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Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 4th September 2023, 7.30PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 19:40

1. Attendance: Mel, Chris, Jill, Steph, Helen, Callum, Becca

Apologies: Laurent had to work

2. Minutes of previous committee meeting (24.vii.23)

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting
 - i. Minutes from the previous meeting approved.
 - ii. Next time Callum will also email them in a separate email as well as attaching to the calendar invite.

3. Matters arising from previous committee meeting (24.vii.23)

- a. Mel has not yet followed up on rubbish.
- b. Malcolm is still working on fixing the light in the bar but he's still juggling many things.
- c. Dishwasher has been cleaned and seems to be working fine again. Sometimes it has a funny turn but we'll put up with it for now.
- d. Couldn't find dart board surrounds. Fernando will have to buy these. Check with Laurent on contacting him.
- e. Mel fixed the bar door temporarily but unfortunately this is broken again. This will be fixed by Nick.
- f. Mel has polyfilled holes resulting from the change in light switches. Probably need to do some repainting.
- g. Mel has contacted someone about the shelves and has come with some recommendations.

4. Perennials

- a. Regular site inspection
 - i. Mel has been round and all is fine.

5. Finances (CS)

- a. Regular accounts information
 - i. Balance 1 September 2023: £83,672
 1. Current account: £7,672
 2. Savings account: £76,000
 - ii. Balance at last committee meeting (24 July 2023): £87,217
 - iii. Balance one year ago: £85,111
 - iv. Notable transactions since last committee meeting:
 1. Outflows
 - a. Change light meters to switches: £1,194
 - b. Quarterly rent: £869
 - c. Annual buildings insurance: £1,645
 - d. Winter teams – league fees: £225
 2. Inflows
 - a. New member subs – total: £737
- b. Commentary

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- i. An expense heavy period since the last meeting, particularly the buildings insurance which came in at nearly £1,000 more expensive than last year. Unfortunately we have no control over this as it is bought by Dulwich College “on our behalf”. Total unusual outgoings were nearly £4,000 so the drop of £3.5k in the balance is about right.
- ii. On the income side, the wake a couple of weeks ago resulted in good bar takings of over £700.
- iii. The other major development on the finance side is that we have opened a savings account, which has £76,000 in at an interest rate of 4.25% fixed for 1 year (to 1 July 2024).
- iv. Unfortunately we now need to tackle the fact that Barclays won't allow us to keep our current account – Chris to check on whether auto-forwarding will be in place.

6. Membership update (JP)

- a. Membership now stands at 180 [members who can book courts]
- b. Waiting list stands at 335 [17 more than at last meeting]
 - i. First 100 on list have been emailed
 - ii. 25 people are still keen
 - iii. 6 off list who have advised they have joined other clubs or emails bounced
- c. Junior membership
 - i. Currently stands at 49
 - ii. 5 still unpaid
- d. Some complaints from some members about the standard of tennis at club play
 - i. Could look at having an updated membership form to gauge people's level.
 - ii. Have reviewed admission criteria and agreed a play in standard to be introduced.
 - iii. Mel to draft email and send out with form from Steph to the waiting list.
 - iv. Becca to send guidance around playing standard.
 - v. Website information will need updating with this new criteria.
 - vi. Club rules to be double checked to make sure this is OK.
 - vii. By next meeting will have put this into effect.

7. Inside the clubhouse:

- a. Men's changing room bench is still broken.
- b. Nick Nelson will fix the lock on the bar.
- c. Leak underneath the ladies sink.
- d. Light in bar still broken and issue with the TV
 - i. Mel to dig out the name of an electrician who may be able to fix the TV and the bar light.
- e. Shelves in the bar. Callum to check on exactly what is required and get back to Helen.

8. Outside the clubhouse:

- a. Will keep an eye on the lump on Court 1. Aim to replace courts 2024/25/26 depending upon how they hold up.
- b. Andy has done half of the strimming.
 - i. Need to agree on price.
 - ii. Mel to get Andy's details from Chris for this as well as to decide best approach going forward for managing the bank.
- c. Mel has found 2 sets of shelves which are the right size for the container.

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- i. Steph and Callum to measure and check what would fit best and then decision to be made on shelves.
- d. Mel to meet with allotment lady about the trees. They will discuss and possibly reach out to Dulwich estate.
- e. Leak outside continues to be a problem. Decided to leave this for now.
- f. Too much garden waste. Mel to talk to George about garden waste if it is something he can deal with. If not, will get the previous person to organise things.

9. Social update (SM)

- a. **Next event:** Club tournament in September 2023
 - i. £10 for meat, £6 veg, £5 kids
- b. **October:**
 - i. Camber kitchen with Daniela and chef friend Iraj
 - ii. No wine pairing with Chris
- c. **November:** Annual Dinner
 - i. Who would like to come to the tasting meal?
 - 1. Helen, Callum and Mel
 - ii. Potentially look into changing format. Not for this year though.
- d. **December:** Xmas club play planned

10. Bar report (HN)

- a. Over 50 attendees at the private event on 19th August. Great evening, over £700 bar takings.
- b. Two new ales stocked-Proper Job & Adnams Bitter.
- c. Pizza night to run once a month - Thursday club play.
- d. Cask opened by members without allowing it to settle & leaked all over the floor-
 - i. Reg happy to take charge of Cask once delivered. Signage will be put up re. opening date.
- e. Increased bar prices due to raised government tax on alcohol.
- f. Discussed expired stock and agreed this can be given away to members.
- g. Requests for sparkling water to be stocked. Helen to see whether this is possible.
- h. Will be getting a cask in for finals day. May be able to get this more regularly.

11. Tennis

- a. Update from club captain (RS / LC).
 - i. In response to a query from a member about whether they could have a larger quota of court booking slots given they book during off-peak times we decided it's a no. Mel to let them know.

12. AOB

- a. Coaching on Thursday nights.
 - i. Not possible as per Gianluca and Peter's availability.
 - ii. Coaches mentioned beginners need to play more frequently to improve their level alongside coaching.
 - iii. The new club play in standard should help with this.
- b. BBQ
 - i. Fernando will do the club BBQ
- c. T-Shirts
 - i. Helen to explore organising some T-Shirts.

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- ii. Tu Sen offered to design some.
 - iii. Merch not top of list at the moment though.
- d. Court maintenance
 - i. Court 3 to be done tomorrow.
 - ii. Court 1-2 will be done around leaf fall.
- e. Chris to try and work out a regular payment for Gianluca's court payments.

13. DONM

- a. Next committee meeting to be held in the clubhouse on Tuesday 10th October at 8pm.
- b. Will choose a date for Christmas do then. The Lordship favoured by Mel.

APPROVED 4.ix.23, Camber LTC