

Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

Minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting of the Association

Christchurch Baptist Church, Tewin Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1BW

Thursday 09 December 2021

8 pm

Agenda item	Discussion
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies:</u></p> <p>People were asked to request an invite should they wish to attend the meeting, they then registered. People were invited to pre submit any questions for the meeting.</p> <p>23 people were present. 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, Tessa Terry (CSO and Gosling rep), Judith Allnutt (Berkhamsted), Alison Felton (Harpenden), Charlie Attenborough (Harpenden), Gavin Masterton (Moor Park), Chris Martin (Radlett), David Evans (St Margaretsbury), Caroline Nickalls (Leverstock Green), Phil Martin (Gosling), Sue Wolstenholme VP, Teresa Lilley, Marion Stephenson, Simon Spalter, Stuart Foster, Sharon Evans.</p> <p><u>Apologies were received from:</u> Jean Gates, Digswell LTC, Jenny Thomas, Ian Duncan VP, Brookmans Park LTC, Standon & Puckeridge LTC, Graham Westwell VP, Northwood LTC, St Pauls Walden LTC, Greenwood Park LTC, Hoddesdon LTC, Bishops Stortford LTC, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Oxhey Hall LTC.</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous AGM held on 03 December 2020.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 03 December 2020 were agreed and adopted. There were no comments.</p>
3	<p><u>President's Report for 2021</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 15 November 2021.</p> <p>Trevor announced that after 46 years of service to tennis in Hertfordshire he is leaving the Committee. He expressed his thanks to past and present committee members.</p> <p>Reminder: 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</p>

	<p>wishing to apply for a position on the Management Committee can do so by October 1st each year.</p> <p>The President's Report was proposed and seconded for adoption and agreed with 15 votes For and 0 votes Against.</p>
4	<p><u>Annual Accounts 01 October 2020 to 30 September 2021</u></p> <p>At each year's AGM we formally adopt the accounts for the year ending 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>01 October 2020 – 30 September 2021 accounts were received and adopted. Voting was carried out on the approval of accounts and this was unanimous 15 votes For 0 votes Against.</p>
5	<p><u>Addressing of pre submitted questions</u></p> <p>One question was raised from Alison Felton – Harpenden Tennis Club relating to Ladies Senior League Matches, where due to ongoing covid cases the Ladies had been told that they must play outside despite Men's matches being allowed inside. Why? It was down to captains to agree on each occasion, however Lee was to look to bring more consistency.</p>
6	<p><u>LTA Update</u></p> <p>An LTA update from a national perspective looking back at 2021 was delivered by the Councillor for Hertfordshire, Bridie Amos, via a slide presentation. A remarkable year of success for Britain's elite players not least with Emma Raducanu's incredible US Open win. This success along with other achievements through the ranks has helped to increase the visibility of tennis in Britain. Bridie then highlighted the key national projects which the LTA will be developing throughout the next 12 months, all of which are driven from the vision for our sport in Britain to have Tennis opened up and to make it relevant accessible and welcoming and enjoyable to anyone with an interest.</p>
7	<p><u>Herts Tennis Plan</u></p> <p>Matt Willcocks then talked through what we are doing at a more local level through the Herts Tennis Foundation. To use the power of tennis to play a significant role in positively impacting on the physical and mental health of everyone in the County. The mission is by 2025 to facilitate 120,000 hours of play by non club members in Herts.</p>
8	<p><u>Annual Fees and Competition Entry Fees</u></p> <p>There were no changes to the Herts Annual Fee, remaining at £26 per court. There were no changes to the Herts Inter Club Competitions Fees, remaining at £20 per team.</p>
9	<p><u>Election of Officers and Herts Management Committee</u></p> <p>The process for election and voting was explained thoroughly by Tessa Terry who ran the voting process on the evening with the assistance of Sue Wolstenholme OBE and Sharon Evans as independent overseers. Tessa answered questions from the floor concerning the agreed voting process.</p>

	<p>The following officers of the Management Committee of 2021, are standing for re-election.</p> <p>Martin Corrie – Treasurer and nominated by committee for Treasurer for 2022 Helen Elliott – Honorary Secretary and nominated by committee for Honorary Secretary for 2022</p> <p>The following members of the Management Committee of 2021 are standing for re-election:</p> <p>Bridie Amos - LTA Councillor, Development Lee Evans – Tournament & Competitions and nominated by Committee for President for 2022 following Trevor Adamson leaving the committee. Carole Draper – Community and Office Manager, Disability and Inclusion Janet Corrie – Performance Matt Willcocks – Participation Tessa Terry – County Safeguarding Officer</p> <p>The following people are standing for election Stuart Foster Simon Spalter</p> <p>There are a total of 9 Management Committee places available.</p>
10	<p><u>Arrangements for 2022</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 League <p>2021</p> <p>Once again, due to covid, it hadn't been possible to run a usual Herts League this year. Unlike last year though, where not a ball was hit, a one off alternative competition was held, modelled on HL's new format but taking into account the desire for less travel due to car sharing restrictions and the knowledge that some players/clubs were not ready to compete again. In other words, there had to be no consequences for the future. The NHS Challenge Cup (Men) and the Corona Cup (Ladies), named by players after a vote among clubs, involved localised group stages with follow on play off matches for the really keen teams.</p> <p>Lee thanked everybody who had played a part in enabling the competitions to happen on behalf of the committee.</p> <p>2022</p> <p>Fingers crossed for return of normal Herts League. Teams had been entered and entry fees paid for the abandoned 2020 competition and every club was happy to leave the fees in for 2022. Extremely grateful to clubs for that. Spared unnecessary admin burden at rough time. Divisions had also been set and a fixture meeting held so things were well set for 2022.</p> <p>A further fixtures meeting was not required. Any necessary changes could be made by correspondence.</p>

	<p>Feedback on new shorter format, voted in at 2019 AGM and trialled and used throughout the summer, generally really positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Harris Cup (2 pair knock out event) <p>2021 Unlike Herts League, the Harris Cup (County's 2 Pair KO Cup event) was played, albeit it took a year longer to complete than planned! Men's competition won by Welwyn. Ladies retained by Hoddesdon. Special mention to Barnet who reached both finals and were cheered on by quite phenomenal band of travelling supporters. Thanks to West Herts for stepping in at short notice to host finals.</p> <p>2022 Competition will be played over the summer with entries taken in late spring/early summer and the finals to be held at Berkhamsted date tbc but likely to be weekend of 8/9th Oct. Thanks to Berkhamsted for being so flexible and special mention to Tracey Mackey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Championships – Thanks were given to Rickmansworth <p>2021 This year's county champs was a big success. More entries than any year in past 8 at least, so really positive, a fantastic atmosphere, helped by a great venue and a cracking team running the event.</p> <p>2022 Very grateful to Mary Ford for confirming Rickmansworth is happy to host again. Event always held at very busy time for clubs so many thanks on behalf of the committee to the club and its members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Awards event is anticipated to take place Spring 2022. • Presentation of award and thanks to Lee by Bridie Amos for his service as Councillor • Presentation of award to Trevor Adamson and thanks for his 46 years of service to Herts Tennis and as President and Chair of Herts Management Committee by Helen Elliott
11	<p><u>Announcement of Voting Results</u> Sue Wolstenholme OBE delivered the results of the voting for the new Herts Tennis Management Committee. The following were elected for 2021/2022. Bridie Amos, Janet Corrie, Carole Draper, Martin Corrie, Lee Evans, Helen Elliott, Matt Willcocks, Tessa Terry and new member Stuart Foster.</p>
12	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> The LTA had launched the Tennis Volunteer Community Group on Facebook. This has been set up to enable volunteers to help and support each other and to share best practice. Herts has supported this with promotion of the group started by Simon Spalter and its events and activities.</p>
13	<p><u>Date of next AGM</u> Thursday 08 December 2022</p>
14	<p>The Chair thanked and closed the meeting at 21.43</p>

