



## Hertfordshire LTA Limited

### Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting of Hertfordshire LTA LTD

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

Thursday 06 March 2025

7 pm

Agenda item	Discussion
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies for absence:</u></b></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>This is the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting generally, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM as Hertfordshire LTA Limited. 33 people were present. They are as listed below and included officers and committee members of the company, Honorary Members and representatives from clubs and venues:</p> <p>Lee Evans (President), Martin Corrie (Treasurer), Helen Elliott (Secretary, Bridie Amos (LTA Councillor), Carole Draper (Management Committee) Stuart Foster (Management Committee) Tessa Terry (Safeguarding Officer). Matt Willcocks (Management Committee), Mark George (Management Committee), Jamie Broomfield, Toby Bentall, Darren Hopkins, Kirstie Caneparo. Phil Martin (Gosling and HTF), Teresa Lilley, Sharon Evans (Herts Tennis), Julia Hanson (Redbourn), David Airey (Gosling), Sue Wolstenholme, Honorary Member, Jennifer Keates, Honorary Member, Andrew Keates, Janet Corrie, Honorary Member, Judith Allnut (Berkhamsted TC) Dan Kennedy (Dellcott TC), Liz Mills (Rickmansworth TC), Adrian Thompson (Chorleywood TC), Annick Devillard (Moor Park TC), Simon Balaam, Sarah Munn (Oxhey Hall TC), Alison Argyle (Radlett TC), James Droy, Addison Petrie (Leverstock Green TC), David Hewsom (Wheathampstead TC), Craig Blythe (Batchwood TC), Judy Sharman (Hertford TC).</p> <p><u>Apologies were received from:</u> Eric Rovick (Elliswick), Bishops Stortford TC, Braughing TC, Brookmans Park TC, Linda Sharp (Hoddesdon), Jamie Simmonds (Orchard) Pirton TC, Hope Mailer, Honorary Member, Jean Gates, Honorary Member, Gavin Masterton, Honorary Member, Pam Burrage, Herts Schools Association.</p>
2	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous AGM held on 07 March 2024.</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 07 March 2024 were agreed and proposed by Bridie Amos, seconded by Stuart Foster, and adopted by majority vote with no objections.</p>

3	<p><b><u>President's Report for 2024</u></b>  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 18 February 2025. There were no questions.  Helen Elliott, Secretary, proposed a vote to adopt The Presidents Report This was seconded by Bridie Amos for adoption and agreed unanimously.</p>
4	<p><b><u>Annual Accounts 01 January to 31 December 2024</u></b>  Martin Corrie, the Treasurer, presented the Accounts for the period from 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024. Full approved sets of all the accounts are available to anyone who requests to see them. The accounts were received and adopted. Voting was carried out on the approval of accounts and this was unanimous.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed by Martin to Dylan Evans who acts as our independent examiner of the accounts.</p> <p>Thanks also expressed to Kelly Baker who has worked tirelessly to build up income from our Partners. It is anticipated in 2025 that there will be a £15,000 increase.</p> <p>The LTA Grant Disclosure is included in the pack and shows core grant received and how it is spent.</p>
5	<p><b><u>LTA Update</u></b>  Bridie Amos, the LTA Councillor for Hertfordshire, delivered a brief overview of what has happened nationally, over the past year via a slide presentation.</p>
6	<p><b><u>Herts Tennis Plan 2025</u></b>  This slide presentation was delivered by Phil Martin on Participation and the Herts Tennis Foundation Team, whose purpose is to use the power of tennis to impact on physical and mental health and he listed many of the successes of the programme. Mark George spoke on Performance and Tessa Terry on Herts Tennis Venue Engagement. The presentation is available on the Herts Tennis website. Guest Speaker, Dan Kennedy, Chair of Dellcott Tennis Club, who has experienced the input of Venue Engagement input, gave insight on how this has helped their club to improve.</p>
7	<p><b><u>Addressing of pre submitted questions</u></b>  There was one pre submitted question relating to accounts. Question was asking why the reserve is so big? It was explained that the reserves were needed in order to operate the Gosling Centre. £350,000 was paid for the right to operate some courts and as location for the County Centre. The arrangement ends in 2039 and reserves are being held to support the potential costs of funding a replica arrangement when the current one ends.</p>

	<p>Also, when times are difficult there needs to be enough reserves. The LTA recommend reserves of 2 years of operational costs.</p>
8	<p><b><u>Annual Fees and Competition Entry Fees</u></b>  The Herts Annual Fee has increased to £28 per court from January 2025 and will then increase to £30 per court in 2026. The inter-club competition fee has increased to £23 per team in 2025 and will increase to £25 per team in 2026.</p>
9	<p><b><u>Election of Officers, Hertfordshire LTA Ltd Directors and Herts Management Committee</u></b>  Several changes this year. There are two members of the Management Committee leaving, Martin Corrie and Lee Evans.  There are 4 new nominations to join the Committee, Jamie Broomfield, Kirstie Caneparo, Toby Bentall and Darren Hopkins.</p> <p>The remaining 7 existing members of the committee are happy to stay on for a further year.</p> <p>With Martin and Lee leaving two new Directors and Officers are required.</p> <p>Thanks given to Martin and Lee for everything they have done for the county over so many years.</p> <p>In accordance with paragraph 6.2 of the Articles of Association of the company the following were proposed for election to the Management Committee of Hertfordshire LTA Ltd, and elected by majority vote.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Election of Brigid Amos (LTA Councillor and Director) as President</li> <li>2. Election of Helen Elliott (Honorary Secretary) as Director</li> <li>3. Election of Toby Bentall as Honorary Treasurer and Director</li> <li>4. Election of Stuart Foster as Director</li> <li>5. Election of Jamie Broomfield as Committee Member</li> <li>6. Election of Kirstie Caneparo as Committee Member</li> <li>7. Election of Darren Hopkins as Committee Member</li> </ol> <p>Other Committee Members not requiring re-election</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tessa Terry – Committee Member</li> <li>2. Mark George – Committee Member</li> <li>3. Matt Willcocks – Committee Member</li> <li>4. Carole Draper – Committee Member</li> </ol> <p>Election of Honorary Members</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lee Evans</li> <li>2. Martin Corrie</li> <li>3. Jeff Wayne</li> </ol> <p>Honorary members were renewed for a second 3 year term.</p>
10	<p><b><u>Arrangements for 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>Herts League 2025</b></p>



The Herts League opens for entries very shortly under new management (Jamie Broomfield). There are teething issues with the LTA's new Online version of League Planner and some key questions are still to be answered. A short entry period will be followed by Jamie setting out the divisions. As always, the competition will be played between April and Sept.

### **The Harris Cup**

The Harris Cup is the County's 2 Pair Knock out Cup event. The 2025 competition will be played over the summer, with entries taken in late spring/early summer. The host club will be Moor Park and finals day will be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Herts Open**

The Herts Open, thanks to Jamie for introducing this year, is a similar event to the Open and Seniors County Champs event but open to players from outside Hertfordshire with the proviso that matches are played in the county. The inaugural finals day is taking place at Gosling on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **The County Championships – Tennis and Padel**

Last year's County Champs Tennis event was fantastic. We are very lucky to have such a fabulous team running the event and the use of such a wonderful venue which always seems to generate the special atmosphere we've always wanted. Thanks to Rickmansworth for agreeing to host the event again, not just in 2025 but for the next 3 years! The dates for this year's event are yet to be confirmed by the LTA but likely to be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The inaugural Padel County Championships was held in 2024, which was run as a postal event with the finals day hosted by Bishop's Stortford in December on their new courts. This year's event will be a similar format but is expected to be run over several months over the summer leading to a finals day at the end of August. Stuart Foster will give confirmation on this later in the year.

Lee gave thanks to those who oversee all things seniors; the Seniors County Organisers, Judith Allnut and Malcolm Fraser. Thanks to all the captains of our county teams, to the Ladies who organise our seniors leagues: Patricia Rayner, Victoria Aitchison, Pam Hall and Anne Clark and to Basil Wein who runs the Men's leagues. Also to the organisers of all the other competitions, particularly Jamie, Angela Blowers and Nick Aves, and their helpers.

### **Annual Awards**

Every year Hertfordshire looks to recognise the wonderful volunteers in the County. The process begins in June and closes at the end of November and nominations for an award are encouraged from individuals, clubs and venues to recognise special people in many different categories.

The winners are recognised at our Awards Event which last year took the form of a very successful recognition and presentation evening dinner, for the winner and a guest which took place at Harpenden Golf Club. A similar event will be held for 2025 winners on 26 April.



	<p>Herts Tennis facilitate the process and arrange the recognition and event but what we need are the nominations. Please do take the time to nominate people - it is a nice gesture and an excellent way of thanking volunteers for their support.</p> <p>We welcome volunteers who can bring their own particular skills and enthusiasm and play a part in the continued development of Herts Tennis. Please do make contact if you know of someone who is keen to get involved.</p>
11	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b> Nothing raised in 'Any Other Business'.</p>
12	<p><b><u>Date of next AGM</u></b> The date of the next AGM is Thursday 05 March 2026.</p>
13	<p><b><u>Close of meeting</u></b> Bridie Amos, newly elected President thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 20.48 pm wishing everyone a safe journey home.</p>