

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

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.30 pm at the Ridgeway Room**

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

**1. Apologies & welcome** – Apologies from James Daintith and Toni Butcher.

A warm welcome was extended to Ed Sharman who has been co-opted to join the committee

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** - Accepted as correct and signed off by KW

**3. Matters arising**

– KW reported that installation of the defibrillator by the Village Hall is work in progress.

- Members have been informed of LTA Safeguarding requirements and that these have been incorporated into LLTC constitution

**4. Chairman's report** – KW reiterated JD's concern that we need to be vigilant with regards to recruiting and retaining members especially with the juniors. We welcome ideas and initiatives to attract and retain all members

**5. Treasurer's report** – Statement 01/02/19 sent by TB:

Community account = £29050.60, Rate rewards= £30226.76.

Both TB and KW have a debit card and KM has a deposit book

**6. Membership update** –CM informed that there is now one membership template and that all members including 'minis' must apply online. Following discussions by all present, it was decided that we should trial an increase in the fee for 'minis' from £15 to £20 (in line with other clubs) and reduce Juniors fee from £60 to £40 which will hopefully encourage more to join. A membership renewal reminder will be sent out in April. It will also include a question for the ballot on the continuance of the 'predominantly white clothing' rule.

**7. Juniors & Welfare** – AA informed that coaching appears to be doing well with 45 members signing up to various programs so far. Unfortunately we have lost 2 top juniors and 2 seniors. Phil Watson is taking on 'the Road to Wimbledon' and Junior Championship. Anita Duff from i2c has proposed Easter Holiday Club (3 days) and Summer club (2-3 weeks) for which she would like free use of 2 courts. KW suggested she should send a proposal. It was felt that a one off concession could be afforded as it may bring in more potential members.

**8. Tennis leagues** – JPL informed that we had won the Peterborough District Winter league 2017, which came as a welcomed surprise as one of our match had not been previously taken into account.

He updated that we are doing well in this 2018 Winter league which is still ongoing-(A&B in Top4 and A in top 2 so far)

Next Winter League season will see trial of a few changes to revive the league:

- League will Start in October to Finish beginning of December
- 2 set matches will be replaced by 13 games matches
- Home team to decide the day the match
- Still waiting from the league to find out about outstanding fees for this and last season

Registration for H&P summer league has now been sent:

4 mixed teams, 4 ladies teams and only 3 men teams as no one found to Captain a D Men team.

- Don Brace Draw now in place: Longthorpe will be playing the first round away at Needingworth on the weekend of the 18th/19th May.

-National club league Medley event: (Over 45)

We are playing away the 1st round at Acle on Saturday April 27th

- Players & Captain update- The Monday night group training is going well. JPL has been encouraging young players. 2 adult players have now joined as well and will be playing in our Men A team. The training group is run on a weekly basis when possible

**9. Hall committee report** – KW reported that the Village hall stage project and club room extension has a target start of 22<sup>nd</sup> July. He requested help to clear the clubhouse and volunteers to store the contents. Some members have agreed to help.

**10. Social events** – KM was pleased to inform that the Quiz night was a success, raising £446.71 on the night. He thanked James & Angie Axe, Roger Cresswell, Social committee & all the cooks & helpers. Next on the social calendar is Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Special Club session with Tea @ £2. This will be followed by June charity and BBQ followed by Club Tournament finals day on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**11. Website & publicity** – MG informed that the courts timetable will be updated soon. The LTA Opt In ballot for Wimbledon is now closed. A list of eligible members will be put in the draw for the ballot. This will occur once we are informed of our ticket allocation. Ballot can occur anytime between 18<sup>th</sup> March – 24 May.

- ES has volunteered to set up an Instagram account to help inform members and other interested parties regarding events and things going on in the club i.e. widen our reach to create interest in our club

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

- Request to build Padel courts was rejected by the Village Hall committee.

- Ballot on the 'Predominant white tennis clothing' to go on the Membership Renewal form and should read "Do you want to continue with the "predominantly white clothing" club rule? 'Yes' or 'No'  
- i2c Coaching -Anita wants us to install a court booking system, which is thought by all present to be unnecessary for our club at this moment in time.

- Lights service -Engineers will be coming to service the lights on courts 3&4 on Wednesday, all day.. Cost is £1100. This has now been postponed to next week due to high winds

- Courts refresh- Maintenance of courts will take place on the last Friday of March from 11am-4pm. Cost= £600

**13.Date of next meeting** : Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 pm at Ridgeway room