

Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club committee meeting on Tuesday 17th August at 7pm via Zoom

Present: Ken Wappat (KW), Jason Burgess (JB), Toni Butcher(TB), Angie Axe (AA), Shirley Short(SS)

1. **Apologies** - None
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising** –JB -None
4. **Chairman's report** -JB feels club is generally running well. Angela Pepper has written to the committee to say that after recent discussions with Perri Selwood, they have decided that they are unable to take up the post of Social Secretary after all. However, Angela will continue to organise the weekend tea and cakes.

Scott Murray has resigned as Membership Secretary due to increased work commitment. The committee thanks him for his hard work and appreciates his valuable contributions to the club. Vicky Axe has very kindly stepped in to help in the interim and we thank her very much for doing so.

Discussion regarding the AGM agreed that it should be held on 4th November. We currently need a Social Secretary, Membership Secretary and a Club Captain. It was suggested we should try having a Men's captain and a Ladies' captain. We would like to encourage members to volunteer for the above vacancies. -Your club needs you!

5. **Membership update-** AA informs that Vicky is slowly getting to grips with ClubSpark membership administration. Reduction of membership fees for shorter membership period was discussed and it was decided that there will be a 50% reduction of full membership fee to £80 for a 6 month membership from 1st November 2021- 30th April 2022.
We currently have 39 Mini Members, 18 Junior Members and a further 7 Juniors who have joined within a family membership. We have therefore now exceeded the membership that we had when Marcie was coaching and are back on track with the target figures that i2c had promised us when we signed their contract.
6. **Treasurer's report** – TB reported that the club finance is in good shape. Currently, Community account=£1425.05 and the Rate reward account=£53,294.98
7. **Juniors/Welfare** – Anita duff reported that
‘George and I plan to add some coaching on Monday evenings including a group for the more experienced children at 5pm and new adults 6pm – We are investigating potential take for this at the moment
Wednesday 4pm red has 7 players booked on ready to start in Sept.
Wednesday evening 7pm Adult coaching will continue on a pay and play basis.

Sophies Wednesday morning session will re start in September on a pay and play basis for 1.5 hours from 9.15 – 10.45. Player allowed to stay on and practice till 11am if they wish. Harry Clark will be supporting Coach George on Wed 4pm and Saturday 10-12 every week. Thank him for his commitment to supporting these sessions. As a level 1 this is now paid.

George takes over on Saturdays from 4th Sept.

Would the committee consider allowing the SATURDAY coaching to take place on court 1 and 2? As these are closer to the equipment and toilet facilities when coaching the younger children.

George and I will develop a calendar of events till the end of the year.

Junior Club sessions – It could be that George could give some time to offer the junior members a monthly club session. Would the club consider paying George to organise this for minis and/or older juniors if he could find a suitable time and court space allows etc.?’

-The committee decided that there could be a trial of 6 sessions, 3 for minis and 3 for juniors

8. **League update** – JB informed that the teams are currently ranking around mid table. For up to date results please go to H&P website.

9. **Hall committee report** -KW will request use of Village Hall for AGM to be held on Thursday 4th November at 7pm.

Still awaiting defibrillation training news from Village Hall committee.

Thanks to Paolo for his hard work maintaining the grounds.

10. A.O.B

-**Club championship**- AA asked if she could use courts 1 & 2, have umpires, order the balls, have individual trophies awarded after each group competition, and club teas after the championship. The answer was ‘Yes’ to all of the queries.

-**Lights off**- AA queried if the lights off times on Tuesdays and Thursdays could be extended to 9.30 pm. KW said this was the restriction from the Planning department and that it was very difficult to get them to change the times previously and feels it will be a struggle to get agreement. The players will have to organise their matches to be held on other days when lights out is at 9.30pm instead of 8.30 pm.

-**Website maintenance** -AA asked if we could get someone to move last year’s pictures to achieve to allow space for this year’s pictures to be installed. It was decided that we should ask Sally Leeds to do this.

-**White Kit**- Tim Palmer has requested we have a ballot on the ‘predominantly white kit’ again at the AGM. JB has informed him that we had agreed that there will be a vote at the AGM on whether to hold a ballot regarding the ‘white kit’.

11. **Date of next meeting** – Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7pm