

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

Thursday 31st October 2019 7.00pm at the Village Hall

Present:

RM Wilkinson	Clare Major CM)	Ken Wappat(KW)	Martin Trafford	Bob Green
Susie Riddington	Jason Burgess	Liz Sharman	Paulin Daintith	Gordon Porter
Mark Betambeau	Angie Axe(AA)	Lai Julian	Sue Sansom	Liz Norfolk
Margaret Wappat	Andy Clark	Ed Sharman	Helen Russell	Tim Palmer
Wendy Setchfield	David Owen	Doreen Crook	Ruth Swann	Toni
Butcher(TB)				
Sheila Coolbear	Ann Boulton	Sylvia Murray	Alison Hurford	JP Lamy(JPL)
Keith Madeiros(KM)	Julian Dowse	Jane Wheble	Lesley Luton	Miranda Dale
Jim Daintith(JD)	Shirley Short (SS)			

Apologies:

Gordon Ingle	Carole Ingle	Helen Glavina	Greg Stanisfield	Roger Cresswell
Helen Radford	Ray McDonnell	Ashley Martin	Gill Buxton	Michael Glover
Steve Short	Steve Davies	Alan Swann		

1. JD welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 18th October 2018 was accepted and signed off by JD

3. Matters arising not covered in Agenda – JD informed that the proposition for Padel tennis court was raised with the Village but this was turned down. It was also thought that there was not enough space available.

4. Chairman's Report – JD told members that the committee were pleased with the club extension which have created a comfortable space for members and fit for purpose. Replay Maintenance is happy with how we have maintained our courts although there is some wear in courts 1 & 2. Our finance is in good shape with no debt. Our membership is generally good although there is a reduction in juniors, for which we are looking at ways to address this, including working closely with i2c in putting on events to attract juniors and families, as well as AA working with local schools. 22 debentures will revert to paying the normal fee in 2022 which will add to the finances.

5. Treasurer's Report – TB circulated the LLTC accounts which shows the Community a/c = £9937.54, Savings a/c = £35,291.71. She thanked members for paying with BACS which makes accounting easier. The main expenses were for Longthorpe community, court maintenance and lighting. Despite some events not making money it has been a good year. It had been agreed that social events should be for enjoyment of members not just for money. She informed that membership fee will remain unchanged for the next year.

6. Membership Secretary's Report – CM said we have some concerns regarding the membership numbers this year and, although similar to last year, we are keen to 'grow'. We have introduced a Family Membership category towards this end and are pursuing other initiatives. Almost all Senior members successfully completed the online renewal form. However we continue to struggle with Junior/Mini membership completion. Despite efforts

by many, there seems to be confusion about completing membership forms including those signing up for coaching.

Following discussion and consultation we have decided to pursue the introduction of the ClubSpark system for the next year, commencing May 1 2020, for ALL membership applications/renewals. Hopefully this will streamline the process and enable her to easily interrogate our membership profile. She has spoken to membership secretaries already operating this system and understand that we may need to continue the relationship between the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary to connect the completion of the form with payment. She suggested that the Membership Secretary has 'view only' access to the LLTC Bank Account to help achieve this. She has contacted the LTA Rep for Cambridgeshire and has requested a meeting during the next month to hear more about how the system operates.

As i2c organise and deliver the coaching programmes, Anita Duff supports the move to enrolling with ClubSpark and believes it will streamline our processes to our mutual benefit. Current situation: 'Pegboard' Members = **106** (*106 in 2018/19, 2017-18 = 130*), Junior members =16 (2017-2018 =37). On Phil Watson's (i2c) advice we have given several other Juniors, Snr Junior status; now 9 in total. Mini Members= 24 (c27 2017-2018)

We are aware that our membership was affected by the developments at the Peterborough City Club. We require all youngsters to be members of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club and their memberships run from the date on which they join until April 30th of the membership year. In common with previous years the coaching sessions are organised on a 'block' basis and therefore there are children who join while others might not renew their sessions. As a result the total number of memberships will continue to be 'at odds' with the number of youngsters playing regularly.

7. Coaching– AA would like to acknowledge our thanks to i2c. All the coaches they have provided have been of a very high standard and their coaching sessions have been enjoyed by all. The cardio sessions on Fridays continue to be a success although more participants would be welcomed. Phil Watson delivered the team coaching and a successful 'coaching express' course on a Wednesday evening. This has provided us with several new adult members. He also has a class of 9 teenage players on Wednesday at 5.00pm, all of whom have reached a good standard and have recently been awarded senior/junior status which means that they are invited to play in all our club sessions and are eligible for our teams. 40 juniors and mini players are currently in the i2c coaching programme, with 20% of these playing at least twice a week. The mini tennis coaching sessions are well attended and the coaches have made it fun. In addition, i2c have run holiday camps in half-terms and main school holidays. Phil also ran our Club Junior Championship last Friday for U 16s and U 10s. Congratulations to Junior Boy champion Harry Clarke and Junior Girl champion Tando Mkwananzi

8. Juniors & Welfare Report: AA said that the committee take the welfare of juniors and seniors very seriously and follows all the LTA guidelines. We completed an annual risk

assessment and are compliant with LTA welfare and safe guarding standards. She is due to undertake another LTA course to ensure our compliance with LTA requirements.

9. Team Captain's Report – JPL reported that Winter Leagues won by Ed Sharman and Martin Trafford.

Hunts & Peterborough leagues:

Mixed: A team 4th in Div1 stays in Div1.

B team-7th staying in Div2

C team - 7th and going down to Div4. Not an easy season for Scott's 1st year in charge but can't thank him enough for his effort and good spirit. D team- finished 3rd Div5.

Ladies A team -5th, Div 1 great result.

B team - 6th which is great after last year's promotion

C team - Won the Div4 league, a massive congratulations to our new Captain Sylvia .

D team- finish mid table in Div4.

Men: A team - finished 6th, place safe in Div1 for next season.

B team - finished 3rd in Div 3, great start but disappointing finish.

C team - 6th in Div 3, stay in Div 3 for next season.

Don Brace Cup Tournament- We were runners up

JPL has been asked by the same group of 'better players' (club and non-club members) he set up last winter to restart training sessions and hope to resume these shortly. A couple of these non-club members have joined the club as a result of this group.

Harry will be joining the men's team. We may be losing Scott so a vacancy arises. JPL said he is trying to encourage more members to join the various teams and thanked members for supporting the teams when they were playing matches.

10. Social secretary's Report – KM announced that it has been a good with the 'nicest people' supporting all the various events. The Christmas Raffle earned £418, Quiz night £446 Sue Ryder £1054, Pizza night £112, Macmillian tea £150, AGM Curry £217. He thanked members for supporting the events with a special thanks to the Social committee consisting of Liz Sharman, Liz Norfolk, Pauline Daintith, Lai Julian and Gill Buxton and all volunteers.

11. Election of officers and committee – JD formally announced his retirement from the role of Club Chairman. Re-election of the rest of the committee members who had agreed to remain in their posts was unanimously voted in. Proposed by Liz Norfolk and seconded by Ruth Swann. JD announced that Jason Burgess had agreed to take up the post of Chairman. Proposal was made by Tim Palmer, seconded by Bob Green, motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Ruth proposed a huge thank you to JD for his contribution to the club. KW reiterated this adding that JD had been enthusiastic and positive, with the best interest of the club foremost in his approach. He also thanked him for instigating the debenture system which had helped the finance of the club. JD thanked the committee volunteers for all the social events, the cake bakers, AA for the roster, Paolo for the maintenance of the courts and all members for supporting and creating a happy atmosphere at the club.

12. A.O.B. None.