

Report on 'Question Time for LLTC members' to raise queries to committee members via Zoom on 16th March 2021, 7pm-8pm.

Present: Committee members:

Jason Burgess(JB), Scott Murray(SM), JP Lamy(JPL), Angie Axe(AA), Shirley Shirt(SS), Mike Glover(MG)

Apologies: Toni butcher, Ken Wappat

Club Members:

Andy Clark, Harry Clark, Vicky Axe, Linda Guise, Steve Davies, Julian Dowse, Paul Stevenette

JB welcomed everyone present and thanked them for participating in this first ever club membership meeting on Zoom. He opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

1. Andy Clark was concerned about the Wednesday coaching for seniors and juniors which started with high numbers earlier in the year last year, but which dwindled later on in the year. He wondered what was going to happen to those sessions.

JB replied that Anita Duff will be reinstating the coaching sessions and has been trying to recruit a coach for LLTC. She has had difficulty with this due to the current restrictions. She is keen to get it up and running. (Since the meeting she has recruited someone to the post)

2. Vicky Axe asked about coaching for team players on Wednesday, if they would commence on 31st March and if we could receive an email confirming this

JB informed that Anita will be sending out communications on this.

JP thanked Vicky for volunteering to step in as team captain for Ladies B team. He informed that there has been no confirmation as to whether H&P Ladies and Mens' league will take place but that the Mixed league won't. Geoff Smith, the organiser is consulting with all H&P clubs regarding this. He is not hopeful. JP mentioned that the P&D is running their hard court league. A discussion followed as to whether we should join that in view of the uncertainty regarding the H&P leagues. JB and Paul Stevenette were keen for us to join the hard court league but JP was cautious due to the timings of matches which overlaps and we won't be able to run both. The committee will discuss this further.

3. Paul Stevenette asked whether the membership renewal fee will be the same as last year's. JB replied that it was. This was a gesture in lieu of loss of court use due to Covid restrictions. It means we only break even as we have had no means to raise any funds for the last year. We have had to pay £7200 for the maintenance of the courts this year. SM will be writing to members reminding them of the need to renew their membership and publishing the membership renewal fees.

4. Karen Charlton asked if we were going to have a ballot regarding the 'predominantly whites' clothing. JB replied that we are respecting the result of the last ballot and as previously agreed, would revisit it at the next AGM. As we did not have an AGM last year this issue has not been put forward to the members. However, we hope to ask members if they want to have another ballot on this subject at the next AGM in October, by a show of hands.

5. MG informed that LTA has not made any announcement regarding Wimbledon ballot. We need to encourage all members to join the LTA and to opt in so that they will be eligible for the ballot for the Wimbledon tickets.

6. Linda Guise was concerned with social distancing during club sessions. She wondered whether we need to limit numbers. She was reassured that with the use of the peg board people will be able

to check where they are in the queue. There are also several long benches where people can sit at each corner, as well as the strip by the children's play area to enable social distancing. This has worked well earlier in the year and last year.

7. Paul Stevenette informed that there had been a break in by someone cutting through the fencing. This has been very successfully mended by Paolo. We thank him for his hard work maintaining the club facilities.

8. Linda Guise wanted to know how, as a new member, she can contact other members to arrange games. JB said he would add her to the LLTC members What'sApp group and SS would include her in the Wednesday Ladies' What'sApp group. She said she will be renewing her membership with us and will not be returning to her previous club.

In closing JB thanked all for participating in this Zoom meeting. He is pleased with our membership numbers, coaching will be resuming as we work with Anita and the coaches to encourage members to participate and enjoy tennis at LLTC as well as recruiting new members. Harry Clark is looking forward to coming back especially when coaching is back up.

We currently have no social events planned due to covid restrictions. Unfortunately, we do not have a **Social Secretary** at the moment and would like to extend a **warm invitation to anyone interested in taking up this role to contact any committee member urgently.**