

**Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting
on Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**

Present: Angie Axe(AA), Jason Burgess(JB), Toni Butcher(TB), Keith Madeiros(KM), Ken wappat(KW), Shirley Short(SS).

1. Apologies - None

2. Minutes of the last meeting – Approved and accepted as correct.

3. Matters arising –JB welcomed KM's return as Social Secretary. Vicky Axe has been coopted as Membership Secretary and this will be formalised at AGM. He is hoping to recruit Ladies captain and Mens' captain.

4. Chairman's report -JB and the committee are very pleased that the Club Championship this summer has gone very well. He thanked AA on behalf of the committee and club for the hard work and organisation of the event. There was very good feedback from members and participants. AA and Vicky have managed to put photos and updated contents on to website. Previous years' has also been moved down the line.

Membership continues to rise and is the highest it has been for 6 years. Court utilisation is currently around 40%.

Thanks to Steve Mitchum who has agreed to look after the Club balls, we are now joining a recycling scheme. The recycling company will provide a bin for members and the Club to deposit used balls. After 250 balls are collected Steve will post them to the company and receive a payment on return.

We will also be putting a Yellow recycling bin to encourage members to deposit their plastic bottles and recycleable rubbish in the bin.

5. Membership update- AA sent a report from Vicky of the current membership statistics:

81 Adults	6 Coaching members	21 Debenture members
19 Juniors	48 Minis	24 Seniors
3 Students.		
9 Family Membership. (23 members - 11 Adults, 12 Juniors)		

In Total therefore. 137 Adults (Full + Family + Debenture +Senior)

6 Coaching only adults

31 Juniors

48 Minis

Membership fee will be reduced by 50% for those joining for a 6 month membership from 1st November 2021– 30th April 2022.

The LTA sent round a tennis advert featuring 'The Emma Raducanu Effect' which could be adapted to advertise your Club. Vicky has put this adapted advert on the Next Door app, Longthorpe Village Facebook page and Yaxley Facebook page. She hasn't the access to put in on the Longthorpe Tennis Club Facebook page but will do so when she finds the person who has access.

6. Treasurer's report – TB is currently compiling the annual club accounts in preparation for auditing and presentation at AGM. Community a/c=£1034.94, Rate Reward a/c= £54,137.92

7. Juniors/Welfare – AA reports that Junior and Mini membership continues to grow. George has new children attending each week, with the mini sessions being particularly popular. His

Wednesday mini orange group has now been split and a new additional session started last Monday at 4.00pm for the 7/8 year olds. 41 children are currently registered on the coaching programme.

All Junior Tournaments have been completed with the results on the web site. The U.14s and U.18s were run alongside the Main Club Knockout Tournament. I2c ran the younger age groups. We provided the trophies but it was hoped that, with an entrance fee, the tournament's would be able to take place and be self-funding. Unfortunately a £12.00 entrance by i2c only resulted in 2 entries. The tournaments therefore took place within the lessons and only involved children from the i2c coaching programme rather than all members. Next year it has been suggested that the Club pays i2c to run the Tournaments outside of the coaching sessions to give the opportunity of all members to compete.- The committee has agreed to fund this.

George Stockton will be running an American Doubles after noon during the Club session from 2.00 - 4.00 on Saturday 23rd October. Members will shortly receive an email about this new initiative.

AA mentioned the need for someone to submit our 2022 LTA application form. This should be done asap as it will enable us to check that all the relevant qualifications are met by the Welfare Officer. SS was asked to contact Mike Glover /Scott Murray regarding our registration renewal with the LTA.

8. League update – AA informed that Vicky has entered 2 teams for the Winter league. JB will approach team captains to volunteer for Ladies and Men's Club captainship.

9. Social Secretary- KM informed that he has negotiated with owner of Maharani to supply the curry for the AGM on 4th November and the Club Christmas dinner on 8th December.

10. Hall committee report -KW said that the Village Hall will hold its AGM this month. We await progress with defibrillator training. They have upgraded the playground to the delight of children and parents.

11. A.O.B

- **Agenda for AGM** will follow previous format. SS will be sending out invitations to the meeting and for submission of items by members to the agenda.

- **Recommendation for membership fees for 2022** to be reset to pre covid levels for AGM was proposed unilaterally by the committee. Unanimously agreed as follows :

Adults £160	Seniors £80	Coaching £60	Student £60
Junior £40,	Mini £15,	Family £280	

- **Singles ladder** -KW was approached by a junior member's parent regarding having a Singles Ladder which is run in some tennis clubs. The committee agreed that it was a good idea which should be put to members at AGM.

12. Date of next meeting : 18th November at 7pm in Clubhouse for LTA Safeguarding video.
AGM on 4th November at 7.00pm in the .Village Hall