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### Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 13th November 2023, 7:30PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 19:39

1. **Attendance:** Chris (acting chair), Helen, Jill, Becca, Callum, Steph  
**Apologies:** Mel, Laurent
2. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (10.x.23)**
  - a. Minutes of the previous meeting
    - i. Minutes approved
3. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (10.x.23)**
  - a. Bar light
    - i. Helen is organising an electrician to fix this for Tuesday 14th November.
  - b. TV.
    - i. HDMI cable can be fixed by us with some effort if we buy the right tools.
    - ii. However, if the electrician Helen is getting in can fix this propose that they do this.
    - iii. Following a quote from the electrician Malcolm now investigating with Fernando to see if we can replace the cables ourselves.
  - c. Leak under ladies sink.
    - i. If Malcolm not fixed this Chris was due to contact his handyman.
    - ii. Agreed it was more of a plumbing issue. Chris to talk to Colin about this to organise a plumber.
    - iii. Plumber has now fixed the leak but there are also toilet filling issues which will be a bigger job.
  - d. Additional shelves in the bar.
    - i. Confirmed with Fernando this is a stud wall
    - ii. Helen + Callum to investigate further and make decision.
    - iii. Not a priority though so will take this off future minutes for now.
  - e. Surrounds for the dart board.
    - i. Fernando recommended materials to buy for this.
    - ii. Need a volunteer to sort this out but it is not a priority right now.
    - iii. Committee not taking this forward and Chris to tell Fernando.
  - f. Issue with tree from allotment dripping on court.
    - i. Mel still to speak with Dulwich estates on this issue.
  - g. Garden waste
    - i. Mel planning on removing this using a Zipvan when dry weather and time permits.
  - h. Shelves for the container.
    - i. These have now arrived and have been put up: thanks to Colin, Nick N, Alex Mack and Peter K!
  - i. Arrangement with Gianluca's court payments.
    - i. Chris spoken to Gianluca - agreed to calculate and make payments.
    - ii. These have not arrived yet but this continues to be in progress.
  - j. Water leaking across the drive.
    - i. Mel has got the sign and will put this up next week.

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- ii. Rumour that Golf club drainage has changed and negatively affected us which could be a potential reason why the problem appears to have gotten worse recently.
- k. Dishwasher
  - i. As of meeting not purchased yet but a good one has been selected if we decide to proceed.
  - ii. Chris reports it was not working last week, so agreed to go ahead with new purchase.
  - iii. The dishwasher has since been installed successfully.
- l. Boiler.
  - i. Mel still pursuing the boiler service.
- m. BBQs
  - i. New BBQ.
    - 1. Still to be purchased but waiting for black friday sale for this.
  - ii. Removal of old BBQ
    - 1. Callum to look at taking apart the BBQ.
    - 2. Could combine with broken chairs (approx 6) and pay to get removed or Helen and Steph to do a skip trip sometime.

#### 4. Perennials

- a. Regular site inspection - Chris confirms site has been inspected.
- b. All good contingent on sign being put up to warn people about the water across the drive which may be slippery.

#### 5. Finances (CS)

- a. Commentary
  - i. Currently have no online banking access, cannot make payments and check income.
  - ii. Chris to pressure them to sort asap and this has since been resolved.
  - iii. Some larger chunks of outgoings recently including the dishwasher, shelves and shutter. May need to be more careful with expenditures going forwards.
- b. Regular accounts information
  - i. Balance 13 November 2023: Current account, £4,246
  - ii. Balance 13 November 2023: Savings account, £76,000
  - iii. Balance total 13 November 2023: **£80,246**
  - iv. Balance at last committee meeting (9 October 2023): **£82,439**
  - v. Balance one year ago: **£85,921**
  - vi. Notable transactions since last committee meeting:
    - 1. **Outflows (total £2,627)**
      - a. Tennis balls £432
      - b. Bar lock repair £75
      - c. Mowing the bank £150
      - d. Quarterly rent £869
      - e. Shelves for shed £430
      - f. TV licence £159
      - g. Shutter repair £366
      - h. Dry cleaning post Camber Kitchen £32
      - i. Electrician £114
    - 2. **Inflows**
      - a. None of note

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### 6. Membership update (JP)

- a. Revised waiting list which has been updated to establish standard of play and who wants to remain on list.
- b. New form has been devised for completion by those already on the list and those new wanting to join [now accessed from Camber website].
  - i. 306 emails sent to the existing waiting list with a link to the form so far. Last batch sent on the 11th.
  - ii. All have 4 weeks to reply from the date of email.
  - iii. Some of the emails sent are to those who have partners or friends on the same email and have been asked to complete separate forms.
  - iv. To date 139 replies have been sent to Google Doc waiting list under a new tab, of which 24 are new enquiries.
- c. Those with numbers entered on the left are the original positions on the waiting list, those without are new applicants.
- d. In answer to question regarding standard of play to date answers are: New beginner x1, Beginner-sustain short rally x17, Intermediate/Advanced and Advanced x14.
- e. Need to consider what we tell new beginners and beginners and what to advise if a beginner is the partner of someone with a better standard who also wants to join.
- f. Additionally will need to decide how many to trial of advanced standard replies.
- g. Access to the Waiting List is still shared with ex committee members, consider removing them?
  - i. Jill to put everyone on committee down and remove old committee members.
- h. Webmail at near full capacity. Warning emails sent. Advice needed.
  - i. Need to remove any large attachments. Use "larger\_than:XMB" in search bar to find. Chris to have a look at removing larger emails.
- i. Suggestions from Becca to change membership categories to put forward at AGM:
  - i. Change the over 7 miles membership to "outside the M25", or to 15+ miles.
    1. I think we discuss this every renewal but then forget about it.
    2. Reasons:
      - a. 7 miles is a bit arbitrary
      - b. The odd person stretches the truth about their main residence.
    3. Agreed to propose outside the M25 membership at the AGM.
  - ii. Introduce an under 30s, or under 25s membership, at a reduced cost from full membership (but more than student membership). From talking to some of our younger members, I think £250 in a bulk payment is a barrier to those on starter salaries. (This is with the view to attracting and retaining younger members).
    1. I asked around and a couple of other clubs have:
      - a. Student membership costs 1/3 price of full adult membership.
      - b. Under 30s membership costs 1/2 price of full adult membership.
      - c. Slightly favouring U25 membership at 2/3 price. But we are full. Thoughts on this will be needed for the final proposal.
    2. Decided that the committee would not propose this but that Becca could bring this separately to the AGM.
  - iii. Changing student membership to be for anyone 19+ in full time education, not capped at 3 years, recognising that some people do e.g. 1 year masters, or 4-5 year degrees. We could ask for a scan of their ID card as proof.
    1. Agreed that the committee will propose this for the AGM.

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- j. Jill planning to step down as membership secretary but will continue to meet and greet new members. A potential new person has been identified as a replacement.

### **7. Inside the clubhouse:**

- a. There are some general plumbing issues - Steph has emailed Colin to organise fixing these.

### **8. Outside the clubhouse:**

- a. Mel has arranged to have the shutter fixed.
- b. Power washing / court maintenance.
  - i. Work so far has completely transformed Court 2 - however this has taken 24 hours work so far.
  - ii. Agreed we should rope in more people to spread the hours around.
  - iii. Chris to draft a message to send round as an email looking for volunteers.
  - iv. Trevor May cost £1000 for 6 hours work - is it worth it? Surely they are not doing a thorough job. Can we hold them to do a better job in future?
- c. Broken broom/brush.
  - i. This has now been removed so is no longer a problem.
- d. Issue with floodlights not coming on at 7:30am.
  - i. Someone is coming to give it once over to check all is OK.
  - ii. Chris Smith proposes the following timings for the lights to be updated to which the committee agreed to: 6.30am-10.45pm for Court 3 and 6.30am-11.00pm for Courts 1-2.

### **9. Social update (SM)**

- a. Annual Dinner
  - i. Approximately 42 signed up so far (capacity 60-64).
  - ii. John has agreed to check and review the glasses to ensure we have enough.
  - iii. Giulia, Mel, Helen, Sandra, Colin, Midge to help on Friday 24th November to tidy and set up the clubhouse.
  - iv. May need to collect some chairs from the cricket club, but we will review this when we have final numbers.
- b. Adam looks like he might put himself forward for the social secretary position.
- c. Christmas Club Play to be held on the 14th December.
- d. Adam keen to do a Camber Kitchen and Burns Night in 2024.

### **10. Bar report (HN)**

- a. Small increase in bar prices- house wine & cask beer.
- b. Trial of Brooklyn Special Effects 0.4% (alcohol free) lager beer.
- c. Till menu updated accordingly.
  - 1. Helen mentioned it might be useful to have 2 izettle machines for the bar.
    - a. Agreed that this is probably not needed as there is only one till
  - 2. Bar at annual dinner
    - a. Alex Lucas willing to help before dinner. Should have one of the catering staff to help also hopefully.
    - b. Helen to order 2 barrels for the night.

### **11. Tennis**

- a. Trophies getting engraved this week. Still need to decide on a Player of the Year. Nominations for this welcome.

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- b. Replacing leaving women's team members.
  - i. This year we will have lost more female players of 1st team standard than we have gained.
  - ii. 5 women's team members have already told us they will not renew.
  - iii. They also have stopped playing for the teams already, so Becca is proposing we replace them now, rather than waiting until April.
  - iv. W1 is struggling and lost all their summer matches. Morale is low.
  - v. Propose to invite the best 10 (based on the declared standard from the waiting list) to trial, and admit the best 5 to fill these 5 spots and tell the others we might be able to admit them in April if there is space.
  - vi. Committee agreed that this approach is OK.

### **12. AOB**

- a. Cricket/football have been using our car park / toilets
  - i. Mel to email them on this / may have already emailed.
  - ii. Callum to follow up on that to check that Mel has emailed them.
- b. Condolences for Matthew Cole's family.
  - i. Mel has emailed the family. They have responded by kindly offering his rackets to the club. Jill to talk to Mel about responding to them on this.
  - ii. Steph to send out an email to the membership on this. Chris to send amendments to Steph's draft email for this.
- c. Security of clubhouse
  - i. Noted that the office was left open last Friday.
  - ii. Agreed that unfortunately this will happen occasionally.

### **13. DONM**

- a. Friday 8th December at 7pm at The Lordship Pub
  - i. Steph to book a space for this.
  - ii. Agreed to invite those who were previously on the committee from December 2022 to March 2023: John and Fin.

*APPROVED 13.xi.23, Camber LTC*