

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Committee Meeting Monday 22nd June 2020, 7.00 pm via Zoom

Present: Jason Burgess (JB) Angie Axe (AA) Toni Butcher (TB) Jean-Pierre Lamy (JPL) Ken Wappat (KW) Shirley Short (SS) Clare Major (CM) Mike Glover (MG) Keith Madeiros (KM)

1. Apologies -None

2. Minutes of the last meeting- Signed off and accepted as correct by JB

3. Matters arising – Website proposal -JB introduced Sally Leeds who had been approached to help us improve our website . She has had previous experience in revamping Castor and Ailsworth website in relation to incorporating Clubspark into their administration process. She advised that having looked at our site , we should merge our current website, administration hub together with Clubspark so that we consolidate the functionalities and simplify access to one site which will improve our administrative processes, communications to members and the public. We should retain our visibility and exposure on the internet via one site as oppose to the several different sites on which we are currently listed on Google. We should reconsider our choice and use of social media paltforms. We are currently unable to automate a ‘Welcome package’ on Clubspark. We will need to redirect access from Chris Holme to Clubspark. JB will explore how this can be achieved with Chris and Jim Daintith. KW wanted to know the cost and timeline . Sally will be charging at her charity rate. She would like to have one person with decision making status to be appointed as her point of contact.

JB would like to have the ‘Gallery’ updated with action shots and suggested we engage a photographer to do this.

4. Chairman’s report -JB is very pleased with the progress we have made in responding to the changes before and during lockdown as well as the roll out of Clubspark. Members have been using the booking system and enjoying playing in the lovely weather.

With regards club sessions, it was decided that we should await government advice as well as the decision of the Village hall regarding the opening of toilets- they require strict cleaning regime.

It was proposed that for a trial period, club sessions for Saturday and Sunday will have 2 courts open from 2-4 pm, and 2 courts open from 2-5 pm. Members can book the courts after club sessions are over. **Weekday Club sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6-8 pm remain unchanged.**

5. Treasurer’s report – Stripe account breakdown -TB reported that the Community account stands at £5113 and Reward account is £42,328.29. She informed that although membership payments are coming in, she has no information as to who has paid. To date, there are adults=63, coaching=2, debenture =20, family=5 (14), juniors=9, mini=12, senior=20, student=6. She needs to get into the Stripe account but had been unable to access it. JB has volunteered to get her tuition from William Burgess who does the accounts for Castor and Ailsworth Tennis club and is knowledgeable of it. KW has had a look at the accounts and there appears to be approximately £3000 missing / unaccounted for. However, we are confident that we will reconcile the bank account and the memberships payment records which we believe is to do with the timing of the Direct debit payments.

TB notified that we have had a reimbursement of £440 (due to covid) from the LTA for the registration fee.

6. Membership update -CM is similarly unhappy about the inability of Clubspark to inform who has paid and who hasn’t. Both she and TB will be getting training on Clubspark. She informed that

we have 28 new members. 22 have not rejoined for various reasons and she will be contacting them as further lifting of lockdown restrictions continues which may encourage these people back. 'Pegboard' members numbers 115. JB wondered if we could increase our total to 130. We have acted quickly and have probably attracted members due to problems at other clubs. There is a need to monitor court usage and figures with the increase of membership to ensure equity of usage and accessibility of courts.

7. Juniors/Welfare -AA No welfare issues.

Re Juniors. AA was disappointed that i2c had not reintroduced their coaching programme following the LTAs recommendations that coaching could resume with groups of 5 players per coach. Initially they suggested the 15th June but then have delayed it again.

Angie wrote a letter to all parents with contact details of Max and Phil enabling them to book private coaching. Last week, Angie emailed Max to suggest he started the cardio and she also set up a Mini tennis group with pupils from the Peterborough School. The first session was held at the Club last Friday.

Angie is now going to contact Phil to see if he is willing to resume his Wednesday evening group of Intermediate Juniors.

Both Max and Phil have been made Club Administrators so that they can ensure that all players that they coach are members.

8. Social events -KM informed that no social events are planned due to lockdown uncertainties. KW suggested we have a welcome day for new members when conditions allow.

9. League update-JPL informed that the league for men and ladies this year has been cancelled

10. Hall committee report -KW informed that the Village hall is not allowed to open as it is seen as a venue for social activities. However if Preschool group returns in September, then hall will open as they will get an income.

11. A.O.B

-Proposal from Luke Kennedy to work with his youth group has merit but it is not possible at the moment due to covid restrictions. Will revisit next year when conditions improve.

- Phil Watson email regarding feed back / consider timing of clothing ballot. The committee reiterates respect for the last ballot. Will revisit this at AGM in October.

12. Date of next meeting : Monday 24th August 2020 at 6pm