

Minutes of the Doncaster Lawn Tennis Club Committee

Monday 4th October, 2021– 6.30 pm

Present

Chair – Martin McCarthy (MM)

Sarah Maxfield (SM), Debbie Turner (DT) and Tracy Wyatt (TW).

Also in Attendance: Amanda Goldspink-Jones

1) Bonfire Night

The Committee had a discussion regarding the arrangements for Bonfire Night and what was still outstanding in terms of planning.

Tickets had been printed off and were on sale, and volunteers had been sought for helping to staff the event on the night. Arrangements were well in hand and most aspects were well under control.

AGJ reported that the amendment to the licence had been applied for and it was hoped that this would be approved in time for the night in which case, it would be possible to set up a bottle bar outside thus easing congestion and queuing inside the Clubhouse.

TW informed the Committee that it was her intention to put the cash in the safe overnight as the process for counting this at the end of the evening was timely and consuming and would be more appropriate to do it later as the machine used in the past was now outdated and inaccurate.

Cash Floats had been ordered and would be collected in advance. In terms of stalls, there would be food outlets, tombola, bottle bar and sweets etc ensuring that everyone was catered for.

It was anticipated that it would be well attended and as many volunteers as possible were needed to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the evening to alleviate any potential issues.

2) Treasurer – Vacant Position

TW reported that further to her decision to step down from the position of Treasurer, she had been in communication with the Club Accountants, Smith Craven, and in terms of the day-to-day issues, there was a lot they could take on to make the role more simplified. This obviously would come with a cost with a quote for the bookkeeping put forward at £35/hour. There had been discussion regarding the use of a new software programme that would save considerable time in the long term and would provide a link that they would access to simplify the work.

TW added that the till needed upgrading and this again would make some tasks less time consuming, and long term would be more cost effective. However, in terms of any of the HMRC aspects of the role, Smith Craven would not be able to take this on.

TW added that once a new Treasurer had been appointed however, she would be happy to provide any help, advice or guidance needed to get them fully up to speed.

3) Tennis Awards

A discussion took place surrounding the tennis awards, and the Committee were asked to give some consideration to any nominations they felt were pertinent. A suggestion was made in terms of a nomination for 'Young Person of the Year' as one of the younger junior members was known to have a very strong work ethic and commitment to the sport and it may be worth considering putting his name forward in acknowledgement of this.

4) Wheelchair Tennis

MM reported that the Yorkshire LTA had won an award for Wheelchair Tennis and had invited proposals from local clubs in the region to apply for this. MM added that the facilities at Doncaster were perfect due to the easy access and level facilities and would be worth applying. The LTA would have to come down and assess their application, but it was felt the Club would be in a good position to achieve and facilitate this offer.

5) Any Other Business

MM proposed that from the start of 2022, a diary be created for the tennis club which would outline all key dates for the coming year including: -

- Tournaments
- Club fixtures
- Holiday camps
- Coaching dates
- Social events

The provision of this would allow Members to have more awareness of what was going on in the Club and what they could get involved with. The Calendar would be a rolling programme and updated as/when required.

The Committee had a discussion in terms of inviting a Member to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee and the Senor Coaches, acting as a bridge between the two, and providing structure and direction to Toby and Jake where needed. The Committee AGREED that this would be a positive action, and that MH be invited to take on this role.