

**Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting  
on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 6.30pm at the Clubhouse.**

**Present:** Ken Wappat(KW), Keith Madeiros(KM), Jason Burgess(JB), Shirley short(SS), Angie Axe(AA), Toni Butcher(TB), Victoria Axe(VA), Ruth Swann(RS)

1. **Apologies** -None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** -Accepted as correct and signed off
3. **Matters arising** – JB – The committee met with Sally Leeds on 22<sup>nd</sup> February for the presentation of the result of white clothing ballot. We were informed that 113 people participated in the ballot. The vote in favour of the predominantly white clothing was 58 (51%), the vote for change to coloured clothing was 55 (49%). Therefore, the predominantly white clothing rule remains unchanged.  
-Due to the uncertainty of where the introductory letter to new members was located, it was decided to check with Clare Major as she initiated the process, as well as Sally Leeds our website administrator.. This was to ensure that the information in the document is up to date.
4. **Chairman's report** -JB remarked that the result of the ballot on the predominantly white clothing was accepted by members without dissent. He informed the committee that he and AA had met with Anita Duff who formally introduce Becky Webb as the new i2c manager for our club. Becky is in charge of Longthorpe and 3 other local clubs and liaises with Anita who is in charge of several Tennis Centres. George Stockford will be the head coach for LLTC who will plan a programme of coaching activities.  
The i2c contract which began in January 2019 to last for 3 years is up for renewal now. The committee has unanimously agreed a further 3 year contract. JB will inform i2c and await contract and confirmation.
5. **Treasurer's report** – TB informed that after recent payments were settled, the current a/c = £7945.52 , and the savings a/c = £44828.13
6. **Membership update** – The committee agreed that notice for membership renewal should begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 via email to members, use of social media and communication strategy which includes information on Longthorpe Village facebook and the Nextdoor App by VA, contacting parents of juniors and minis, as well as debenture members whose membership ends this year and therefore need to rejoin as a regular member. She also suggest we or i2c contact local schools to publise the upcoming activities and events to encourage people to join our club. She is also hoping to contact ex-members to rejoin the club.  
RS will ask Alan Swann to write an article in the local paper to highlight our Open day in the Summer, and to welcome the public .
7. **Juniors/Welfare** – AA  
  
The Club is hoping to run internal competitions for all age groups this year, as well as entering the 'Road to Wimbledon'. Becky Webb is going to ask George if he can expand his hours to include Monday evenings and to put on extra events for our Juniors eg Inter- Club matches and family orientated activities, with the additional hope of getting parents more involved.  
  
-AA raised a welfare issue that arose in the recent past of unprofessional and derogatory remarks made by certain members of the club towards others. The committee would like to remind members that there is a zero tolerance policy for such aggressive behaviour. In future, the

perpetrator will be given a written warning in the first instance. Should the person fail to comply, they will be asked to leave the club.

8. **Social Secretary's report** – KM has organised an Easter event on 18<sup>th</sup> April and will be circulating the information to members
9. **Hall committee report** – KW – Recycling bin has been installed round the side of the village Hall which is accessible by using the code for the pad lock (1066) The Village Hall is very happy with the bin.
10. **A.O.B**
  - Singles Ladder is being organised by VA and RS. A format has been agreed and will be up and running soon.
  - H&P Leagues club captains are organising their team captains who will recruit their teams. RS informed that we appear to be included for the Don Brace championship even though she had informed them that we were not doing so. It is thought this may be due to the fees we paid last year during the pandemic ? RS to clarify this with Geoff Smith. She will also inform him of a few clashes of dates and seek to change those.

11. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at the Club House

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