

# CAMBER LTC

## Committee Meeting Minutes, Wednesday 4th September 2024, 6:30PM

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 18:51

1. **Attendance:** Mel, Chris, Callum, Rebecca, Laurent, Adam
2. **Apologies:** Helen, Ollie
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (05.viii.24)**
  - a. As per Ollie's notes below the number of members on the waiting list in the August needs updating.
  - b. Contingent on this change the previous minutes were approved.
  - c. Comment that some of the minutes could do with jazzing up for entertainment value. The secretary will try harder on this front going forward.
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (05.viii.24)**
  - a. None were raised.
  - b. For the latest status of open items please see the [Open Maintenance Items](#) spreadsheet.
5. **Perennials**
  - a. Site inspection done and everything found to be acceptable.
  - b. Gunk to be cleared again by Mel on the driveway shortly.

### 6. **Finances (CS)**

Balance 3 September 2024: Old current account	£2,102
Balance 3 September 2024: New current account	£1,965
Balance 3 September 2024: Savings account	£94,264
<b>Balance total 3 September 2024</b>	<b>£98,331</b>
Balance at last committee meeting (4 August 2024)	<b>£112,060</b>
Balance one year ago	<b>£83,672</b>

Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

#### **Outflows – total £13,831**

- Balls purchase £863
- Toilet unblocking £100
- Court 1-2 maintenance £12,510
- New taps £119

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- Winter team entries £239

### **Inflows**

- Subscriptions £336

### **Commentary**

The balance has dropped by £13,729 since the last meeting, but that is more than accounted for by one-off costs, as listed above – mainly the maintenance on courts 1 and 2. This is intended to give the courts hopefully 3 more years of life, by which time we should have more than enough to replace them to any specification we want. Otherwise – nothing dramatic to report.

### **7. Membership update (OM)**

- 180 members (with court booking access) now signed up!
- Circa 200 on the waiting list (not 80 as I suggested at last committee - was looking at un-linked spreadsheet).
- We have gotten through 100 on the waiting list noting circa 10 have asked to be deferred to the next subs round.
- Two at the top of the list have asked if they can bring their own coach to the courts, assuming this is a hard no?
  - Agreed that we should not allow this. Callum will communicate this to Ollie so he can pass this on.
- This raised the question of if this is happening currently as well as whether people are really paying their guest fees.
  - Agreed we will keep an eye on the situation.
- There are a couple of junior coaching queries for Gianluca to respond to on his return.
- Steph has helpfully sent over automated junior & adult membership sign up forms in draft from when Jill was secretary. This should help alleviate some time for the next subs round.
- Non-members attending clubplay (CS)
  - Since we have agreed to open up clubplay to guests there have been some instances of non-members attending clubplay without explicitly being the guest of a member.
  - After some discussion it was agreed that to play tennis as a guest, including for clubplay sessions, you must be accompanied by the specific member who has invited you.
  - We will look into updating the rules to make the guest policy clearer at the next AGM.

### **8. Inside the clubhouse:**

- a. Query from Adam about the general cleanliness of the clubhouse, with a question around whether the cleaner is actually coming / has specific jobs to do.
  - i. Mel to have a word with them and see if we can agree upon specific tasks for them to do to help improve the situation.
- b. Adam will buy a bin to replace the broken one.
- c. Replacements for the broken taps now bought and Chris to try and replace these.

### **9. Outside the clubhouse:**

- a. Mel has pulled up all the weeds alongside Court 3.
- b. Comment from Adam that people have been increasingly leaving Lime bikes at the clubhouse.

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- i. While we appreciate efforts for sustainability we agreed that members should leave Lime bikes off the club premises to a) avoid these blocking the way on occasion and b) to discourage non-members from coming on the premises to rent a Lime bike.
- ii. Adam to reach out to Lime to see if we can make the club a no-go zone for locking bikes.
- iii. Alternatively if this is not possible we will highlight in the newsletter that Lime bikes should be left on the South Circular.

### **10. Social Update (AF)**

- a. Chris organised the American Tournament on the Summer Bank Holiday.
  - i. Fewer numbers than previous ones but still successful with 12 players and the courts full.
  - ii. Agreed that for future tournaments it is OK to take prosecco for the winners from the stock and not run this through the till. Adam to let Helen know.
- b. Next Camber Kitchen to be hosted on the 2nd November. It will not be vegetarian friendly.
- c. Annual dinner prep is going well. Tasting night to be hosted on Saturday 26th October. Committee to get back to Adam on whether they can attend so he can offer the spaces up to others if not.
- d. BBQ for finals day.
  - i. Adam to look into ordering a hog roast for this if it is affordable.
  - ii. If not, Callum has volunteered to cook the BBQ.
- e. Nudge for someone to organise a vegetarian Camber Kitchen in the future.
  - i. Any volunteers to let Adam know.

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

- a. Proposal from Alex Mack for new real ale (CS)
  - i. Alex to talk to Helen about organising a trial.
  - ii. Chris will let Helen know to reach out to him about it.
- b. Currently have a cask of the Summer XPA (4% ABV) from Brockley Brewery. Usually have a cask of the Pale Ale (4.1% ABV). I have a good relationship with Brockley Brewery and Gipsy Hill Brewery. GH Brewery plans to have casks available later in the year (HN).

### **12. Tennis (Update from club captain (RS / LC))**

- a. Tournament's progressing well if a little slowly as per usual.
- b. In the process of writing some tournament rules to help smooth out sticking points with court bookings etc., plan to send round before finals day.
- c. Ladies day to be held on the 5th October. Will see women from a mixture of teams attending and a social afterwards.
- d. Matches for the Summer League are progressing well.

### **13. AOB**

- a. Cricket club usage of the bar while their clubhouse is under construction.
  - i. We agreed that in principle we'll try and help them.
  - ii. Mel to follow up with them on this and provide them with a reminder of the cricket ball issue at same time in case anything can be done by them.

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- iii. However, it is next May before it is an issue so there is no rush.
- iv. Agreed that we will put off further discussion until we have more information.
- b. No news from Gianluca on whether he can support evening coaching for the teams. Mel will follow up with him now he is back.
- c. Table tennis ladder up and running from 3rd Sept - 12th Dec.
  - i. Currently 8 members are participating in ping pong.
- d. Commented that there are a few obviously out of date things on the club website that could do with updating.
  - i. Callum to review and attempt to update these before the next meeting.
  - ii. Mel to review once done and share any other updates needed.
- e. Agreed to move maintenance day from Saturday 14th September given limited response and the fact that Mel is no longer available.
  - i. We will look to reschedule a time before the annual dinner.
- f. Noted that a very good job had been done with the court maintenance. Thanks to all those involved with organising!
- g. Peter's leaving gathering.
  - i. Agreed to organise something the evening of Thursday 26th September.
  - ii. Adam will ask Helen and Lena to organise a card and a gift.

### **14. DONM**

- a. Next meeting will be held on Monday 7th October at 7pm in the clubhouse.

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