

**MINUTES OF THE 86th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
HERTFORDSHIRE LTA
HELD AT THE COLLINGWOOD SUITE,
GOSLING SPORTS PARK , WELWYN GARDEN CITY,
ON 5 DECEMBER 2013**

The meeting was attended by 49 people, including officers and committee members of the Association, Vice Presidents, representatives from 14 clubs, Herts Schools TA.

Apologies were received from Jean Gates, Stella Ross Collins, Hope Mailer, Peggy Rawlins, Daphne Davis, Simon Bramwell, Sarah Tricks, Kelly Baker, Sarah Donovan, Natalia Ilkov, Christopher Grenside.
Apologies from the following clubs: Braughing, Much Hadham, St Albans, Wymondley.

The President, Gavin Masterton, welcomed everyone to the meeting saying that it had been a great year for British Tennis with the icing on the cake being Andy Murray winning Wimbledon.

Herts Tennis had not reached the heights of 2012 but the senior teams had both won National Indoor titles and should be congratulated. Herts now had 22,000 British Tennis Members. The Executive Committee, other committees and our employees had all been extremely active.

On court there had been more successes with Pathway to Tarbes getting more young players on the tennis ladder.

Ed Corrie and David Rice have both reached career high singles ATP rankings. Katy Dunne ranked 20 on the junior ITF ranking. We also have the No1 and 2 ranked players in the 18U Girls National ranking.

A big effort had been made to increase the popularity of the Junior County Closed. Progressive draws were introduced, T-shirts were given to all competitors and Senior County players played a demonstration match.

Gavin mentioned other achievements including the increase in numbers of teams in the Hot Racquets leagues and the rebuilding of Batchwood going well.

Congratulations were extended to Stella Ross Collins who had celebrated her 100th birthday this year.

Thanks were extended to staff – Leo Tutt, Carole Draper, John Bruley, Janet Corrie, Jennifer Keates, Natalia Ilkov and members of the Executive Committee.

Martin Corrie was congratulated on being appointed deputy President of the LTA and also for winning the national father and son competition in Dudley with his youngest son, Ed.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 December 2012 were approved.

2. ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Annual Report and the Accounts were adopted and full records of both are filed with these Minutes.

3. REPORT OF TENNIS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Gavin Masterton said that it was not usual for this report to be given at the AGM. However interest in the General Meeting, planned for October, had been minimal and it was agreed that this report should be presented at the AGM.

Leo Tutt (TDM) gave a most informative presentation which was well received.

4. ANNUAL FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

a) General Rule 4 – There was no increase in the registration fee by the LTA therefore the Herts annual fee remains the same, based on 25% of the club registration fee, up to a maximum of £300.

b) Inter Club Competitions - Regulation 5.3 - It was proposed that entry fees for this competition remain at £20 per team.

Both proposals were approved.

4. SENIOR COUNTY DOUBLES LEAGUE:

Lee Evans reported that the standard of inputting results had improved. Sadly the number of walkovers given, especially in the men's competition, had increased.

5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2014

Junior County Closed Championships 24 - 30 August at Queenswood.

Match Secretaries Meeting 7 March 2014

Herts LTA Annual General Meeting Thursday 4 December 2014.

6. ELECTIONS:

All Officers and Committees of the Association were re-elected.

All existing Vice Presidents were re-elected.

The Hon Auditor was re-elected.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Lee Evans drew attention to the proposal approved by the Tournaments and Competition Committee for adoption in the Herts 3 pair Summer Doubles regulations.

“At the end of the season, any team that has given a walkover will have one point (equivalent to a win) deducted for that walkover.”

This proposal was carried.

Wimbledon ticket distribution to change. All tickets online for all clubs. Clubs can arrange a ballot as before if they wish to. County Association to receive 25% of the number allocated.

Meetings to be organised by the LTA for club officials to attend in order to learn how the system will work.

Gavin Masterton announced that Janet Corrie would be resigning as Junior Team Manager. She had done a wonderful job and had seen the Herts

teams go from strength to strength. He proposed that she be elected a Vice President of HLTA. This proposal was carried

He also announced that, after twenty five years as Hon. County Secretary, Sybil Howgego was to resign. Helen Elliott was proposed to take over that role. Elected.

Gavin proposed that Sybil Howgego be elected an Hon. Life Vice President of the Association. Elected.

A new Herts representative on the LTA Council was required. It was proposed that Kelly Baker take on role. Elected.

PRESENTATIONS: The League Championship Shields were presented to the winning teams: Radlett (men), Letchworth 1 (ladies). The Broxbourne Cups were presented to the runners up, Harpenden 1 (men), Harpenden 1 (ladies). Plaques were then presented to the various division winners.

Winter Singles League plaques were presented to winners of all divisions.

Herts Vets Men's Doubles Championships: Over 55 – Harpenden
Over 45 – West Herts. Plaques to winning teams in all divisions.

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Mark Seymour Award – Harvey Shackleton
Laing Award – Emily Arbuthnott

There being no further business, Gavin Masterton thanked those present for their attendance and then closed the meeting.