

# Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

## Notes of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association

Collingwood Suite, Gosling Sports Park, Welwyn Garden City

Thursday 03 December 2015

8pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	<p><b><u>Apologies and introductions</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: Pam Burrage, Sarah Tricks, Simon Bramwell, Gordon Bettis, Mrs A Butler, Stella Ross-Collins, Val Harris, Peggy Rawlings, Elizabeth Sanders, Joan Roy, Jean Gates, Elizabeth Anderson, Jennifer Brown, Paul Seymour, Jennifer Keates, Jenny Thomas and Chris Grenside</p> <p>Apologies were proposed by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Lee Evans. Motion was carried.</p> <p>The meeting was well attended with 33 people and included officers and committee members of the Association, Vice Presidents and representatives from clubs and venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The President, Trevor Adamson welcomed everyone to the meeting saying that it had been a good year for tennis in Hertfordshire and a year of change. Gavin Masterton, President of Hertfordshire for 33 years retired and Trevor was appointed to take his place.</li><li>• At the end of 2014 the LTA decided to condense their field of activities from individual counties to regional bases. We have our own Hertfordshire office managed by Carole Draper.</li><li>• Herts Coaches Association is to be re-established which will bring the coaches together again and we can, as an Association work closely together to ascertain what they need from County and how Herts Tennis can assist.</li><li>• Cluster Meetings for Clubs will be introduced held twice yearly in 5 areas of the County. This will enable us to get a clearer picture of what clubs need from us and vice versa.</li><li>• County Training is to be re-introduced for juniors. This will enhance team spirit for our Junior County matches.</li><li>• Sarah Donovan retired from Ladies County Captain after doing a brilliant job for the past 10 years and we are grateful for this. Ladies Captain is to be shared by Alissa Ayling and Katherine Dearing going forward.</li><li>• Cathie Sabin, President of the LTA visited Hertfordshire and looked</li></ul>

	<p>at Disability Tennis, met with Graham Fish who presented on 'Girls in Tennis'. This is a superb scheme started by Graham for girls in tennis and now has some 70 girls involved meeting once a week to play with no pressure to play matches or participate in teams.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great British Tennis Weekend was a huge success for the clubs who took part resulting in a fun day and more members for clubs. Herts Tennis support clubs who take part in these weekends by giving small grants to help with the cost.</li> <li>• County Week – Both Men and Ladies played in Group 1 at Eastbourne but both had challenges with availability of players. As a result the men remained in Group 1 but the Ladies, who had the youngest team ever to represent Herts at County Week went down to Group 2.</li> <li>• Our Juniors had a very successful year and many thanks go to the coaches who work with teams and travel with them. The performances of our senior and junior players are recorded in the Newsletter.</li> <li>• The Men's and Ladies County Doubles Leagues continue in strength, the Junior Leagues and Aegon Team Tennis are managed by Sarah Tricks and Lee Evans. We thank them very much for their efforts.</li> <li>• Thanks were expressed to Pam Burrage and the Herts Schools Association for organising tournaments for all ages.</li> <li>• An Awards evening will take place in March 2016. This will replace the presentations that are normally carried out at the AGM. There will be food and drink and the venue and final details will be made known in due course.</li> <li>• Thanks were expressed to the Volunteers and Herts Tennis Executive Committee.</li> <li>• In 2016 Martin Corrie will become the President of the LTA.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b><u>To confirm the notes of the last AGM held on 04 December 2014</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 04 December 2014 were approved.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b><u>To present and if acceptable, adopt:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual report of the committee for 2015 and the Annual accounts 01 October 2014 – 30 September 2015 were adopted and full records of both are filed with these notes. They were proposed by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Lee Evans.</li> <li>• We have three operating companies namely The Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association itself and two other operating companies, Hertfordshire LTA (Tennis Centres) Ltd and Hertfordshire LTA Sponsorship Limited. Each of these entities performs a different function.</li> <li>• Hertfordshire LTA is the main body and is the recognised Association responsible for running the game of tennis with Herts. It receives registrations fees and operates all of the tennis leagues, provides grants, organises development squads and performs day to day</li> </ul>

	<p>running of tennis within the County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Herts LTA (Tennis Centres) Ltd operates the indoor facility at Gosling through a not for profit company. In 1994 we acquired the rights to use 3 indoor courts at Gosling on a shared basis and also the rights to occupy what is known as the County Office until 2039.</li> <li>• Hertfordshire LTA Sponsorship Limited designed to receive donations from the County's main supporters and to operate our sports match scheme. The use has been extended to take in receipts from new supporters.</li> <li>• The finances of each operation were explained.</li> <li>• The overall financial position of the County remains sound.</li> <li>• It is not anticipated to have any major changes in our income next year as the club and places to play registration scheme is now implemented and our supporters have all indicated that they wish to continue at the same level as last year.</li> <li>• Projects have been identified for 2015/16 to continue with the development of tennis in Hertfordshire which involves spending of £100,000 on local projects and includes spending approximately £60,000 on club and player development programmes.</li> <li>• During 2015 we did not receive any new applications for our interest free loan club loan scheme of £5000 repayable over 5 years. If clubs require funding assistance with small projects they should approach Carole Draper in our Herts office in the first instance.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b><u>Annual Fees and Subscriptions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Rule 4 – Registration fee to remain the same. There will be an increase of £10 per court to £110.00 per court (£55.00 per grass court). No increase for interclub competitions.</li> <li>• Inter Club Competitions – Regulation 6.4 – Proposal to change the wording at 6.4 in the Herts Handbook from <i>'In the event of a team asking for a fixture to be postponed for any reason other than on account of unsuitable weather, the team ready and able to play shall, unless another date can be mutually agreed upon and arranged, be automatically awarded a walkover.'</i></li> <li>• Proposed replacement wording: <i>'In the event of a request for a fixture to be postponed on account of genuine difficulties fielding a team, the fixture should be rearranged wherever possible. Where, despite the best efforts of both teams, a revised date cannot be mutually agreed upon and arranged, the team who were ready and able to play shall be awarded a walkover.'</i> – Proposed by Adrian Povey and seconded by Basil Wein.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b><u>Arrangements for 2016 including</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Herts LTA presentation of Awards Evening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This will take place in March 2016 details and venue will be announced early 2016.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Herts County Doubles League</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lee Evans reported great close competition. However, there were still too many walkovers being awarded, particularly in the Men's league. He has carried out a survey of clubs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>covering the format of the competition and its rules. The majority want the 3 pair competition to continue in its current format with just the one change to the rules (above) in respect of walkovers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Herts LTA Annual General Meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Thursday 01 December 2016</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	<p><b><u>Elections</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Officers and Committees of the Association</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No change to the existing Executive Committee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Hon Auditor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Martin proposed Myers Clark as Hon Auditors and this was seconded by the Chair, Trevor Adamson. – Elected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7.	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No items for discussion</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b><u>Date of next meeting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 01 December 2016</li> </ul>
10.	<p>There being no further business Trevor thanked those present and closed the meeting at 20.55 hours.</p>