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### Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 15th January 2024, 7.30PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 19:40.

1. **Attendance:** Mel, Steph, Helen, Jill, Callum, Becca, Chris  
**Apologies:** Laurent 😞😞
2. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (13.ix.23)**
  - a. Minutes of the previous meeting from November approved.
3. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (13.ix.23)**
  - a. Bar light
    - i. Fernando to buy the replacement part and fix this.
  - b. HDMI cable
    - i. Callum and Chris to chat about how this might be resolved.
  - c. Men's Bench
    - i. Mel to nudge Malcolm and see what happens.
  - d. Tree from allotment
    - i. Mel has emailed Dulwich Estates but not got a reply.
    - ii. Renewed effort to be made in 2024.
  - e. Garden waste
    - i. Issue ongoing as the logistics are complex, requiring us to get a van permit for the the recycling centre, which only allows visits between 8:30-9:30am.
    - ii. Mel and Callum to coordinate on how to resolve this.
  - f. Water Across the Drive
    - i. Warning sign now installed.
    - ii. Agreed to continue to scrape off the grime periodically.
    - iii. If allotments want to do something further on this we will support this.
    - iv. Otherwise no further action to take for now.
  - g. Boiler
    - i. This has been fixed and is now subject to a maintenance plan.
  - h. Purchase of a new BBQ
    - i. Defer until we have a bigger budget.
    - ii. Randy and Tu Sen are potential members to consult on this in addition to Fernando.
4. **Perennials**
  - a. Regular site inspection undertaken on the 15th January and all looking ship shape.
5. **Finances (CS)**
  - a. Balance 14 January 2024:
    - i. Old current account: £1,198
    - ii. New current account: £434
    - iii. Savings account: £76,000
    - iv. Total: £77,632
  - b. Balance at last committee meeting (13 November 2023): £80,246
  - c. Balance one year ago: £82,101

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d. Notable transactions since last committee meeting

i. Outflows (total £4,426)

1. New dishwasher £464
2. Path warning sign £53
3. Trophy engraving £285
4. Caterer £1,846
5. Annual dinner misc £295
6. LTA registration £405
7. Companies House registration £13
8. Colin misc maintenance £83
9. Boiler contract £57
10. Other misc maintenance £56
11. Quarterly rent £869

ii. Inflows

1. Gianluca 2023 court payments £516

e. Commentary

Another very heavy period for expenses, although also a good period for bar takings including the annual dinner (£1,194), Xmas clubplay (£298) and the New Year's Day tournament (£130) (all amounts card takings only, would also be some cash). Given the expenses, the comparison with last month is reasonable, especially bearing in mind (as mentioned last time) that the balance at the last Committee was flattered by just over £1,000 of annual dinner payments, which have since been paid out to the caterers etc.

The actual balance in the current account today has gone down by a further £880, to only £351, due to electricity costs, much of which is associated with Pines and Needles. Obviously we need to get that back asap and I have asked P&N for details. But anyway cash is going to be tight until we start getting subscription renewals in.

One piece of excellent news is that Gianluca has paid his back court fees and agreed to pay monthly at the start of the month (for the previous month) in the future. I'll try to make sure we stick to that. Peter's court fees offset against what we pay him for the wheelchair sessions – in fact, we owe him slightly more than he owes us, but Peter has again offered to waive the difference, for which many thanks.

f. New current account is up and running

- i. Agreed to try and wait until the new subs year before encouraging members to switch their payments to the new bank account.
- ii. Will send some emails before then to start making members aware though.

## 6. Membership update (JP)

- a. Following some recent data loss the membership database has now been brought back up to date except for input of all the juniors which will be completed asap. Latest version is now labelled Jan 15 2024.
- b. Total of court booking members = 188
  - i. Includes 5 new ladies 1st team members

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- ii. I have not taken any member off the database who we know as leaving the area as they are still paid up until March 31st.
  - iii. Suggested these spaces could potentially be used first after discussion.
    - 1. Agreed to start offering these in the run up to the new membership year to speed up the process.
  - iv. Possibly this amounts to 2 more court booking members than was calculated in November 2023.
- c. Waiting List
- i. New format of waiting list now found on Waiting List Google Doc under tab 'waiting list form Oct 2023'.
  - ii. All those on the original list of 354 were emailed advising of the new format of completing our application to join the waiting list form.
  - iii. We have had 36 applicants apply from the Camber website who were not on the original list.
  - iv. 10 ladies trialled and 5 were chosen to join successfully.
  - v. Total 190 now on the waiting list having filled in the form.
  - vi. All those who replied re beginner status [before Christmas] have been sent an email advising re coaching. Rest to be emailed shortly.
  - vii. Agreed the policy for beginners on the waiting list is that we should strongly encourage them to get coaching but they can still join regardless. However, if they attend club play and are not up to standard someone from the committee will have a quiet word with them about it.
- d. Question from Becca around how any further spaces will be filled in the new membership year.
- i. Agreed that going forward if the teams need new members then they will select these by trialling players who have indicated they are of an advanced standard according to the order of the waiting list.

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

- a. Leaving addressing shelving in the bar for now as this is not a priority.
- b. Table tennis table is serviceable with care. Nick and Fernando are working on fixing this properly.
- c. Comments received around the poor performance of the hairdryers and hand dryers.
  - a. Decided this is not a priority to fix for now as they are pretty standard and others find them acceptable.

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

- a. Pressure washing
  - i. Great job by everyone who helped with this.
  - ii. Chris spoke to Trevor May and told them we've done it ourselves.
  - iii. They were OK with this and will provide us with a revised quote with additional services they might be able to offer.
  - iv. In the future we agreed we should try and pressure wash each court every other year.
- b. Mel to nudge the lights man on resetting times and advise us on how to do it. Not super urgent now that it is not so dark in the early mornings.
- c. Next maintenance morning is scheduled for Sunday 24th March.

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

- a. Successful Christmas Clubplay: overall about 30 people
- b. Successful American Tournament - Run by Adam - many thanks!
- c. Adam/Chris - set up the Darts final on the big screen - many thanks!
- d. Burns Night Sat 27th Jan - Approx 20 people signed up
- e. No events planned for Feb - Potentially a Pancake Day club play

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

- a. Need a new single door wine chiller. Have approached Staycold/ Rhino and Autonumis manufacturers. I would recommend:
  - i. Rhino Milan 600 H Greensense Plus Chiller £490 plus VAT (£594), because Autonumis products are more expensive and less energy efficient.
- b. This can wait until March when membership subs received in the account.
- c. Committee agreed that this all sounds good.

### **11. Tennis**

- a. Update from club captain (RS / LC).
  - i. Agreed that we would ask 1st team men's players again if they were interested in playing for the mixed team for the summer season.

### **12. AOB**

- a. Mel attended the Surrey Tennis Forum meeting held at Wimbledon. Notes can be made available to those interested.
- b. Agreed to hold the AGM on Sunday 3rd March.
  - i. Mel and Callum to discuss the organisation of this.
- c. Do we know of anyone else not continuing their committee position in the new subs year?
  - i. No-one else apart from Steph and Jill deciding to step down.
  - ii. Callum agreed to take on communications and going forward will share a summary of items discussed after every committee meeting to the membership.
  - iii. Mel will dig out emails from last year on roles and responsibilities so we can share with people the details of different committee positions for those who may be interested in taking over.
- d. Sarah Griffin wants to propose we get a rebound wall.
  - i. Says she will put together a one-pager advocating for this.
  - ii. This is something we get asked from time to time, but we decided against it when we renovated Court 3.
- e. Debit cards for the new bank account have arrived.
  - i. Helen to have one of the cards so she can buy stock for the bar with it.
- f. When Reg was doing a stock take he opened the big safe and there was nothing in there. Do we still need it?
  - i. Chris to look into whether it's worth selling it potentially.
- g. The new owners of Grove House have put planning permission in now. Do we want to do anything about this?
  - i. Mel to investigate this and bring a summary back to the next meeting.
- h. Chris to send a note to Gianluca about the fact he had two courts booked at once.
- i. Colin has made a proposal to turn the high table into a low table as he feels it is cumbersome to move around in its current form and doesn't serve a purpose.

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- i. Committee discussed but felt there was not a need for another lower table and that while the tall table is not ideal it serves a purpose for serving food occasionally as well as being pulled up to sit around the bar.
- ii. Chris to get back to Colin on this decision.
- j. Wimbledon Ballot
  - i. Now the system has changed and it is an online only ballot many members have been missing their opportunity to opt in to this, with the window for 2024 recently closing.
  - ii. Agreed to add it to communications in the future to make members aware they need to opt into this when the ballot opens again.
- k. Chris and Callum to set up the spare barrel following the meeting.
- l. Callum to investigate organising a central repository for Camber Tennis Club documents online with a tennis club email address as a login.
- m. Helen to sort out a doorstep for the bar door to avoid keys left in the door breaking off.
- n. Mel agreed to organise the purchase of tea and coffee going forward.

### **13. DONM**

- a. Next committee meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Monday 5th February at 7:30pm.

APPROVED 15.i.24, Camber LTC