

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Jason Burgess(JB), Ken Wappat(KW), Angie Axe(AA), Scott Murray(SM), Toni Butcher(TB), Jean-Pierre Lamy(JPL), Shirley Short(SS)

1. **Apologies** -None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting-** Accept as correct and signed off by JB
3. **Matters arising** – JB spoke to Anita Duff regarding free coaching for team players which had been agreed in the contract with I2C and has negotiated 12 hours instead of 8 hours previously agreed. All team members were informed of this opportunity. AA said that all the ladies' teams welcomed the coaching but JP informed that the Men's A team have declined whilst the other teams have not yet replied. JP will be chasing them up.
The Question Time for members was fairly well received with some positive feedback from members.
4. **Chairman's report** -JB is pleased that the courts are busy and the club sessions are well attended. Following a risk assessment, it has been confirmed that we need to sign in for club sessions to comply with 'Track & trace' requirements.

Chris Havard, a parent of 2 children who are junior members has suggested that we should be more family friendly citing Wisbeach tennis club as an example. AA investigated this and noted that they have a specialised 'Mini's' court and a 'Singles' court, which we do not have, to provide their children's/family activities. Huntingdon has a 'once a month session' for families to play with their children. She suggested we could try using the Friday evening session which she begun earlier in the year to try out a family session which should be bookable. KW informed that only members should be allowed inside the courts or else we will be in breach of our insurance cover. It is also noted that families currently do book courts for family play using their family membership or adult and mini/juniors memberships. JB will write to Chris.

JB and the committee wished to thank Mike Glover, who has resigned as Website & Publicity officer, for his loyal service and commitment to the club. We are still in need of a **Social Secretary and a Club Captain** and would welcome any members interested in volunteering to take up either of these posts to contact any committee member.

5. **Membership update-** SM– Prior to ratifying 2021/2022 membership packages and the approach to the renewal period, he presented a comprehensive breakdown of current membership numbers and court usage over the last year. The most used courts were 1 and 3, most popular slots booked were between 0900-1600 hours, most utilised court times Mon-Fri was between 1100-1600hrs (using a snapshot over a week from 6th-12th April). Our court utilisation is at 70%. Research showed that the recommended ratio of members to courts is around 100 to 150. The LTA recommends a 100/1 ratio of members to court. LLTC ratio currently is 40/1, membership 160, excluding juniors and minis. Looking at the statistics, he proposed that we increased our adult membership, including senior juniors. Following discussions it was agreed that the cap

be raised to 180 from the current 160. This will allow current waiting list members to join the club. We will continue to monitor court usage on a quarterly basis to ensure any complaints regarding court access is reviewed.

The most popular Club sessions are on the weekends. Weekday evening club sessions are not as well supported and is to be reduced to 2 courts instead of 4. It was also thought that Good Friday club session should be removed as it was not well attended.

The 2021-2022 Membership renewal package has been discounted by 25% (Adult membership= £120 instead of £160, Seniors=£60, Juniors=£30, Minis=£15) to current members and each current member has been emailed a personal invitation link to join LLTC at a discounted rate to allow for the clubs closure during lock down in 20 /21. This discount is available until the last day of April, after which the full membership renewal package will be launched on the clubs website and the full price will need to be paid.

The normal process of membership renewal package for 2021-22 will be released from 1st May and discounts will not be available.

The Lock codes will also be changed on May 1st and emailed to active members. SS requested that members be encouraged to join LTA 'Free' membership to enable them to access information including the Wimbledon ballot.

JB will email members to inform on updates for renewals.

6. **Treasurer's report** – TB reported that the current account stands at £1081 and the Savings account at £40,903.36. She would like to transfer some monies to top up the current account so as to be able to meet any incoming transactions. It was agreed that £2000 should be transferred across from the savings a/c to the current a/c. The news of a recent fraud on a tennis club account via ClubSpark has caused concern. KW informed that with our 2 signatories security system we are better secured. However we should ask the LTA who sponsors ClubSpark for advice regarding insurance cover, liabilities and measures to protect our accounts.

7. **Juniors/Welfare** – A informed that we still don't have a coach for the younger Minis after school. Colin Pummel has stepped in to take a Junior group on a Wednesday evening and Bart continues to take the Minis/Juniors on a Saturday morning. AA has set up a 'Fun Tennis' session on a Wednesday but she now has 10 interested U.7s so she is eager to pass the group on to a qualified coach. Anita is working hard to solve this problem.

AA has registered the U.14 Boys for the Road to Wimbledon. At present there has been no response from the girls but they can join the Peterborough City event if they wish to compete at a later date.

8. **League update**-JPL has registered the teams for the summer leagues. He has replied to Geoff Smith and is awaiting reply regarding the H&P league

*Addendum: HP league entry form should be submitted by 15th May 2021, with play starting June time. Anyone interested in participating please contact the team captains via the Captain list link :[Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club / Club Captains \(lta.org.uk\)](http://Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club / Club Captains (lta.org.uk))

9. **Hall committee report** -KW– Defibrillation training will take place in the summer.

10. **A.O.B**

- **Club championship** – AA will be organising this. Finals will be held on 11th-12th September

11. **Date of next meeting Monday 24th May 2021 at 7pm**