

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28th August 2019, 7.00 pm held in the Club Room

Present: James Daintith (JD) Ken Wappat(KW) Keith Madeiros (KM) Toni Butcher (TB)
Mike Glover (MG) Clare Major (CM) Shirley Short (SS)

- 1. Apologies** – JP Lamy (JP), Angie Axe (AA) , Ed Sharman (ES)
- 2. Minutes of the last meeting** – Approved and signed off by JD
- 3. Matters arising** - None
- 4. Chairman's report** – JD and KW informed that the clubroom extension has been successfully completed. They were very pleased with the workmanship and the way the work was undertaken. Ethernet cable installed. Communication with Talktalk next week for access to Wifi and password
- 5. Treasurer's report** – TB informed that £5,000 was moved from business account to savings account as agreed on at previous meeting. Upfront payment for the extension was £11,000, leaving approximately £12,000 to be paid. Current account=£20,545, savings account = £35,279.34
- 6. Membership update** –CM notified that current 'peg board' members=104; of which 100 are adult members, 3 senior juniors and 1 student. We have 13 juniors and 23 minis. We have had 4 new adult members. A member who recently joined has had a shoulder injury and will not be able to play for the rest of the year and has asked for refund of his membership fee minus £10 for the 2 times he played at the club. -Family membership was raised as a good option to encourage people to join. It was decided that we should trial annual rates as follows Adult +1 child =£180, Family of 2 adults+2 children =£300, Starting now.
- 7 Juniors &Welfare-** AA reported that although it is important not to be complacent, the Junior numbers are now very encouraging. Compared to other village clubs we way exceed their membership e.g. Needingworth, Ramsey and Castor and Ailsworth.
I2c are regularly increasing their Junior coaching numbers. They have run a successful Summer School at the Club this holiday and are due to run a further two weeks in the October Half-Term.
CM is not happy that iC2 knows that some of the children turning up are not members and should have ensured that the parents were informed of the need to be members. It was acknowledged that our membership application system requires improvement and that we should try out LTA's Clubspark to see if that will help. CM to investigate in the first instance and then we will ask LTA for presentation
Three Juniors have been awarded Senior / Junior status and Harry and Maliha have played in the League Matches this season. AA supports 'family membership' to enable the parents the ability to come and play with their children.

8. Tennis leagues- JP Hunts & Peterborough league is now complete:

Mixed:

A team 4th in Div1 stays in Div1.

B team-7th which is great news after our promotion last season. We are 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 to finish 5th, great result.

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

C team - Won the Div4 league so 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 - likely to finish 3rd in Div2 , great start and disappointing finish.

C team - Finished 7th and relegated to Div4

I have asked all captains to send me a list of the players they have used this season and how many times they have played for their teams. I thought it would be interesting to understand how our teams and players are being utilised. This might help us organise our teams and decide which teams we should be registering next season.

Don Brace result:

As you know we conceded a severe defeat against Huntingdon in the semi final but this does not take away a great competition from Longthorpe.

Training:

I have been asked by the same group I set up last winter to restart our training session and hope to resume these shortly now the H&P season is over.

9. Hall committee report- KW said that the Village hall is hoping to get the money for the Defibrillator project. With the completion of the club extension and the removal of the stage it will be monitoring the bookings for the hall. It was noted that there is no green bin for recycling and that we should try and secure one.

10. Social events –KM -Club tournament finals coming up at the end of summer. KM informed that some members were not happy about the Christmas dinner being held at Maharani and asked if the committee wanted to continue the event this year. JD explained that Maharani has been very generous in supplying free meals for our AGM and the Christmas event was to acknowledge their generosity. All were happy to continue with the arrangement.

11. Website & publicity- MG was asked if the use of 'boosting' on Facebook was useful and should be repeated for the next Open day. KW suggested we design a poster for Open day with invitation to join as individuals, senior, junior or family memberships, setting out costs. KM volunteered to design one.

12. A.O.B

- New membership initiatives – various suggestions to recruit new members such as advertising as mentioned, targeting, holiday camps, strengthen links with schools (AA), talking to parents to find out what would persuade them to join. JD to ask Alan Swann to write his team news
- Officers intending to resign or offer for re-election at October AGM- JD is standing down, JP would like to see if someone else would like to take over, AA would be pleased to continue as Welfare Officer. She would also be happy to continue to oversee the Juniors but if there is another, possibly younger, member of the Club who would have the time to encourage and inspire youngsters she would be very willing to hand over the position.
- The refurbishment of kitchen cabinets and appliances- it was agreed that we should get estimates for the work of refurbishing the clubroom kitchen. JD to make enquiries.
- Far right corner of court 2 is damp and can be slippery. Contractors have inspectors coming to assess and recommend action required.
- AGM- SS to issue formal notification of AGM as per last year' template.

13. Date of next meeting: 24th October at 1900 hrs; AGM 31st October+