

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Jason Burgess(JB), Ken Wappat(KW), Angie Axe(AA), Scott Murray(SM), JP Lamy(JPL), Toni Butcher(TB), Shirley Short(SS), Anita Duff(AD)

1. **Apologies:** Mike Glover
2. **Minutes of the last meeting-** Accepted as correct by JB
3. **Matters arising** – None
4. **Chairman's report** -JB -We are awaiting guidance from the LTA following the government announcement to relax lockdown for tennis on 29th March. We will be sending communication to inform members via Email and What'sApp. JB welcomed Anita Duff to the meeting to update us on the coaching schedule for the year ahead. She suggested coaching should commence from 29th March if the toilets are open. This is especially important for the children. We need to inform coaching groups that there is to be catch up of weekly coaching on Wednesday 4-9 pm, Saturday 9-12am. She proposed 3-day special for Easter from 9-12am, with up to 15 for coaching, to encourage kids and parents to play and perhaps join the club subsequently. Likewise, to hold a 'Try Tennis' session to encourage recruitment of new members. Court schedule/time table need to reflect these sessions.
From Wed 7th April, at 9am, a 4 week course will require 2 courts for 8 people, Saturday morning 9-12am tennis for kids/youth teams will require 2 courts and continue as before. Target is for 50 players by the end of summer. Angie will run the junior competition 'Road to Wimbledon'. Anita offered to help. Anita and the coaches will monitor people attending these events and liaise with SM and AA. She also informed that I2C is recruiting and interviewing for LLTC coach.
*JB to ask AD about the 8 hours of free coaching for teams which was agreed in the contract.
5. **Treasurer's report** – TB informed that the Community account=£2499.76 after payment of £7200 for court refurbishments. The Rate Reward account =£40,612.64. New balls are on order.
6. **Membership update-** A discussion on membership renewal resulted in the unanimous decision to reduce membership fees in line with last year's reduction for members who renew before 1st June 2021 (£120 for Seniors). This is to compensate for the loss in court availability over the last 3 months. Members joining after 1st June will be charged the normal rate. SM will notify members of renewal/membership rates after the proposed Zoom meeting with members on 16th March at 7-8pm
7. **Juniors/Welfare** – AA informed that she has renewed her DBS for the next 3 years to continue in her role as Welfare officer. She will continue to run events for juniors and liaise with AD and the coaches.

8. **League update**-JPL said that he had communicated with Geoff Smith regarding the H&P League and Don Brace Cup. Don Brace Cup will not take place. H&P is yet to be decided but very unlikely for the Mixed competition. However there may be a possibility of organising something later in the year when covid restrictions are relaxed. He had registered the 4th Men's team and is awaiting acknowledgement.

With regards **Team Captain post for 2021** season, JPL has spoken to several people but has had no volunteers so far. **We would like to encourage anyone interested in taking up this post to come forward.** This role will be vacant from 1st September 2021

(**Addendum:** Pauline Daintith is stepping down as **team captain for Ladies B team** as she and Jim are looking to return to the US soon. We warmly welcome any volunteer interested in taking up the post to contact JP)

9. **Hall committee report** – KW reported that Village Hall ground rent has been reduced by 25% during lockdown.

10. **A.O.B**

-The access Code on locks will be changed at renewal and members will be informed of the new code.

- **Zoom call for members to ask questions** of the committee- Following discussions, this was unanimously agreed for 16th March at 7-8.00pm. SM to set it up and inform members about the registration process for the meeting. Questions to be sent ahead of meeting if possible or at the time of the meeting.

-**John Ramsden Knowles**, a long time club member who is leaving the area, has donated a list of equipment for sale with proceeds going to Sue Ryder. Ray McDonnell is organising the sale. The committee would like to thank him and wish him well for his move and extends an invitation for him to come to the club should he return to the area in the future.

10. **Date of next meeting** : Wednesday 14th April 7.00 pm