

CAMBER LTC

Committee Meeting Minutes, Monday 3 April 2023, 7.30PM

(Held in the clubhouse)

Meeting started at 7:41pm

1. **Attendance:** Mel, Becca, Laurent, Jill, Steph, Callum

Apologies: Helen, Chris

2. **Matters Arising or Minutes of previous committee meeting (10.ii.23)**

3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (10.ii.23) or Matters Arising**

Minutes of the previous meeting approved.

4. **Matters Arising from the AGM**

- a. Reviewed the suggestions for a practice wall and larger bench on court 3 but will not be pursuing this further.
- b. Can't cut off the water to the skateboarders. However, they have agreed that they wouldn't use it. Will review at the next committee meeting how to improve the situation with them and the relationship.
- c. On Saturday night there was a cricket club party which resulted in glass on Court 2. Mel to write to cricket club about this.
- d. Mr Pickles sent invitation to social event at the cricket club to Jill which will be shared.
- e. Regarding group coaching Mel spoke to Louisa about sorting this out herself. Will discuss as part of club play.
- f. Reviewed whether it was worthwhile to do a skills audit or get people's job title as part of the membership form. However, it was decided that it was probably not worth the effort and it would be more productive for Steph to email people specifically instead as needed.

5. **Perennials**

- a. Inspection of the local area done by Mel and all very good.
- b. Stephen checked the fire extinguishers, and they are fine.

6. **Finances**

- a. Savings Account for Camber
 - i. Proposal from Chris to open a savings account in the club's name and deposit the majority of funds there so that it can earn better interest.
 - ii. Suggestion to put around £72,000 in a 1-year fixed term savings account. This should leave around £15,000 available for spending over the year which should be enough, barring major expenditure. Recommendation to deposit with Redwood Bank which has the best current fixed-term rate.
 - iii. Question around whether we could deposit funds with an ethical bank. Chris to defer action for two weeks while Laurent researches.
 - iv. However, depending on the results of Laurent's research Chris' proposal is approved.
 - v. Thanks, Chris for researching, sending email, and being in Newcastle.
- b. Credit Card
 - i. We have 2 debit cards although 1 is currently blocked by Becca.

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- ii. Becca to forward details of these now to Mel.
- iii. Chris to also dig out physical debit cards and share with Mel.
- c. Monthly update
 - i. Current balance - £84,512
 - ii. Balance last time (3 Feb) - £87,547
 - iii. Noteworthy transactions since:
 - 1. Dishwasher mending £85
 - 2. LTA team entries £325
 - 3. Balls restock £863
 - 4. Floodlight full payment £35,315
 - 5. And a lot of subs coming in.
 - iv. Balance a year ago £70,476. Which means that we have done much better this year at getting subs in early - we were still getting lots of renewals up to 21 April last year. Good work all round.
 - v. No comments on monthly updates.

7. Membership issues

- a. Jill has been in touch with everyone who has not yet paid their membership fees.
- b. Changed to a single sheet database.
 - i. Some question of going over to club spark. However, this is tired / cumbersome and we have already changed multiple times.
 - ii. Emer provided massive support in setting this up. Everyone on committee is on as viewers.
 - iii. Advantage of single sheet database. Enables you to do pivot tables.
 - iv. Better as a dashboard view. Still some fine-tuning left and been working on it. Available on a current member status.
 - v. Want any comments that people have.
- c. Cancellations: 15 full, 1 mid-week
- d. Several people waiting to hear back from but following up.
- e. 7 new full members.
- f. Out of all members 151 who have paid. Waiting on 9. 160 total.
- g. Space to invite more people. Will invite 10. Of those 2 very keen.
- h. Had 10 new keys cut which should be OK for now.
- i. A few members have transferred to social membership.
- j. All the new members added on What's App.
- k. Suggestion to have a Google form to make things easier for next year.
- l. Could use the database in the future for other things too.
- m. Becca has registered them all on ClubSpark.
- n. Everyone thanked Jill for all her hard work on this.

8. Inside the Clubhouse:

- a. Display of Adam Burgis' promotion for Nadal Academy on the club noticeboard approved. Adam to provide this and Mel to let him know. Agreed that we'll let Nadal trial for the club if he wants to.

9. Outside the Clubhouse:

- a. All good outside the clubhouse

10. Social update (SMcK)

- a. April has been busy from a social perspective.

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- b. Pizza night being hosted as part of a grand opening of the bar following Thursday club play which Steph will forward on.
- c. Looking into putting sport on a Sunday night if we know someone will be there.
- d. Private event being hosted on the 22nd April.
- e. Film night and poker night also later in the month.
- f. Chris leading the organisation of a Eurovision song contest party.
- g. Looking for a date to host a wine tasting.
- h. Handicap and Fast4s tournaments upcoming.
- i. Only August currently where there is not much on.

11. Bar report (HN)

- a. Helen, Giulia, and Midge done loads of work already.
- b. Looks like it's going well generally.
- c. No barrel since AGM. Laurent to put it through Midge while Helen is away.

12. Tennis

- a. Update from club captain (RS/ LC)
 - i. Winter league finished.
 - 1. Women's 1st team finished second. Missed top spot due to set percentages.
 - 2. Women's 2nd won their division due to better set percentage.
 - ii. Fast tracking on women's 1st finished.
 - iii. Summer league starts from May.
 - iv. Handicap tournament organisation in hand.
 - v. Laurent will write to league about their policy around post-match refreshments.

13. Maintenance and Maintenance Day

- a. Need to get the door fixed. Fernando to reach out on this and Laurent to follow up with him as needed. Mel to get locksmith to look at door once we have a better idea of the problem.
- b. Met to get plumber to fix urinal and let Malcolm know.
- c. Google sheet of maintenance issues to be set up by Steph.
- d. Need to have a maintenance day. Maintenance day set for 21st unless there is a nightmare with scheduling.

14. Club Play

- a. Laurent to ask Peter if he is available for coaching before club play. However, people need to turn up on time and the club would have to pay for it.
- b. It was noted that there had been some comments around the standard of play at club play.
- c. Initiative to beef up club play underway and will continue to review.

15. New Balls Policy Review

- a. Decision to maintain a policy of no new balls at club play.
- b. However, we will introduce a new bucket, just for match balls in a separate place to help with the availability of balls.
- c. Becca is hopeful that availability of balls will be better with more matches in the summer.

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16. Discussion on Club Website

- a. Steph can follow that up for the time being to see if we can resurrect the site. Will see how she gets on and discuss next time.

17. Instructions for connecting to the projector

- a. Callum to print 2 copies so there is one for the office too. We should make this more generic and publish on the website eventually.

18. AOB

- a. Working on getting more info about private event. There is a meeting on Wednesday with Giulia and Midge. Have emailed Adrian but there is no list of drinks requested yet. Will stock up when Helen is back.
- b. Will organise a half day baby day for when there is no match on a Saturday / Sunday morning. Soon there is a gap between winter and summer matches which should help. Mel and Charlie to organise once they know dates.

19. DONM

- a. Callum to send out a poll on WhatsApp to organise the date of the next committee meeting.

APPROVED 03.iv.23, Camber LTC