

**Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting
on Monday 5th September 2022, 7.00pm at the Clubhouse.**

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

1. **Apologies** -None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**- Accepted as correct and signed off by JB
3. **Matters arising** – JB – Contract signed by I2C to be handed over to AA when she meets up with Becky Webb on 9/9/22. Kevin Tighe's accreditation confirmed.
4. **Chairman's report** -JB noted that the leagues have now finished although club championship still going well. He informed that Stamford tennis club has been given notice to move their courts by spring 2024. This may impact on the league and membership of tennis clubs in around their vicinity.
It has been agreed that our AGM will be held on 27th October 2022. We need to consider succession planning and encouraging members to come forward to help in the running of the club. We welcome fresh ideas and innovation and invite anyone interested to be involved to come forward. Please speak to any of the committee members who will be very please to hear from you.
5. **Treasurer's report** – TB Reported that the savings a/c =£60,884.82, and the community a/c=3860.65. In view of our positive financial status, it was agreed that a recommendation be made at the AGM that next year's MEMBERSHIP FEES REMAINS UNCHANGED. However, Family membership from last year's oversight will revert back to £320 (from £280)
6. **Membership update** – VA informed that some members have been having problems with logging onto ClubSpark, especially with regards registration. JB suggested that we hold a day/days at the clubhouse in April to provide help for members who have difficulties.
Current membership is as follows: Adults 82, seniors 29, juniors 32, minis 30. Total Peg number=111 ; juniors (including minis)= 62. There has been many enquiries but not many result in new membership.
- VA is disappointed that I2C had not provided sufficient holiday camp this year resulting in the drop of junior members. She and AA are meeting Becky Webb to discuss where we are regarding the provision of coaches for our club. We are aware that they are having difficulty recruiting but concerned by the impact of unfulfilled contract obligations on membership.
- Ladies Box league is doing well so far but currently there Men's group are yet to start. A suggestion was made to invite members of other clubs to an open day or social tennis at our club to create interest and recruit members.
7. **Juniors/Welfare** – AA informed that Club championships are going well. She asked if we should continue to hand out plate awards as we have been doing in the past. This was agreed by all.

8. Social Secretary's report – KM reported that Pizza night was well attended and enjoyed by members, making a profit of £16.69. The Monday Bank holiday Pimms session was brilliantly attended and made a profit of £14.34. There will be a Championship Finals & Awards celebration on Sunday 18th September. Apologies for the cancellation of the Sue Ryder Charity championship due to lack of participants. Those members who require refunds please contact Keith. There will be a Quiz night next year and curry at the AGM. There are still a few ladies' tops with LLTC crest for £5 available. A bargain! Please contact Keith if you would like to buy one.

9. Leagues and championships -RS reported that it has been a difficult season.

Mixed teams- After a two seasons break, A team struggled at top level with some top players not available/ or wishing to play at home only. Won 1 match against Stamford C, finishing 7/8. Thanks to Lesley Luton for organising teams in difficult circumstances.

Team B also likely to be relegated to 7/8 in Division 2 with 3 points. Likely to change places with team C who had a successful season- 2nd in division 3. Team D remain in Division 5.

Ladies- Again a frustrating season finishing bottom of Div 1 on sets difference. Haven't got the strength in depth at this level. Probably better to drop down a division where we will meet the B team! Congratulations to Vicky and players for an excellent result winning Div 3, dropping only 1 point. C & D teams remain mid-table in a very credible position.

Men's A&B have done extremely well to retain their places in Div 2 after injury and unavailability decimated the A squad. Well done to Martin & Co.! Team C need a draw to ensure Div 3 place. Team D finished 4th with 8 points. The committee wishes to thank all the team captains for their hard work and dedication for the club and team members for their participation.

10. Hall committee report – KW announced that defibrillator training is being organised by the Village hall. An invitation will be sent out to all members who wish to volunteer to be trained.

11. A.O.B

- Newsletter? Ray McDonnell suggested we may like to start one. The committee feels that although it is an interesting idea, it will require a lot of dedicated work and time that we are not able to undertake. We have the various WhatsApp groups, minutes of committee meetings, emails to inform members, posters, Facebook and other communication platforms to inform and communicate with members and the public at the moment.

- Patio security is now in place and is working well. Code is **1065** for the lock on the front gate.-KW

- Water cooler. VA is looking into company which makes it to find out if anything needs servicing or cleaning.

- LTA Venue Registration – due for renewal in the near future. AA needs re-registering as Safeguarding Officer.

Date of next meeting: AGM on 27th October at 7.00pm at Village Hall