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

(Held in the Clubhouse)

Meeting started at 18:49.

1. **Attendance:** Ollie, Chris, Callum, Adam and Helen
2. **Apologies:** Mel, Laurent and Rebecca
3. **Minutes of previous committee meeting (07.x.24)**
  - a. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
4. **Matters arising from previous committee meeting (7.x.24)**
  - a. Disabled toilet and lights on Court 3 now fixed.
  - b. For the latest status of open items please see the [Open Maintenance Items](#) spreadsheet.
5. **Perennials**
  - a. Site inspection
    - i. Completed and everything is looking fine.

#### 6. Finances (CS)

Balance 5 November 2024: Old current account	£958
Balance 5 November 2024: New current account	£584
Balance 5 November 2024: Savings account	£94,264
<b>Balance total 5 November 2024</b>	<b>£95,806</b>
Balance at last committee meeting (6 October 2024)	<b>£98,837</b>
Balance one year ago	<b>£80,364</b>

Notable transactions since last committee meeting:

#### **Outflows (total £3,710)**

- Quarterly rent £869
- TV Licence £170
- Drains clearance (#1) £150
- Toilet parts £45
- Balls £840
- Court 3 floodlight work £1,636

#### **Inflows**

- Annual dinner payments £960

#### **Commentary**

A fairly damaging month for the bank account. The court 3 floodlight work was unplanned, but will hopefully eliminate the need for any more maintenance on them for a good number of years. With large but occasional payments (balls, rent) falling in the month, the balance fell by over £3,000, and

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even that is flattered because it includes nearly £1,000 of annual dinner payments that will go back out on catering/DJ etc. The ongoing toilet issues are also mounting up cost-wise, along with tree surgery etc.

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

- a. Still getting a steady stream of enquiries and the waiting list is healthy.
- b. People on the waiting list are still keen and reaching out for updates.
- c. Not too many enquiries from existing members.

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

- a. Oven cleaning
  - i. Agreed to give this a go as part of maintenance day.
  - ii. Helen will organize bringing cleaning materials for that.
- b. Plumbing issues
  - i. The drains are going to be cleared tomorrow morning for the third time in 6 weeks which suggests a bigger problem and they can be cleared again before the annual dinner so that we can be confident that they will operate for that evening.
  - ii. Thanks go to Malcolm who has spent a significant amount of his time fixing these problems.
- c. Heating
  - i. Established that the thermostat doesn't work so bought another one and until it is installed the heating will work if the thermostat on the boiler itself is turned up or down.
  - ii. Agreed to leave the boiler on a constant low temperature in the meantime.
- d. Fernando is going to fit strip lights below the bar before the annual dinner. This explains the mysterious package in the clubhouse.

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

- a. Tree surgeon
  - i. Mel sorry to report that she has been badly let down by 2 tree surgeons with updates below:
    1. The first never arrived to give the quote and I got the name of a local guy from a contact and he has had a bereavement but after asking for 250 deposit has stopped answering my messages. I have now (as of 5 Nov) told him we are going elsewhere but not had a response yet.
    2. The allotments have got someone to remove an ash tree from their side so I am hoping to piggyback on that work and get their guy to do our tree as well.
    3. Apologies this has taken ages and has not been very efficient. I am very disappointed we cannot clear the path and the tree is urgent as it is threatening the lights!
  - ii. Chris to have a chat to Mel about the tree surgeon and deposit. Possibly will get Reg on this.

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

- a. Golf weekend tick. Low turnout but a fun weekend. Reach out to Adam for the stories.
- b. Annual dinner tasting completed and we have a menu for this.
  - i. 48 definites and 4 maybes signed up for this.

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- ii. Adam to send a list through of who is coming and who has been contacted so the rest of the committee can follow up with people.
- iii. Final numbers by 16th November.
- c. Annual dinner in November with a Poker Night also.
- d. Film Night on the 6th December to be run by Ellen.
- e. Christmas Clubplay on the 19th December.
- f. In January, American Tournament scheduled for New Years Day, a day at the races being organized at Sandown as well as Burns Night on the 25th January.
- g. Trying to organize the social calendar for next year. Adam to chase Laurent / Rebecca about dates. Hope that they are pretty radical in their proposal. Callum to get them to bring their proposal to the December meeting.
- h. 19 people down for Romanian Camber kitchen. Great food that could have fed an army. Thanks to Will and Iona for organizing!
- i. French Camber kitchen incoming...

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

- a. There is a lot of mold on the walls in the cold room. This will be dealt with on maintenance day - best treated with white vinegar and left for an hour. Filter in the cold room also needs looking at.
- b. Adrian's private party in October went well- thanks to Mel and Stephen for covering the bar. Takings were around £550.
  - i. Reconfirmed that for all private hires people should not be allowed to bring their own alcohol unless by agreement and we should look to include corkage fee if so.
- c. Reminder to members who order a glass of wine, to use the wine stopper and vacuum afterwards to remove the air. This will preserve the wine for up to 5-7 days. Ideally write on the bottle the date the wine was opened (this may be unrealistic).
  - i. Helen to keep reminding people.

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

- a. **Box League** just ended with George Sin winning Box 1. The new Box League is already out.
  - i. Is it possible to include info for the next newsletter as a reminder that anyone who would like to join the Box League can do so by contacting (asap) George Sin?
    - 1. Callum to let Mel know to do this.
- b. **Surrey Winter League** is under way:
  - i. Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> started with a 3-1 win.
  - ii. Overall there is a **Men's Players' availability issue** which has been raised by our 1<sup>st</sup> team Captain. After looking into other teams' (2nd, 3rd, and 4th) players with their Captains, every team relies on the same 4 or 5 players. This does not leave much room for moving players around- though we can use the 'play-up' rule creatively. This is not new and Captains have been managing. Some would say that it makes the team stronger with players used to playing together.
  - iii. However, this is highlighting that there is a very low % of members playing Team tennis. It could be for many reasons (demographic, prefer singles' game, etc...). But we could again communicate about this being available to all (subject to trial).
    - 1. Mel to also include this in the newsletter.

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- c. **Trophies' engraving** is on schedule. Laurent came Sunday and Tuesday to label and to pack. Pick up happened this morning (Thanks Mel for supervising). 5 x new Trophy ordered for Plate Tournament Winners.

### **13. AOB**

- a. Maintenance day
  - i. Fixed for the morning of the 16th November - only a week before the annual dinner but the only date without matches. So far only four people have said they are coming apart from the committee (I know not everyone available) but I hope some will turn up anyway. I have a list of jobs and Helen has kindly offered to buy the pizzas for lunch which can be frozen and kept if they don't get eaten. I think we cater for 15 and hope for the best. I shall bring a cake down as I have to leave at 12.
  - ii. The jobs that don't get done on that day Mel can do in the week before the dinner. Mel can be there for the set up whenever that takes place.
  - iii. The list of jobs can be added to on the day if I have forgotten anything. I can send out the list in advance if people are interested and want to add things.
  - iv. Callum to send more jobs that need doing for Mel to add to her list.
- b. Club bookings:
  - i. We have had one enquiry from an external person who wants a party on a Saturday in the summer - I have sent the up to date Ts and Cs and offered to take her round the estate...she wants BBQ and caterers so it could be big.
  - ii. A member has booked his wedding party at the club for a date in July - a Saturday which he wants to start around 4 pm which i thought would be OK as matches should be done by then and date to be confirmed around availability.
- c. Newsletter:
  - i. Mel will get this out before the annual dinner if it helps for getting last minute numbers but assume it has to be before the 16th so we can confirm numbers for caterers?
    - 1. No hurry. As per the above we will reach out to members individually on this.
  - ii. If anyone has photos of the Camber Kitchen can they send them to Mel so she can include them and any other info that can go in - I have the golf report and the social dates for December. Some juicy tale of tennis gossip would be good - otherwise I may have to make something up. But any news is good before the Xmas edition in December.
    - 1. Adam to send photos over.
- d. Venue registration
  - i. Mel is sorting this out.

### **14. DONM**

- a. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December at the Hermits Cave in Camberwell at 7pm.