

Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting of the Association

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

Thursday 08 December 2022

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>27 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>Lee Evans, Martin Corrie, Helen Elliott, Bridie Amos, Matt Willcocks, Janet Corrie, Carole Draper. Gavin Masterton (Moor Park), Eric Rovick (Elliswick), Tim Gray (Townsend), David Airey (Gosling), Phil Martin (Gosling), Hugh Leonard (Brookmans Park), Mike Sarson (Brookmans Park), Nick Birchall (Salisbury), Tim Boughen (Hitchin), Judith Allnutt (Berkhamsted), Trevor Adamson, Basil Wein (David Lloyd Bushey), Malcolm Fraser (Harpenden), Nick Aves (Welwyn), Alison Allard (Batchwood), Teresa Lilley, Laura Stephen (Dellcott), Pam Burrage (Schools Association), Yusuf Bankole (Leverstock Green) Caroline Nickalls (Leverstock Green).</p> <p><u>Apologies were received from:</u> Roger Shead (VP), Graham Davies (St Margaretsbury), Chris Roberts (Tring), Jennifer Keates, Patricia Raynor, Jeff Wayne, Oxhey Hall TC, Tessa Terry, Simon Spalter (Radlett) Stuart Foster, Steven Rubin (VP), Liz Sanders, Mel Loten (Letchworth), Sue Wolstenholme, Penny Kent (Schools Tennis Association), Lauren Watts (Schools Tennis Association) Alison Argyle (Radlett)</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous AGM held on 09 December 2021.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 09 December 2021 were agreed and adopted. There were no comments.</p>
3	<p><u>President's Report for 2022</u></p> <p>Lee Evans, 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 16 November 2022.</p>

	<p>The President's Report was proposed and seconded for adoption and agreed with 21 votes For and 0 votes Against.</p>
4	<p><u>Annual Accounts 01 October 2021 to 30 September 2022</u></p> <p>At each year's AGM the accounts for the year ending 30 September are formally adopted. 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 2021 – 30 September 2022 accounts were received and adopted. Voting was carried out on the approval of accounts and this was unanimous 21 votes For 0 votes Against.</p> <p>A question was raised around the Gosling facility and the high court costs which were believed to not be in the budget of teams (Seniors). Could any discount for Senior teams be applied? Martin responded that not all courts at Gosling are controlled by Herts. There is shared agreement over control and Herts cannot influence Gosling court costs. A comment from the floor stated that Batchwood Courts were currently £10 per hour.</p> <p>Martin advised that the intention is to change the accounting year to 31 December rather than 30 September. An EGM will be proposed to change the year end and seek agreement to transfer the business and assets of the Association from an Unincorporated Association to a Company Limited by guarantee.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed by Martin to Dylan Evans who acts as our independent examiner of the accounts.</p>
5	<p><u>LTA Update</u></p> <p>An LTA update from a national perspective looking back at 2022 was delivered by the Councillor for Hertfordshire, Bridie Amos, via a slide presentation.</p> <p>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>
6	<p><u>Herts Tennis Plan 2023</u></p> <p>This slide presentation was delivered by Matt Willcocks on Participation, Phil Martin on the Herts Tennis Foundation and Janet Corrie on Performance. The presentation is available on the Herts Tennis website.</p>

7	<p><u>Addressing of pre submitted questions</u> There were no pre submitted questions for discussion.</p>
8	<p><u>Annual Fees and Competition Entry Fees</u> 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> The following officers of the Management Committee of 2022, are standing for re-election. Lee Evans – President and Tournaments & Competitions and nominated by Committee for President, Tournaments & Competitions Martin Corrie – Treasurer and nominated by committee for Treasurer Helen Elliott – Honorary Secretary and nominated by committee for Honorary Secretary</p> <p>The following members of the Management Committee of 2022 are standing for re-election:</p> <p>Bridie Amos - LTA Councillor, Development and Coach Workforce Carole Draper – Community and Office Manager, Disability and Inclusion Janet Corrie – Performance Matt Willcocks – Participation Tessa Terry – County Safeguarding Officer Stuart Foster – Community and Local Authority</p> <p>There were no new nominations and unanimous approval was given to all of those standing for re-election.</p>
10	<p><u>Resolution</u> The following resolution was proposed and duly passed.</p> <p><i>That in accordance with clause 9 of the existing constitution of the Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association (the Association), the constitution which is displayed on the Herts Tennis website and labelled Proposed New Constitution be adopted as the governing document of the Association to replace the existing constitution in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the constitution of the Association previously in force.</i></p> <p>All existing Vice Presidents were re-elected for 3 years and given the new title 'Honorary Member'.</p> <p>Three new nominations for Honorary Member were received – for Trevor Adamson, Gavin Masterton and Jennifer Keates and unanimously approved.</p>

	<p>The lawyer working with the Governance Committee to update the constitution was present for this section of the meeting via phone link to answer any questions on the proposal if required.</p>
11	<p><u>Arrangements for 2023</u> Lee Evans gave thanks for all the support and hard work to the committees and organisers of the Leagues and Competitions.</p> <p>Herts League Lee explained that the Herts League would be opened for entries early in 2023 and that a fixtures meeting would be arranged for March, however following a question from Caroline Nickalls (Leverstock Green), it was agreed that a survey would be carried out to determine whether clubs were ready to return to holding a meeting following Covid.</p> <p>The Harris Cup (the County’s 2 Pair KO Cup event) would be opened for entries in June and the finals held at Townsend (date to be confirmed).</p> <p>The County Championships – Thanks were given to Rickmansworth Tennis Club for hosting this year’s County Championships, which had been a great success.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Mary Ford for confirming that Rickmansworth was happy to host the event in 2023. August is a busy time for clubs so many thanks on behalf of the committee to the club and its members.</p> <p>Annual Awards Every year we look to recognise the wonderful volunteers that we have in the County. The process begins in October and closes at the very end of November and nominations for an award are encouraged from individuals, clubs and venues to recognise special people in many different categories. Winners are recognised at a celebration dinner and it is anticipated that this will take place in Spring 2023.</p>
12	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Tim Boughen spoke about the LTA Tennis Volunteer Community Group which is available to join either via email or 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> It was agreed that the date of the next AGM would be confirmed following the planned EGM.</p>
14	<p><u>Close of meeting</u> Lee Evans, thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 10 pm.</p>

