

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2023, 7.00pm at the Clubhouse

Present: Angie Axe(AA), Vicky Axe(VA), Jason Burgess(JB), Toni Butcher(TB), Alison Hurford(AH), Shirley Short(SS), Ken Wappat(KW).

1. **Apologies** – Keith Madeiros(KM), Ruth Swann(RS).
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** were accepted as corrected and signed off by JB.
3. **Matters arising not included in the agenda** – KW confirmed that the water cooler installation leak has been sorted.
 - Changing the court codes have been completed successfully.
 - We now have adequate number of racquets for juniors, however we could do with some adult ones for people who would like to have a try at playing tennis before joining. It was decided we should ask for members to donate racquets that they are no longer using. So, if anyone has a spare racquet that they no longer use, we would be grateful to take it off your hands.
4. **Chairman's report** -JB informed that the Men's teams are struggling to find enough players to play in the teams, partly due to holidays and injuries. He suggested that next year, we review the process for the designation of players for each team with the captains. How can we improve the planning for next year? Are there players who would like to play in matches but are not being given an opportunity?
It was decided that we stick to the same brand of tennis balls which are reasonably priced. Steve Mitcham is happy to allocate them for match use.

Paul Stevenette raised a comment to the committee that some members had not received the minutes of the last LLTC committee meeting held on 16th May 2023. JB has forwarded him a copy and SS has checked that everyone was on the mailing list. There is also a copy on the website and a paper copy on the notice board in the clubhouse should anyone wish to access them.
5. **Treasurer's report** – TB reported that the Community A/c = £1436.19 and the Business Premium a/c =73,358.37. All bills have been settled. Awaiting LTA registration and Paolo's invoice.
6. **Membership update** – VA reported that our membership consists of Adults=80, Seniors=30, Juniors=30, Minis=26. There remains the problem of not all the minis being registered members of the club. VA will be contacting Becky from NowTennis (previously I2C) to resolve this discrepancy.
7. **Juniors/Welfare** – AA informed that sadly, NowTennis were unable to put on any summer camps during the first two weeks of the private schools' holidays. In the

past, we have gained many mini members from this sector after the summer camps.

Club Championships are progressing well. Congratulations to Vicky, Hannah, Ben and JP for being finalists in the 'Road to Wimbledon' competition. Well done to them as well as others who took part.

8. **Update on leagues-** RS sent her report as follows:

Ladies A are currently top of div 2. Ladies B and C need a few more points to remain safe from relegation; D team is doing well.

Ladies have been fortunate to have generally good availability and fitness, unlike the men whose A and B teams have especially suffered from injury and limited availability. However so far they have managed to complete all fixtures. C and D teams have fared better and are currently 2nd in their respective divisions.

My thanks to Vicky for following up on the proposed sign which looks very promising.

9. **Social Secretary's report** – KM- Pizza Night on the 25th July 2023. All welcome.

10. **Media & Communications report** – AH to remind players to pay for entering the Club Championship. She has been informing and updating on the H&P games, team results on Face book, Instagram and WhatsApp. She has plans for a Fun Tournament in October

11. **Hall committee report** – KW reported that the Village Hall will be doing PAT test on all our electrical appliances in the near future as part of their maintenance of the building.

12. **A.O.B**

- **Review on Lights study on courts 1&2**-In the spirit of working together with the Hall Committee & residents association, we agreed to prepare a document to capture the summary of our light investigation, review current light/court usage and future club needs. The purpose of this document being a concise way to articulate the results of the light investigation before any further steps are taken by the tennis club. This will be sent to Michael Taylor and a meeting arranged to discuss.

- **Ball machine** -It was reiterated that the machine and the court should both be booked to enable tracking of users. VA suggested investing in a ball picker upper to make collecting up balls easier. This was unanimously agreed.

- **WhatsApp Group cleanse** -VA to delete people who are no longer members or anyone who wishes to leave the group or add anyone who wish to be included.

- **LLTC road sign**- It was agreed that this was to be carried forward in conjunction with the Bowls club. This will split the cost of the installation of the sign.

- The committee also agreed to pay £40/year for placing notices at the Post Office

13. **Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 18th October 7pm Clubhouse, AGM
Thursday 9th November 7pm