chris will explore getting a larger or extra bin.
 - ii. Mel to look into a can crusher to save on recycling also.
 - iii. Also a comment around evidence of the allotments using our bins recently.
 - 1. Suggestion from Colin for adding a sign to highlight these are for the use of the tennis club only.
 - 2. The committee agreed it was sufficient for now for Mel to keep following up with them to make them aware of this issue.
- c. Increase to the frequency of cleaning
 - i. Even with the switch to Monday it was agreed that the clubhouse could do with additional cleaning currently.
 - ii. Agreed to see about increasing the frequency of cleaning to two times per week, at least while the cricket club is making use of the clubhouse.
- d. "3 let barrel" bar plaque
 - i. Randy and Alex will circulate a couple of options for approval.
- e. Declutter of the office / cupboard
 - i. Taken out everything apart from the safe and the table.
 - ii. Mel will find out about the safe code and then look into getting rid of this.
 - iii. Otherwise we agreed enough has been done for now and we will keep the table.
- f. Repair of the sofa arms
 - i. Still due to be fixed by Mark Thurgood.
 - ii. Colin has reminded Mark and Chris will also chase up on this.
- g. Wheelchairs.
 - i. Chris has contacted Don Maskell tennis club where we got them from on whether they would like them back.
 - ii. They won't take the wheelchairs back but have contacted other people who may be interested.
 - iii. Chris to connect with Tim Sagar on this. Otherwise we will look to Facebook etc.

9. Outside the clubhouse:

- a. Bench for Court 3.
 - i. This has now arrived but we are waiting for someone to put this together. Agreed this would be done after the committee meeting.
- b. Mel has been painting the Court 1 bench all afternoon. Great work!
- c. Scoreboards visible from the clubhouse.
 - i. Rebecca was due to come with a proposal but we pushed this to next month to allow for more time for research.

10. Social update (AF)

- a. Handicap Finals Day
 - i. Slightly rainy and had to hold the BBQ inside but overall it was a successful day including having the Women's French Open final on the big screen.

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- b. Fast 4s Finals Day and 10th Anniversary Clubhouse celebration
 - i. All set for this with food to be served by the caterer between 5 and 7pm.
 - ii. Colin to check with Alex about sorting out a bar rota for next Saturday.
- c. Annual Dinner
 - i. Adam has two leads for potential caterers for this and is investigating.
 - ii. Amrutha was another suggestion that Adam will look into.

11. Bar report (CM)

- a. Nothing particularly new about the bar that we don't already know.
- b. However, Colin wouldn't mind more people emptying stuff into the bins.
- c. Also an issue was raised whereby ice had been removed from the freezer leaving little available for the bar.
 - i. Mel to communicate with the membership and cricketers that they should not be removing ice / other items from the freezer.
- d. Cricketers were not a fan of the new Ahoy lager and there have been comments that stocks were low recently (potentially related).
 - i. If you have a chance to stock the bar please do it.
- e. Ollie to donate some leftover Thatchers cider to the bar.

12. Tennis (RS / RB)

- a. Men's 4th Team
 - i. Lack of communication so far around this from the captain.
 - ii. One match has been attempted and another abandoned.
 - iii. There are 7 players so this should be sufficient to get a team out.
 - iv. If the current captain continues to be non responsive we will find someone else to organize the remaining fixtures.
- b. Surrey Tennis Membership
 - i. Rebecca shared an update on the rationale behind this detailed below.
 - ii. Why Join? <https://www.surrey.tennis/pricing-plans/membership>
 - 1. Previously, clubs—including schools, local authorities, and other organisations (hereafter referred to as “clubs”)—paid their registration fees directly to individual counties. A few years ago, this process changed, with clubs now paying their fees to the LTA, which then redistributed an equal amount to the counties. However, under the current LTA funding structure, the fees paid to the LTA are no longer directly linked to the funding allocated to counties.
 - 2. As part of this system, clubs automatically become members of their County Association—Surrey Tennis in our case—when they register with the LTA. To formalise this membership and ensure a clear and structured relationship, there must be a mutual exchange of value. In line with several other counties, we are introducing a small membership fee based on each club's status and size. This will help establish a legally binding relationship with Surrey Tennis while also providing clubs with a range of benefits, as outlined below.
 - 3. The main benefit for your members is the ability to play in both team and individual competitions run by Surrey Tennis. You can keep up to date with all our Surrey competitions [HERE](#). Other benefits can include, participation in the loan scheme (up to a value of £25k), support from the Surrey Tennis office, attendance at the annual showcase and forums and attendance and voting at the Annual

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Meeting. Members will also be able to access the new Surrey Tennis Hub, a one-stop shop for Surrey Tennis fans.

- iii. Agreed that when Surrey Tennis ask for us to pay for membership then we will do this.

13. AOB

- a. Guest policy
 - i. Given the limitations on court availability currently it was agreed that temporarily no guests should be allowed on weekday evenings after 6pm.
 - ii. Mel to communicate this to the membership.
- b. Cricket club profit share.
 - i. Agreed that given the inconvenience to members and additional costs and work from our side we would not be sharing profits from the bar.
 - ii. Adam to let them know that they will not be able to use the clubhouse for Saturday tea on the day of the Fast 4s tournament also.
- c. Suggestion that some unofficial coaching may have been conducted on our courts by a member.
 - i. Ollie and Randy will have a chat with the individual concerned.

14. DONM

- a. The next meeting will be held on Monday 18th August at the clubhouse at 7pm.

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