

Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

Minutes of the 93rd Annual General Meeting of the Association

(Via Zoom meeting due to Covid 19 Pandemic)

Thursday 03 December 2020

8 pm

Agenda item	Discussion
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies:</u></p> <p>Format for this meeting was via 'Zoom' call due to the Covid 19 pandemic. People were asked to request an invite should they wish to join the call on the evening of the meeting, they then registered. People were invited to pre submit any questions for the meeting. The meeting was recorded.</p> <p>26 people were present on the call and they are as listed below and included officers and committee members of the Association, Vice Presidents and representatives from clubs and venues:</p> <p>Trevor Adamson, Martin Corrie, Helen Elliott, Janet Corrie, Lee Evans, Bridie Amos, Carole Draper, Matt Willcocks, Fran Barham (West Herts & Watford), Tessa Terry (CSO and Gosling rep), Gavin Masterton, Judith Allnutt, Sue Wolstenholme, Mel Loten (Letchworth), Basil Wein, Eric Rovick (Elliswick), Graham Davies (St Margaretsbury), Sarah Tricks, Jeff Wayne, Teresa Lilley, Sam Bruce (Gosling), Tim Moss (Redbourn), Terry Mackie (Welwyn), Peter Camilleri (Sawbridgeworth), Natalie Dwyer (Bishops Stortford), Jennifer Keates.</p> <p>Apologies were received from: Miss E Sanders – VP Mrs J Gates – VP Brookmans Park Tennis Club Nick Aves – Welwyn Tennis Club Belated apologies from Radlett Tennis Club</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous AGM held on 05 December 2019.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 05 December 2019 were agreed and adopted. There were no comments.</p>
3	<p><u>President's Report of the Committee for 2020</u></p> <p>Trevor Adamson, President of Herts Tennis and Chair of the Herts Tennis Management Committee presented his report which is also printed in full in the Herts Tennis Annual Newsletter – Issue 14 November 2020.</p> <p>Reference was made to the following. The impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown.</p>

	<p>The LTA ran a scheme to financially support full time coaches during lockdown and also refunded registration fees paid by clubs and venues for the 2019-2020 year to help support them. To support the part time coaches, Herts Tennis came in with more financial help. Office staff were furloughed as County tennis activities came to a halt and our County Centre at Gosling was closed.</p> <p>In June the LTA launched a 'Back to Tennis' campaign called 'Play Your Way' The Herts Tennis management committee launched a pilot scheme to attract new and lapsed tennis players to reflect this which has become 'Play Your Way in Herts'. We involved several venues and invited non regular players to come along and receive free and then very subsidised coaching. This scheme has been well supported and over the next 12 months we look to continue to grow this with other venues across the county.</p> <p>The County Doubles League had to be cancelled along with County Week, Winter County Cup and most Junior County Cup events. Our annual County Championship scheduled to be held at Rickmansworth LTC at the end of August unfortunately was also cancelled.</p> <p>Trevor Adamson thanked the whole of the committee for their committed work during what has been a difficult and frustrating period. Thanks also expressed to Teresa Lilley for her work in helping our performance players and coaches. From 1 January 2021 Teresa is also taking over responsibility for our award-winning Pathway to Tarbes development programme from Jennifer Keates who has been an exceptional worker and contributor to Herts Tennis for 40 years.</p> <p>A reminder that you can put forward any questions or resolutions for debate at the AGM by contacting the office in writing before October 1st each year and likewise anyone wishing to apply for a position on the Management Committee can do so by October 1st each year.</p>
4	<p><u>Annual Accounts 01 October 2019 to 30 September 2020</u></p> <p>At each year's AGM we formally adopt the accounts for the year ended 30 September. Full approved sets of all the accounts are available to anyone who requests to see them. Martin Corrie, Treasurer, presented the overall finances of the Association as outlined in the summary which was issued.</p> <p>Martin explained about the 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. He turned to the finances of each of these operations.</p> <p>The Treasurer concluded that when we add up the overall results of the three entities, we had an overall investment in tennis (deficit) of £194,291 compared to a deficit of £27,380 for 2019. The overall financial position of the County remains sound with liquid assets of over £295,000.</p> <p>On the basis that we recover from the COVID-19 effect, during the year ending 30 September 2021, he did not anticipate any major changes in our income as the club</p>

	<p>and places to play registration scheme is now implemented. We are lucky that our supporters have all indicated that they wish to continue at the same level as 2019, having had a year off, however this is dependent on our ability to stage tennis events including Wimbledon. We have identified projects for 20/21 to continue with the development of tennis in Hertfordshire which involve continuing to spend on local projects and include continuing spending on club and player development programmes.</p> <p>It was noted that during 2020 we received 2 new applications for our interest free loan club loan scheme of £5,000 repayable over 5 years.</p> <p>If any clubs require funding assistance with small projects the clubs should contact Carole Draper in the County office in the first instance.</p> <p>01 October 2019 – 30 September 2020 accounts received and adopted. Voting was carried out on the approval of accounts and this was unanimous.</p>
5.	<p><u>Addressing of pre submitted questions</u></p> <p>There were no previously submitted questions relating to the President’s report and the report was accepted by a majority vote.</p> <p>There were no previously submitted questions relating to the Finance report and a unanimous vote approved the accounts.</p>
6.	<p><u>Annual Fees and Competition Entry Fees</u></p> <p>There was an increase by the LTA to the Registration fee for clubs from £110 per court (£55 per grass court) in 2019/20 to £120 per court (£60 per grass court) in 2020/21.</p> <p>There were no changes to the Herts annual fees - £26 per court and this remains the same.</p> <p>There were no changes to the Inter Club Competitions fees remaining at £20 per team.</p>
7.	<p><u>Election of Officers and Herts Management Committee</u></p> <p>The following officers of the management committee, are standing for re-election. Trevor Adamson – President Martin Corrie – Treasurer Helen Elliott – Honorary Secretary</p> <p>New member of the Management Committee nominated is: Tessa Terry, as County Safeguarding Officer, nominated by Carole Draper and Seconded by Bridie Amos.</p> <p>The following members of the management committee are standing for re-election:</p> <p>Bridie Amos, LTA Representative, Development Lee Evans – Tournament & Competitions Carole Draper – Community and Office Manager Janet Corrie – Performance Matt Willcocks – Participation</p>

	There were no objections and all nominees were elected.
8.	<p><u>Arrangements for 2021 including</u></p> <p>Lee Evans gave thanks for all the support and hard work to the committees and organisers of the Leagues and Competitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts County Doubles League – The 2020 competition had been set up and entry fees paid, but in the end was not held. Thanks were given to clubs for allowing funds to be rolled over to 2021. There was not expected to be a need for a fixtures meeting for the 2021 competition. • The Harris Cup (2 pair knock out event) This has started, however due to restrictions will run over a longer period than expected. Thanks were given to Berkhamsted Tennis Club for being so flexible over the date of the competition's Finals Day. • The County Championships – Thanks were given to Rickmansworth who have agreed to host the event again in 2021. • Annual Awards – presentation award celebration dinner unfortunately needed to be cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions and arrangements will be made to suitably recognise award winners as soon as possible. Details of the Award winners are in the Newsletter. • Participation/PYWH programme update given by Matt Willcocks. The Play Your Way in Herts programme is an initiative that sees Herts Tennis and its partner tennis clubs and venues work together to create welcoming fun and affordable tennis opportunities for adults and children. • Herts Inspires My Tennis Future programme – update given by Janet Corrie. This is a new programme for Herts tennis players in year 10 and above. The programme is for those who are actively involved in tennis and have a keen interest in exploring tennis careers and university pathways, developing their game and expanding their tennis knowledge and experiences. Full details are in the Newsletter. • LTA update given by Bridie Amos.
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>No other business.</p>
10.	<p><u>Date of next AGM</u></p> <p>Thursday 09 December 2021</p>
11.	Trevor Adamson thanked those present on the call and closed the online meeting.