

Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Monday 28th September 2020, 7.00 pm via Zoom

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

1. **Apologies** : None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting**: Accepted and signed off as correct.
3. **Matters arising** – JB - none
4. **Chairman's report** -JB informed that the 'Welcome page' for new members joining the club will be automatically linked to their membership registration. This contains information about the club including rules and regulations, club sessions, court booking, predominantly white kit clothing, etc. It also means they can join instantly and play on the courts.
Court use has been about 40-45%, the championships are going well, as are the trial of new balls. We will be using and assessing one type of Babolat balls a week and a decision of which is the preferred type will then be made.
He informed that several weeks ago, a member of the club had contracted coronavirus but AA (our coronavirus contact officer) had investigated and dealt with it.
He also informed that he had written to 'PE3' magazine publicising LLTC in conjunction with the Bowls club and we are awaiting its publication.
5. **Treasurer's report** – TB is pleased that the accounts this year will be easier as Clubspark enables the itemisation of receipts from Stripe and GoCardless. Current account =£1968.88, Savings account=£48,484.63 as of 30th Sept. With court rejuvenation payment (circa £7000) not due until next year, our reserves are £5500 up on last year despite no fund raising and fees discount this year due to covid. We are creating a sink fund for replacing the carpets in the future which will cost circa£40,000
6. **Membership update**- CM reported that 2 seniors who were 'coaching members only' have now joined as full members, plus one new adult member and an ex-debenture member. CM has been approached regarding membership for learning disabled adults. She gave them Anita Duff's contact details so that Anita can inform what I2C facilities and support is available. CM noted that adherence to 'white kit' has not been complied with on several occasions. We would like to politely remind members to please comply with this.
CM and TB agreed to clarify the total membership numbers at the financial year end.
7. **Website/publicity** -MG – Nothing new to report at the moment as Clubspark is working well.
8. **Juniors/Welfare** -AA reported that juniors Friday class has been moved to Saturday by I2C because no coaches are available for the juniors at LLTC.

Juniors are also diverted to City when they get to a certain level. JB & AA to contact and discuss problem with Anita.

9. **Social events** -KM – No activities at present due to covid restrictions.

10. **League update**-JPL – Winter league updates- email sent by Kevin Shephard to say that he was awaiting new advice from LTA regarding running the league this season . There are 9 teams which will be divided in 2 groups. Martin Trayford will captain our team. Ahead of the H&P league season,JP recommended that we should communicate to all members.He suggested that we advertise need for involvement, encouraging members to join the teams not only as players but also for interest in being new team captains. (Addendum: Following discussion with Martyn, it was decided that we should withdraw from the league due to covid safety issues.)

11.**Hall committee report** -KW informed that the Village hall has been opened to for certain groups. They are having a QR code installed and are reviewing how to use it before rolling it out. They are also taking forward the defibrillator installation program.

12. **A.O.B**

- **Authorisation of Courts 1&2 rejuvenation contract** -KW informed that he had looked into alternative options for the work on the courts because of the rather high quote from Replay. He has consulted with a local company who does this type of work and they have assessed the courts and given a good quote which includes putting sand down and removal of the root on the last week of November.

- **AGM** – It was decided unanimously, that due to the current restrictions with covid, it would not be possible to hold an AGM.

- **Committee members** – JB informed that Scott Murray has agreed to take over as Membership secretary from CM. KM and MG are also standing down.We thanked them for their huge contribution and hard work. We will be looking for volunteers to fill these positions.(Please contact us if you are interested.)

- **Ray McDonnell/LLTC Charity fund raising for Thorpe Hall** – A letter will be sent out to all LLTC members to inform them of the Charity event and the opportunity to participate and support it.

- **Club finals weekend** -AA wondered if players should arrange their own games or hold them over the weekend of the 17/18th October. It was decided that it should be held over the weekend on courts 3&4 from 09.00-21.00, with court 1 used for warming up, court 2 for the juniors from 0900- 1200 on Saturday, then available for booking after 12noon.AA &JB to send out letter to members with the program of the weekend and adherence to covid rules.

- **Covid implications- LTA recommendations** – It was noted that members were congregating around the Peg board recently. Following discussions it was decided that we need to revisit our risk assessment with regard to social distancing. It was also noted that guest players were not always signed in which is a requirement for our insurance cover. KW will undertake the risk assessment and make recommendations.

13. **Date of next meeting**- January