

## Elmwood LTC Committee Meeting Minutes

Date 11<sup>th</sup> July

Present: LB, RW, DH, JS, DP, DL, MB, WG, WJ

Apologies: FS, MM, DF, CG, RO, HK, TP

	ITEM	ACTION
1	<b>Previous minutes previously circulated were approved.</b>	
2	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <p>Umpire chairs – all agreed it would be good to take up offer from SHTC via DP to purchase their old umpire chair for £40 once approved by treasurer. The chair was used on VETS finals day.</p> <p>It can be stored in the storeroom.</p> <p>Vets and Junior Honours Board: to be followed up with member MT who made the current junior ones.</p>	HK/DP
3	<p><b>Safeguarding:</b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p> <p>Will continue to review policies and documentation.</p> <p>Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.</p> <p>Coaches / committee/ all of us please continue to remind all parents that children should not be in the clubhouse without an adult.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>ALL</p>
4	<p><b>Coaches Reports:</b></p> <p><b>FS</b> - all groups continue to be well attended. Club tournament is running well.</p> <p><b>DP</b> - Fantastic day for our very first Vets Tournament Finals day Definitely an event to do annually Next year entry age will be same for men and women.</p> <p><b>Winners:</b> Ladies doubles Clare Beavan &amp; Lisa Godwin Men singles Piotr Poloniecki Mixed Doubles Lisa Godwin &amp; Hak Khalil Men's doubles Bryce Rome &amp; Peter Simkins (winners) Ladies' singles Clare Beavan</p> <p><b>Parents and child tournament held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b> Great fun day full of happy faces. Teams, summer season just ended. U8 Elmwood won the division U9 Elmwood finished 4th</p> <p><b>Road to Wimbledon county finals 15/16 July</b> All plans in place. Court booked, Tiane will run brunch as always on Saturday offering breakfast and coffee on Sunday. William opening the bar both days Will running a BBQ on Sunday from 12pm Expecting 45 county players boys and girl on Saturday between 9am and 7pm <b>Elmwood Junior Annual Championship</b> will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July U8 at 1pm U9 at 4pm U10 at 11am Club will show the Wimbledon Finals on the big screen too over the weekend.</p> <p><b>WJ</b> -</p>	

	<p>Junior programme coming to an end for the term. Has been a fantastic year and really enjoyed working alongside Daniele. Looking forward to the summer camps, which I will be involved with for some of the weeks.</p> <p><b>Club Tournament Update</b> The tournament is progressing well, with all first round matches now played.</p>	
5	<p><b>Clubhouse Updates</b> Clubhouse Redesign (DH, DL &amp; LB) Last update from DL following his conversation with the architects: Thomas to speak to Ana &amp; Sava now awaiting response. It is understanding Ana &amp; Sava will be on holiday from next week. I think in the meantime the designated project team can start work on drafting a brief for the new clubhouse so we are prepared for their return. Clubhouse refurb &amp; maintenance (DH &amp; LB) Awaiting response from the donor and other interested parties on removal of the old chairs. All benches have now been covered RW. All thanked Rosette for doing this and agreed a great improvement. Rosette kindly offered to try to cover the old chairs too.</p>	<p>DL</p> <p>RW</p>
6	<p><b><u>Committee reports</u></b> <b>Secretary:</b> Nothing to add this month. No further contact from Mast developers. <b>Men's captain</b> Next meeting <b>WOMEN'S CAPTAIN</b> Team 1 - halfway through the season with 3 losses and 1 one win currently sitting at the bottom of North West division 2. Next match is tomorrow. Two remaining matches to close the season at the end of July. Team 2 - currently sitting in the middle of the division 6 North east. With 2 losses and 2 wins and one draw so far. Two more matches to be played to finish the season <b>Mixed &amp; Vets Captain</b> Vets team 1 - currently sitting in 6th position out of 7 in Division 1 East. 3 more matches are to be played to finish the season. Vets team 2 - no matches have been played as yet. Ravens have withdrawn their team so there are only 7 teams left in the division 2 East. It has to be noted that this season has been a lot more difficult to find players to commit to matches and to find courts due to the extra matches and teams playing. Report received from Niall O'Sullivan re the new leagues entered this year: <b><u>Men's Middlesex County League (Division 7)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matches Played:</b> 5 - of which 3 were at home (played at 3pm on a Sunday) with 1 away tie remaining on July 30</li> <li>• <b>Matches Won:</b> 5 - we have won all of the matches convincingly, winning 50 of the 60 rubbers played so far</li> <li>• <b>Summary:</b> Having had a lot of success in this league (having been entered in the bottom league as new entrants) and strong interest from players, we hope to be able to continue fielding a team this winter and in 2024 - we have already consulted Sangeeta from Middlesex about promoting our team up 2 or 3 levels to place in an appropriately competitive league.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Mixed Middlesex County League (Division 1)</u></b></p>	

- **Matches Played:** 2 - of which both were at home (played at 4pm on a Saturday) and none remaining as the team we were due to play away withdrew
- **Matches Won:** 0 - we faced very strong competition in both of these games, winning 2 of the 12 rubbers played across the 2 matches
- **Summary:** We had a tough time in this league as there is only 1 division in all of Middlesex with very strong teams. Sangeeta from Middlesex confirmed that there is a lack of interest from clubs in the mixed format vs mens or womens (e.g. there are c. 40 mens teams registered over 7 divisions for the mens County League vs 3 in the entire country for the mixed County League) and that she plans to tweak the format for 2024 to make the mixed competition more attractive. We had plenty of interest from players and had no issue making up the teams and have enjoyed the competition despite the results not going our way, but I would say our desire to continue participating given this requires court time on a Saturday would be dependent on the format tweaks getting more interest from other clubs to have more matches and to make it possible to find the right level for our team

Captains to review and work together re winter league teams and courts required, particularly over weekends, for both Junior and Adult tournaments will be assessed to make sure weekend access for all members is fair.

**Membership:**

Membership (RO & WG)

Membership is now stable for the rest of the year with the exception of the odd cadet joining coaching.

The situation as of 9-July-23 is:

	2023/24	2022/23	
Family	69	69	
Couple	33	30	10.0%
Adult	133	130	2.3%
Concession/Country	47	41	14.6
Adult OP	44	43	2.3%
Family OP	31	25	24.0%
Junior	43	52	-17.3%
Cadet	86	87	-1.1%
Coaching	6	14	-57.1%
Honorary	11	10	10.0%
Leisure	7	9	-22.2
No Playing (Adults not OP)	392	379	3.4%
No Playing (OP Adults)	106	92	15.2%
Total Members	791	787	1.1%
Donations	£1,675	£660	
Total Income	£94,988	£85,617	11.2%
Transaction fees	£1,430	£1,149	
Total Membership Income	£91,883	£82,920	11.1%

The Waiting List currently stands at 315 (448 Adults) and 12 (20 adults) have

**Team Captains**

joined since 12-June.

**TREASURER**

Nothing of financial significance to report. Bar is open Saturday and Sunday at cost to the club (bar staff costs) for the benefit of the members. we need to encourage more usage, Fridays subsidise the weekend costs. We do need to improve the communication to non-members regarding Friday socials and acceptable standards of behaviour we cannot expect them to know our expectations if no one has told them. A little handout will be drafted to give to parents/ attendees by the gate warden.

**SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Ollie's Kids Summer Camp will go ahead with support from coach Will as needed.

All Friday social events have been going very well with the help of some committee members and volunteers.

We have encountered a few issues with children near the court area but with time we hope to iron this out

We now have a designated junior in place to register everyone attending these events at the gate.

Saturday Brunches going well but would benefit with more members & guests attending.

We have organized a quiz night at Elmwood clubhouse to be hosted by Richard Foster & Simon London on Sunday 06/08/23 at 7.30pm A Quiz flyer will be sent out to all the members nearer time and also to the regular mail list of the quiz masters.

Following persons have kindly made donations for Friday night events - Cameron £75 his second sourdough event and Richard Jolley made a contribution of £50 from his pizza night event. Some discussion took place re the financial contribution to the club of those who have access to selling food to members and the community on Friday in the grounds of club. This will be reviewed. We all now know that the provision of BBQs/ Pizzas etc. has proved to be amazingly popular with members and the community as well as worthwhile for the providers as they have been very well promoted. All avenues of income are important for the new clubhouse fund and there continues to be interest from members and non-members to offer Friday night outside catering for our community night.

**Bar Steward (HK & DH acting)**

With the bar managers now in place the Friday nights events are very successful and both Will & Lesley are working very well together. The bar income has also increased with the weekly events. The bar opening hours have suggested as: -

The bar will continue to be opening at the following times until further notice:

- **Friday's 4:30pm to 10:30pm**
- **Saturday's noon to 5pm**
- **Sunday's noon to 5pm**

Bar will also open on all Elmwood tennis events too

The bar opening hours are not set in stone and we are willing to adjust as per our members requests. Hak and Rocky continuing to help out with arranging stock.

**Grounds Liaison**

Trees at the back of courts 5&6 have had a trim, brambles cleared from court 6, and in the process of clearing the back of courts 1-3 of brambles & ivy.

Tree surgeon was booked for last Thursday; now coming Thursday 13th to finish work on the big oak, and other jobs that need doing. Lilac tree near the container needs some TLC.

LB/RW

	<p><b>Coach Liaison (LB)</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>CG</b> Getting advice on how to approach the D&amp;I child scholarship idea.</p> <p><b>SOCIAL MEDIA (DF)</b> Next meeting</p>	
7	<p><b>AOB</b> Rope swing on tree in need of repair – rope will be removed and risk assessed including the health of the tree. Clubhouse Hire as Office working space with access to wifi enquiry – next meeting. MB: store room is in real need of another clear out. MB &amp; RW will get together and recruit any help as needed. LB has shelving that can be donated. Clearer signage on toilets and a spring to keep doors closed. Improve signage on courts and bins Look into the cost of replacing the toilet roll dispenser with one that doesn't need a key to refill. Newman Catholic College will have little stall to collect food for their foodbank on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Communication will go out to members when Newman send flyer details. All present keen to support this.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next Meeting Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>DP/RW</b></p> <p><b>MB/RW</b></p> <p><b>LB/RW</b></p>