

## CAMBER LTC

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2023, 7.30PM *(HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE)*

*Meeting started 7.45pm*

1. **Attendance:**, John (acting Chair), Jill, Steph, Rebecca, Laurent, and Fin  
**Apologies:** Mel (meeting someone's wife in Willesden) and Chris (for being late)

2. **Matters Arising OR Minutes of previous committee meetings (16.i.23)**

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Minute examination led by John. Very disappointed to note that previous recommendations for contraception to be available behind the Club bar had not been addressed, either in passing, or at all. How else is the Camber population explosion to be tackled? No mention made of Cumbrian table-tennis impresario Uncle Norman Smith. A key theme, totally ignored. Unforgivable. Club Secretary really should pay more attention in class. D minus for this assignment (and that's generous). Will make sure the headteacher knows when she's back from Willesden. Must do better next term. Or else.

On a brighter note, we have a plan to fix the ~~school's~~ Club's table tennis table right angle problem: aforementioned Uncle Norman Smith has sourced an "Olympic-sized table tennis table" [sic] from a "warehouse somewhere in Norf [sic] London – normally sells at £750, but we can have it for £500, and there's five more for the same price if you want em. Cash."

Much discussion ensued but agreed we'd buy one (and one only) because the members will want it. If it's too big for our cupboard, we'll store it in our Olympic-sized shed.

Fire extinguishers are fine too, post-inspection; and We've got the licence from our ~~feudal overlords~~ the Dulwich Estate for the floodlights. Which is a relief. Front door is fixed also, so huge thanks again to our Malcolm.

Chris has as promised kindly looked into 'our' [sic] gas bill of £4,442, which has now been reduced by, ooo, about 98 percent to, er, £95 on account of someone, somewhere, don't know who, having read the wrong meter last month. Ah well. Good news for everyone (apart from the neighbours, obvys).

4. **Perennials:**

- *Regular Site Inspection (All)* - A consensus developed that all was fine on site. Camber's first daffodil of 2023 has bloomed (well, sprouted) on the bank by Court 1. All agreed a) this was lovely; and b) it'll be dead in a week when the frost comes back.

5. **Finances: Treasurers' update (CS)**

- *Monthly update*

Chris reported that all is ok, particularly as it's all incorporated in the annual report, which is probably coming a bit later, so he is at a complete loss to explain why on earth anyone would put a monthly update on the agenda for this meeting. tchaaah.

6. **Membership update (JP)**

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Jill confirmed all is going well and we still have a full membership and the CLTCMWLM is currently growing at a rate of about 6% per month.

### **7. Arrangements for the AGM**

There was a lot of friendly discussion about this at the meeting. But probably best to focus on agreed outcomes. Which were these:

- Chris explained the accounts info previously circulated with a view to reporting in due course to the AGM. Approved and agreed by the committee, with very big thanks to Ellen and Chris for their work.
- Rebecca has kindly agreed to become a company director so that we can comply with club rule that we have four committee members as company directors at all times.
- **By 13/2** we will send formal notice to members of AGM with deadlines for members' resolutions to be sent to the Club sec of **23/2**
- **By 22/2**, club officers are going to send their (short is ok) written annual reports to the Club Sec for inclusion in the AGM pack to members. Members will be given opportunity to ask questions on those reports at the AGM.
- **23/2** is deadline for members' resolutions to be sent to the Club sec for inclusion at the AGM
- **Between 23/2 & 26/2** , Mel, Chris and Fin will meet to discuss final preps for AGM, including any slides. Key things will be accounts, financial outlook and subscriptions setting for 2023-24.
- **By 26/2** Club sec will have finalised AGM pack to be sent to members on that day
- **After 26/2** – we'll try to persuade as many peeps as we can to turn up to the AGM. Here's hoping...

**The committee agreed that it would fulfil its obligation to recommend the 2023-24 subscription level by putting to the AGM £240 as the 2023-24 subscription for a full adult member and that there would be a 12% increase on all other tennis playing categories of membership (Social and runners membership to remain the same).**

**The committee FURTHER agreed that it would prepare a second, elective resolution recommended by the committee to ask the members whether they should like to approve one of the following courses of action in relation to making floodlights free at the point of use for members, namely,**

**EITHER:**

**a) To give a standing mandate to the committee to take the decision at a later date, based on its assessment of the financial outlook for the club, to move to floodlights becoming free at the point of use;**

**OR**

**b) To take the decision now at the AGM to move to floodlights becoming free at the point of use, subject to a further increase of £12 in addition to the 2023-24 subscription level approved by the AGM in the following membership categories: Full Adult Member; OAP membership; 7-mile membership; students membership.**

### **8. Social update (SMcK)**

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The social calendar is hotting and filling up – wine tastings, film nights and other events all in the offing in the coming months, so once we get through the AGM and into the new Camber year, more details will be forthcoming.

### **9. Bar Update (JS)**

John, our acting chair and soon-to-be Bar Secretary Emeritus, reported that the problem with time of year was that despite the cold, pain and misery of winter, there were not enough drinkers around to justify getting a barrel in all the time. But he will make an exception for the AGM, whenever that is. Which is great news, and even more of a reason why members should attend.

### **10. Tennis update (RS/LC)**

Laurent reported that so far this season: some teams have won matches; some teams have lost matches; some teams have drawn matches; some teams have won matches and lost matches; some teams have won matches and drawn matches; some teams have lost matches and drawn matches; some teams have won, lost and drawn matches. We have a lot of teams. They play a lot of matches. They get different results in different matches. It's a very varied picture with no discernible pattern to report really. But "all the tennis is going brilliantly and everything is 100% under control".

We also have some confirmed finals dates for the summer, which are as follows:

**Sat 10 June:** Handicap Finals Day

**Sat 1 July** – Fast Fours tournaments for Foreman Cup, Fox Trophy and Dav'e Cup (and Mrs Mayo snr's big birthday bash). Sami has kindly agreed to organise again this year.

**Saturday 23 September:** Club Finals Day & jamboree

### **11. AOB**

- a) We have had a semi-complaint from a neighbour that our clubhouse alarm keeps going off in the early hours. We don't think it is us making the noise, but we'll keep an eye and a few ears on the issue.
- b) A member has asked for permission to store a personal ball machine at the club. We've agreed, as long as they put it in the now very tidy office. And they've kindly said others can use it if they would like to.
- c) Bin (non) collection by Biffa seems to be a problem again, and Chris is kindly going to make some checks on this one and report back.

### **12. DONMs**

This will be for the new committee to decide upon election at the AGM. (Tee hee.)

### **13. Additional AOB**

Chris proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair. Apparently this is customary and polite (*who knew?! Never happened in my day. Which probably says something,,* ). So we agreed. And was well deserved. THANKS, JOHN! (PS: *Can we do it for Mel at the next one too?*)

*Meeting ended 9.47pm*

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