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Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday 9th April 2025, 6:30PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 6:40pm

1. **Attendance:** Colin, Callum, Mel, Becca, Adam, Chris
2. **Apologies:** Randy, Ollie
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (5.ii.25) / draft AGM (2.iii.25) minutes**
 - a. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
 - b. Agreed that the draft AGM minutes can be shared with the membership / published to the website.
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (5.ii.25) / AGM (2.iii.25)**
 - a. Clubplay ball policy and attendance
 - i. Agreed to send out a message to the membership on clubplay ball policy as well as encouraging attendance to these sessions. Decided there was no need for a sign though.
 - b. Court availability
 - i. Is the merging of M1 with Wednesday night sufficient to remedy this?
 - ii. Agreed we should still try and free up more courts for members in the evening.
 - iii. Suggested that team sessions should finish before 8pm or start 8pm or later as this would allow another court booking within the evening. Agreed to trial it out for the duration of the handicap tournament and then review.
 1. In the end this could not be implemented due to coach availability.
 - iv. Agreed to keep Court 3 availability under review during club play also.
 - c. Purchase of the bench for court 3
 - i. The bench will be ordered. Agreed that if the bigger one is not too much more expensive then we should go for that.
5. **Perennials**
 - a. Site inspection
 - i. All done and everything is fine.

6. **Finances (CS)**

Balance 8 April 2025: Old current account	£6,293
Balance 8 April 2025: New current account	£21,086
Balance 8 April 2025: Savings account	£94,264
Balance total 8 April 2025	£121,643
Balance at last committee meeting (4 February 2025)	£88,321
Balance one year ago	£107,960

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Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

Outflows – total £5,956

- Advance payments to find and sort water leak £3,450
- New mop £70
- New member social day £27
- Balls purchase £489
- LTA teams entry £305
- Malcolm maintenance (door locks) £138
- Napkin restock £51
- Water bills £1,411
- Keys £15

Inflows – total £1,868

- Clubhouse hire for music video £300
- Alex Mack 3-let barrel purchase £108
- Xmas tree people electricity payment £1,415
- Gianluca court payments £45

Commentary

The substantial increase in the balance compared to last year, despite a heavy month for exceptional expenditures, is a tribute to Ollie in organising to get subs and new members in much more quickly than last year – excellent work.

In relation to the work on the water leak, we should be able to recover all of this from the insurance except a £750 excess, so hopefully the balance is about £2,700 better off than it looks – making the position look very healthy (although of course this is close to our best time of the year, financially, when most subs are in but we have not yet had the opportunity to spend the money).

We have repaid all cashflow loans.

7. Membership update (OM)

162 tennis membership subs have been made with 29 (as of 09/04) outstanding. This consists of:

- 19 full memberships
- 4 midweek memberships
- 5 runners / social
- 1 midweek coaching

List will be made available to committee / captains to chase individuals. If all pay up we'll have the following membership numbers:

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172 Full
11 Midweek
4 Students
10 runners/social

We have gotten through 60 on the waiting list this round, whilst also re-inviting 14 who deferred a year in 2023.

We have 14 new members who have been successfully set up and ready to play, another 2 are currently pending payments and we may hear back from a couple of others emailed 31st March.

Our waiting list is still very healthy, currently around the 260 mark (I need to update to remove those who have joined / removed from the list).

Student membership issue resolved.

Another issue is someone who overpaid. Agreed not to refund them but they can get a cheaper membership next time.

8. Inside the clubhouse:

- a. N/A

9. Outside the clubhouse:

- a. Water leak fix
 - i. It has been tricky to get Dulwich to agree to the work being completed.
 - ii. Nevertheless Mel is meeting tomorrow at 8:30am with the contractors to get this fixed.
 - iii. No water on the drive at the moment which is a bonus.
 - iv. Hopefully this will resolve the issue permanently.
- b. Rubbish put out on the side of Court 3.
 - i. Colin will get rid of this.
 - ii. Agreed that in the future if something is to be thrown out there needs to be a quick review between us in future to check that this is OK.
 - iii. Chase up Gianluca to clear out coaching stuff.
 1. Needs to be cleared.
 2. Becca to send any rackets to a recycling charity.
- c. Sign outside
 - i. The current phone number listed just comes up as engaged.
 - ii. Should we look to update this? Suggested we ask Southey brewery to see if they would sponsor a new sign.
 - iii. Chris to investigate this with Alex.

10. Social Update (AF)

- a. Only a few signed up so far for the American tournament. Fill out the google form and encourage others to do so!
- b. May need to have a rethink about the annual dinner potentially given how new catering costs are looking.
 - i. Looking at food trucks etc. for BBQs. Will see how catering costs end up being and maybe revert to a BBQ if too much.
 - ii. Open question on whether we try to do something special.
- c. Solstice cup to be held on the 17th May. Charlie may be organizing.

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11. Bar report (CM)

- a. Issue of having to remember drinks orders with only one till when there are multiple people behind the bar was raised. Colin agreed to look into a more modern version of the till with Alex and bring back a recommendation to the next committee meeting.
- b. New bit of shelving put in. Not much to update on so far otherwise.
- c. Alex should be the main contact for anything bar related and Colin is happy to be copied in.

12. Tennis (RS / RB)

- a. Handicap draws to go out on Friday hopefully - 38 entrants.
- b. Women's team social was a success.
 - i. Will try and do it more regularly. Maybe once every other month. That was most popular based on polling. Some good feedback.
- c. M4 has 5 members? Might be out of date.
 - i. Some new members look promising who we should invite.

13. AOB

- a. Date for a maintenance day
 - i. Saturday 24th May was decided as the best day for this.
- b. Ball recycling
 - i. Recylaball has booted us off their list. Excuse was that their systems have changed etc. and we need to apply for an account but they then rejected us.
 - ii. The LTA has recommended another service we can use instead but we have to pay. Agreed that we will go ahead with this with an increased price of balls to cover the cost.
- c. Ball machine
 - i. Discussion again on whether to get rid of this with the suggestion it doesn't work. Agreed that someone would test it out properly on maintenance day and that we would make a decision then.
- d. Request to pay membership in installments from one member.
 - i. It was agreed that membership could be paid in installments for this individual.
- e. Cricket club update
 - i. Communication needs improvement. Colin to talk to Alex and make sure that Eileen has everything she needs and get the latest details from her.
 - ii. Someone needs to warn her that other people might come behind the bar also.
 - iii. Practice match on Saturday and Sunday that we need to be ready for.
 - iv. What hours will the bar be open by the cricket club etc. needs to be communicated to the membership. Will put this in the latest newsletter.
 - v. Adam to let the membership know also via the events group.
 - vi. For the quiz night coming up we will advertise this to our membership but also need to check they will be able to take card payments etc.
 - vii. The cricket club has asked about any potential revenue sharing from additional bar profits. Agreed that we need to see how things work out first.
- f. Sofa repair (CS)
 - i. Suggestion from Colin that we get someone to fix the sofas who's arm rests are broken in.
 - ii. Colin to see if we can knock down the price for this and then we will revisit.
- g. Price of ball tubes (CS)
 - i. Decided to increase this to £7.

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- ii. This will be put in the newsletter to notify members.
 - iii. Chris to check with Alex if he knows how to change this on the till.
- h. Fashion brand court hire (OM)
 - i. Chris to speak to Ollie about this, and suggest a price that would make any hassle worth it.
- i. Private booking for Fernando's friend
 - i. Mel to share Colin's email to show them around.
 - ii. Mel to send the latest terms and conditions to Colin.
 - iii. Callum to change contact on the website for the bar.
- j. Lime bikes
 - i. It appears members are still able to park these at Camber although it is supposed to be blocked.
 - ii. Adam is still on his Lime bike crusade to fix this.
- k. Tree surgeon.
 - i. Cost of this queried by Colin.
 - ii. Confirmed this was related to the tree above court and that we can't get the allotments to pay for this. They trimmed the bushes as well and overall the committee believes the service was good value.
- l. Trevor May
 - i. Question from Colin on what work they actually do and whether it is worth the cost.
 - ii. They prevent the compacting which stops drainage. And they do put a ton of sand on. Chris still thinks it's worth it.

14. DONM

- a. The next meeting will be held on 2nd June at the clubhouse at 7pm.

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