

## **Minutes of Longthorpe Lawn Tennis Club Committee Meeting**

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 7.00 pm at the Ridgeway Room**

**Present:** Ken Wappat (KW)      Clare Major (CM)      Keith Madeiros (KM)      Mike Glover (MG)  
                 JP Lamy (JPL)            Angie Axe (AA)           Shirley Short (SS)

**1. Apologies :** JD, TB

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** – Accept as correct and signed off by KW

**3. Matters arising**

- GDPR : JD to take this up with Chris Holmes .
- Club kit procurement is being investigated by Pauline Daintith

**4. Chairman's report** – KW informed that JD had good feedback from letter to members regarding the club extension

**5. Treasurer's report** – AA has been receiving BACS payment for match fees.KW suggested that as the bank balances are good, (circa £60,000) and with a surplus of around £9000 annually, there is probably no necessity to increase membership fees. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

**6. Membership update** –CM reported that current membership remains unchanged. Concern remains regarding the scarcity of 20-30 year olds.

**7. Website & publicity** –MG has uploaded the pictures of the Tournament finals onto the website. He will be renewing the club membership with the LTA on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**8. Hall committee report** –KW reported that the Village Hall sub-committee for the extension met and agreed to our proposal .This will now be put to the Village Hall committee on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. A fixed price tender will be put out in March, the process will be vetted. The Project will last 6 weeks starting from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019. It was suggested we should ensure there will be WIFI connectivity. There is also agreement that we can use the Hall kitchen during the build period.

**9. Tennis leagues**-JP and the committee thanked AA for the hard work in organising the summer club Tournaments.

- Proposal for changes to the LLTC tournament next year. There were comments from some members that the same players seem to be in the finals of several categories thus dominating the matches. AA suggested that we should not allow the same partnership to be repeated in the other categories, to mitigate against this and make it fairer in future.

-JP said he has communicated with John Rudd re- Winter league and has entered two teams for this year. He has also notified John that we will be paying the registration fee for the 2 previous years that had inadvertently been missed.

Results of the summer league:

Mixed A team finished 5<sup>th</sup> stays in Division 1; B team 2<sup>nd</sup> in Div. 3 going up to Div. 2, C teams finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div. 4 and mid table in DIV 5.

Ladies A team 3<sup>rd</sup> in Div2, B team promoted to Div. 2 having only lost 1 match! C team demoted to Div. 4, D team 6<sup>th</sup> in div 4

Men A team 5<sup>th</sup> in Div. 2, B team demoted to Div. 3, C finished mid table in Div. 3

There had been problems with getting enough members for the Men's team, especially the A team.

**10. Social events** – KM informed us that the weekend tournament Finals and Cream Tea and Scones event went very well with £112 collected. AA was thanked for taking on this event. There will be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan's charity on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. AGM (on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct) and Curry night (5<sup>th</sup> Dec) have also been arranged with Farooq.

**11. Juniors/Welfare** - AA informed that LLTC need to be compliant with LTA policies by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 regarding the following:

- Safeguarding of minors,
- Whistleblowing,
- Welfare officer & deputy officer in post
- Privacy policy
- Diversity and inclusion

She has obtained the LTA documents pertaining to the above and will make them available to members via the club notice board. As a Deputy welfare officer is required she will be co-opting Liz Sharman into the role. This was unanimously agreed by all present.

AA informed that we have sadly lost 2 juniors to golf!

## **12.A.O.B**

- **LTA minimum requirements for renewing registration on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**. As well as the above requirements already listed above, KW and AA have looked into Risk assessment and have included car parking, toilet access through the hall via the stage and an Accident Book or forms . Club constitution will have to be changed at AGM to include LTA rules

- **Court play start time issues**- a sign will be put in the club house by KW.

- **Defibrillator** – KW informed that Village Hall committee are considering the installation of defibrillator on the side of the building with pin code access.

- **Request for club ballot to allow all colours of recognised tennis clothing by Tim Palmer**. KW and JD suggested to put this to AGM for review. If a wish for this is indicated, then a ballot will be put out next season. It was pointed out that members should encourage their guests to wear predominantly white clothes as well as ensuring that they sign in and pay the fee as this was not always done...

Another suggestion was to have an Open Day in May to encourage new attendees /members to join.

- **Marcie's annual contract review**. KW informed that in view of Marcie's recent bereavement of a very close relative he has met with him to give support and encourage him to clarify his plans. Marcie has reinstated the Juniors and minis programme but not for the adults. He was advised that the club would like to know his plans for the future as soon as possible so as to inform members.

- **New Winter time table** was shown to the committee by KW and will be put up on the board in the clubhouse. MG

**13.Date of next meeting:** Early Feb