

**Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting  
held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 6pm on Zoom**

**Present:** Toni Butcher(TB), Angie Axe(AA), Vicky Axe(VA), Jason Burgess(JB), Keith Madeiros(KM), Ken Wappat(KW), Shirley Short(SS)

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Accepted as correct
3. **Matters arising** – JB has spoken to Sally Leeds regarding the setting up and administration of the ballot for the ‘predominantly white clothing.’ She will be using Survey Monkey to enable this process. She will ensure that all paid up members registered on ClubSpark who are eligible to vote, will be contacted and invited to vote. The committee will agree wording of the voting form as well as the list of members to ensure that the voting list is correct. A moratorium of 5 years will be instituted before the next ballot. KM suggested that we should set out an agreed margin of say 10% to decide the winner, so as to avoid the problems of the last ballot. Several members agreed with this but JB was against it because he believes that there are enough safeguards to ensure those discrepancies won’t reoccur. **It was therefore agreed that a simple majority, as per the last ballot would suffice.**  
A Letter /email about ballot to members to be sent on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Ballot closes on 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm  
With regards the ‘introduction letter to new members’, SS informed that the information on the LLTC website did not mention Ladies Session, Club opening and closing times, and that light tokens are now accessible from AA not Liz Norfolk. JB accepts that some updating of information is required and he will look into it. AA added that the court priority for juniors from 4-6pm should now be taken off as it no longer applies.
4. **Chairman’s report** -JB was very pleased with the successful Christmas curry night which was well attended. The Christmas Raffle Draw club session was also well attended and enjoyed by members. He was pleased that in general, court use was good and club sessions are well attended
5. **Treasurer’s report** – TB reported that she transferred £10,000 to the community fund as requested and it now stands at £9841.58. The rate reward account is £44,666.11. She has paid Paolo, but court repair has yet to be paid. KW has sourced 10 keys for £40 . AA has ordered 12 dozen balls for Steve Mitcham
6. **Membership update** – VA reported that there has been 5 winter membership so far- 3 adults, 2 Juniors, 1 student.
7. **Juniors/Welfare** -AA said that George was doing a good job with his sessions but as he only works on Wednesday and Saturday at LLTC, he is unable to do more . The Christmas Session that she planned to have could not be done as there was no time available.AA thought that Anita may have employed a new coach who might help with the juniors at 4pm session. JB suggested that parents should contact i2c themselves to secure coaching. AA to speak to Anita as well write to parents re-coaching
8. **Social secretary’s report**- KM was very pleased with the turn out for both the Christmas Curry night and the Raffle. We made £180 after deductions for wrapping prizes and food and drinks. LLTC Club embossed white clothes have been sold at a knocked down price of £5. Covid restrictions has made social events difficult to organise as indoor gatherings will be a problem. He is hoping to draft a programme to be sent out to the committee in the near future. VA asked if we should book courts for Bank holidays. JB said we should book for 3 days only. VA is happy to book the courts.
9. **Hall committee report** – KW informed that Village Hall booking is fast filling up because the church is undergoing refurbishment and are using the Hall for their services during the weekend.
10. **A.O.B**  
- Leaf dragger update – KW -This has been ordered. Expecting arrival in about a month’s time.

- Key pad lock update – KW said that we are investigating fitting a keypad lock to the patio gate, but as it is a fire exit, it may not be possible.
- Court lights charge review -KW noted that there is a 76% increase in electricity cost from 30.11.21. The cost for the tokens will remain the same, however. He urge people to not waste electricity.
- Saturday Coaching by George Stockford will be trialed from Saturday 15th January (12-1700 hrs) to Easter. This will allow members to book coaching lesson with George.
- AA has removed the redundant, broken hopper and will take it to the tip.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022