

Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

Notes of the 87th Annual General Meeting of the Association

Collingwood Suite, Gosling Sports Park, Welwyn Garden City

Thursday 04 December 2014

8pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	<p><u>Apologies and introductions</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following: Kathie Tillin, Val Harris, Judith Allnutt, Chris Rice, Peggy Rawlins, Hope Mailer, Simon Bramwell, Mike Hudson, Janet Corrie, Paul Seymour, Ben Davis, Jean Gates, Leo Tutt, Sarah Tricks, Stella Ross-Collins. Royston and Much Hadham Tennis Clubs. Apologies were proposed by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Lee Evans. Motion was carried.</p> <p>The meeting was attended by --- people including officers and committee members of the Association, Vice Presidents, representatives from clubs and venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The President, Gavin Masterton welcomed everyone to the meeting saying that it had been a good year for tennis in Hertfordshire and made reference to the 2014 Newsletter. Many clubs and venues across the county had taken part in the Great British Tennis weekend spread across four weekends in May, June and July.• Individual players and teams had enjoyed great success and we have tried to make tennis more inclusive with support in the area of tennis for those with disabilities.• Mens and Ladies Teams have survived to fight another day in Group 1 but at the Winter Cup last weekend both teams were relegated. Good efforts made by all and all credit to the players. Congratulations expressed to Jeff Wayne and Sarah Donovan for leading the teams. We have good competitive tennis in Hertfordshire and good facilities.• This year the LTA initiated a large restructure of their organisation with the ultimate aim of achieving more people playing tennis, more often. Herts Tennis is still here keen to help clubs and players in very way we can but additional support is now being provided by our Regional LTA office.• Batchwood Sports Centre is now open again following the devastating fire there three years ago. Congratulations and thanks were expressed to all who contributed to the successful rebuilding programme.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Performance and results are detailed on pages 6/7 of the Newsletter. Much success at Junior level including being Winners of Lionel Cox. Fantastic performances at every age group. • Individual success of Herts Players. Ed Corrie, David Rice and Katy Dunne reached career high singles ranking of ATP 216, ATP 298 and WTA 310 respectively. George Coupland retired on Singles ranking of ATP 588. • Herts Junior County Closed tournament was very successful and well attended and Herts wish to further grow this tournament. • Please refer to the Newsletter for all results and details of performance including Herts Men and Ladies Vets. • Gavin commented that it had been a very busy and successful year
2.	<p><u>To confirm the notes of the last AGM held on 05 December 2013</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 05 December 2013 were approved.
3.	<p><u>To present and if acceptable, adopt:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual report of the committee for 2014 and the Annual accounts 01 October 2013 – 30 September 2014 were adopted and full records of both are filed with these notes. They were proposed by Sybil Howgego and seconded by Jenny Thomas. • 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. • Martin stated that Herts Tennis are continuing to look for ways of increasing the court usage and if anyone would like to use the courts please contact Carole Draper in the Herts Office. • Thanks expressed to Jenny Keates for support into clubs in developing their junior programmes. • Thanks expressed to Kelly Baker on working with our supporters who have all indicated that they wish to continue at the same level as last year. Projects have been identified for 2014/15 to continue with the development of tennis in Hertfordshire including Disability Tennis. • In 2014 Herts Tennis have lent money to clubs interest free nearly £10,000 repayable over 5 years. If clubs require funding assistance with small projects that Clubs should approach Carole Draper in the Herts Office in the first instance.
4.	<p><u>Annual Fees and Subscriptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Rule 4 – Registration fee to remain the same. • Inter Club Competitions – Reg 5.3 – It was proposed that the entry fee to remain the same at £20.00 per team. • Both proposals were approved – no vote required.

5.	<p><u>Arrangements for 2015 including</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior County closed Championships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ this will take place 23 – 29 August 2015 at Queenswood. Herts Day will take place on Saturday 29 August. • Herts County Doubles League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lee Evans reported great close competition. Ladies championship a particular highlight with Letchworth winning 5-4. ○ Bad news is there are still too many walk-overs. Entirely mens teams and men in the top division. Please ensure clubs do not do this. ○ Thanks were given to all who have taken part and to the team organisers. • Herts LTA Annual General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday 03 December 2015
6	<p><u>Elections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers and Committees of the Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sybil Howgego and Leo Tutt are no longer member of the Executive Committee. Sybil has received an LTA meritorious Award for 2014. ○ Gavin Masterton is standing down as President and Chair after 30 years of service. Trevor Adamson spoke of Gavin's unfailing support of Hertfordshire Tennis and expressed thanks. ○ Trevor Adamson is to become President and Chair, proposed by Gavin Masterton and Seconded by Martin Corrie – elected. • Vice Presidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gavin was elected as Honorary Life President. ○ Existing Vice Presidents were re-elected. • Hon Auditor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Martin proposed Myers Clark as Hon Auditors and this was seconded by Kelly Baker. – Elected.
7.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts Schools – an organisation for School tennis players years 4 – 16. They are requesting more competitions as they really want to grow. Please support them by going to www.herts-schools-tennis.org.uk • Gavin thanked Leo Tutt and John Bruley for their time working with Herts Tennis. He welcomed our County Administrator, Carole Draper who now works 100% of her time for the County. Jenny Keates for her work with Mini Tennis and for all the many volunteers who are valued. To the Executive Committee and to our supporters who are listed on page 2 of the Newsletter. We are very grateful for their support.
8.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 03 December 2015

9.	<p><u>Presentations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The League Championship Shields were presented to the winning teams Barnet 1 (men) and Letchworth 1 (ladies). Plaques were presented to the runners up Welwyn1 (men) and Harpenden 1 (ladies) and to the various division winners. • Winter Singles League plaques were presented to winners of all divisions. • Herts Men Seniors League Doubles Championship – plaques were presented to winning teams Over 55 David Lloyd Bushey and Over 45 Harpenden 1 and to winning teams in all divisions. • Hot Rackets Two Pair Summer Doubles League – Plaques were presented to Premier Winners St Albans 1 (ladies) and Letchworth 1 (men) and all winning teams in all divisions. • County Colours were awarded to Ben Davis • Mark Seymour Award for 2014 – Harvey Shackleton • Laing Award for 2014 – Amelia Campbell. • Presentations were made to Jon Meredith who was represented with his LTA Performance Coach of the Year Award. He was also awarded the title of 2014 AEGON Coach of the Year. Jon is an outstanding coach at Batchwood since 2007. Congratulations to Jon from Herts Tennis. • Presentation was made to Sarah Donovan who has captained our ladies team since 2004 with great success.
10.	<p>There being no further business Gavin thanked those present and closed the meeting at 21.05 hours.</p>