

Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association

Minutes of the 90th Annual General Meeting of the Association

Collingwood Suite, Gosling Sports Park, Welwyn Garden City

Thursday 07 December 2017

8pm

Agenda Item	Discussion
1.	<p><u>Apologies and introductions</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from the following:</p> <p>Simon Bamwell, Stuart Foster, Jean Gates, Val Harris, Hope Mailer, Andre Mouskides, Peggy Rawlins, Alan Roberts, Stephen Rubin, Elizabeth Sanders, Matt Wilcocks, Sue Wolstenholme, Carole Draper, Brookmans Park Tennis Club (Sue Kilbey), Letchworth Tennis Club (Mel Loten), Northwood Tennis Club (David Cameron), Jeff Wayne, Mike Hudson, Eileen Cox, Wymondley Tennis Club, Alissa Ayling, Moor Park Tennis Club (Joan Lloyd), Bryony Hill, West Herts Tennis Club (Francesca Barham)</p> <p>The meeting was attended with 43 people and included officers and committee members of the Association, Vice Presidents and representatives from clubs and venues.</p>
2.	<p><u>To confirm the notes of the last AGM held on 01 December 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The notes of the Annual General Meeting held on 01 December 2016 were confirmed and 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 2017 was presented by the Chair of the Management Committee, Trevor Adamson. The presentation made reference to the appointment of the new LTA President, Martin Corrie, who will serve a 3 year term in this position. The LTA has linked with Judy Murray in launching 'She Rallies', a new initiative to attract and retain more women and girls into tennis. This was launched in Hertfordshire by holding a training event at Legends tennis Club. The Awards Dinner took place in March and the British Tennis County Award winners were acknowledged and awarded with a gift. The 2017 report is produced just before the Inter County Winter Cup event and it was reported that the Men's team gained promotion from Group 2 to Group 1. The Ladies were relegated from Group 1 to Group 2. The Summer Inter County event

	<p>held at Eastbourne in July saw both our teams in Group 1. The men won Group 1 and the Ladies finished second. A very great effort by both teams. Herts Tennis pride themselves on helping Herts Juniors to try to progress in the game of tennis. All county training for 9U – 18U is free. All County teams are funded with all expenses for County Cup, 12 Counties Championships and other matches. Travelling captains are paid and kit is supplied. Individual funding is given to selected players between ages 13-18 and Mini Tennis is also supported. The Great British Tennis Weekend continued this year in a large number of clubs. There are a number of funding schemes to help Clubs. Interest free loans up to £5,000, £1,000 facility grants to clubs for small improvements in their club. Disability grants are also available. The County Leagues are now completed and winners this year of the Championship are Letchworth Ladies and Moor Park Men’s team. The Management Committee for 2018 were read out. All this information is within the Herts Tennis Newsletter issued November 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual accounts for Herts Tennis for the year 01 October 2016 – 30 September 2017 were received and adopted. They were proposed by Trevor Adamson and seconded by Lee Evans. There were no questions raised. The accounts were agreed. • There are 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. A detailed report on the accounts was presented by Martin Corrie showing the financial position of the Association to be in a strong position.
4.	<p><u>Annual Fees and Subscriptions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Rule 4 – No change to the Registration fee. There was no change in the LTA or Herts Registration fee. • Inter Club Competitions – full details are reported in the Newsletter.
5.	<p><u>Arrangements for 2018 including</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herts LTA presentation of Awards Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will take place in March 2018 and it will be at this event that British Tennis awards and Hertfordshire County awards and the winners of the Men’s and Ladies Herts league competitions will be presented. The nominators for awards will also be invited to attend. Currently 47 nominations have been proposed. • Herts League <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congratulations to Letchworth and Moor Park and promoted teams. A total of 1,354 players took part and pleased to say walkovers have reduced. ○ <u>Herts League Proposal 1</u> – proposed by the Herts Management Committee, based on options put forward by clubs and the subsequent results of a survey of clubs on the most popular of these options. The proposal is to introduce a

	<p>new format in 2018 in both the Men's and Ladies competitions in which the rubber between like pairs is the best of 3 sets with a 7 point tie-break at 6-6 in the first two sets (with a deciding 10 point tie-break as a third set if necessary) and the rubbers between non like pairs are 1 set matches with 7 point tie-breaks at 6-6. Under the proposal the matches between like pairs will be played in the final round. Discussion took place and questions answered. With only 14 votes in favour of the motion the proposal was voted against and not carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Herts League Proposal 2</u> 'To make tennis at the higher end of the ladies competition more competitive and enjoyable, to introduce Premier and Intermediate Divisions between the Championship division and Divisions 1A and 1B'. The two new divisions would be formed from the existing Division 1A and IB teams with those in the top half of each forming the Premier Division and those in the bottom half forming the Intermediate. <p>Proposed by Wendy Randall, Harpenden's Ladies captain with support from a number of other clubs.</p> <p>The motion was proposed, voted and the motion carried by a large majority.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Lee Evans who has worked hard to give the right competitive passion by Janet Corrie.</p>
6	<p><u>Elections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Officers and Committees of the Association Existing committee were re-elected. No nominations for Vice President ● Hon Auditor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Myers Clark resigned as honorary auditors during the year. Martin Corrie suggested we have two options – 1. to have the accounts audited by another company or 2. to make a resolution to have the accounts prepared by Hicks and reviewed by a third party. The minimum requirement for audit is now £10 million turnover and the original audit requirement within the Hertfordshire LTA constitution is now outdated ○ . This will go back to the committee for review.
7.	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Malcolm Fraser – representing Men's Seniors raised that the condition of the courts at Gosling was very poor and a disgrace. We need to do what we can to improve this facility and the complaint will be taken back to Gosling. ● Disappointment was expressed that the 3 courts were turned into another facility. County courts 7,8 &9 are safe as they belong to Herts Tennis.

8.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 06 December 2018
9.	There being no further business Trevor thanked those present and closed the meeting at 21.28 hours.