



Hertfordshire Lawn Tennis Association Ltd

Minutes of the 96th Annual General Meeting of the Association

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

Thursday 07 March 2024

7 pm

Agenda item	Discussion
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies for absence:</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>This is the 96th Annual General Meeting generally, but the first as Hertfordshire LTA Limited. 24 people were present. They are as listed below and included officers and committee members of the Association, Honorary Members and representatives from clubs and venues:</p> <p>Lee Evans (President), Martin Corrie (Treasurer), Helen Elliott (Secretary, Bridie Amos (LTA Councillor), Janet Corrie (Management Committee), Carole Draper (Management Committee) Stuart Foster (Management Committee) Tessa Terry (Safeguarding Officer).</p> <p>Eric Rovick (Elliswick), Linda Sharp (Hoddesdon) Michael Seymour (Hoddesdon) Katie Dalmon (Leverstock Green), Graham Fish (Leverstock Green), Kirsty Caneparo (Cassiobury), Mark George, Chris Martin (Radlett), Marion Stevenson, Phil Martin (Gosling), Sharon Evans (Herts Tennis), Teresa Lilley, Nick Birchall, Sue Birchall, Julia Hanson (Redbourn), David Airey (Gosling).</p> <p><u>Apologies were received from:</u></p> <p>Gavin Masterton (Honorary Member), Sarah Tricks (Honorary Member), Graham Davies (St Margaretsbury), Chorleywood TC, Dan Kennedy (Delcott) Gill Brook (Braughing), Elstree TC, Bishops Stortford TC, Pam Burrage (Herts Schools LTA), Matt Willcocks (Management Committee), Sue Wolstenholme (Honorary Member), Judith Allnutt (Berkhamsted).</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous AGM held on 08 December 2022.</u></p> <p>The minutes of the AGM held on Thursday 08 December 2022 were agreed and adopted by majority vote.</p>
3	<p><u>President's Report for 2023 – 24)</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 17 February 2024..</p>

<p>4</p>	<p><u>Annual Accounts 01 October 2022 to 31 December 2023</u></p> <p>Usually, at each year’s annual general meeting we have formally adopted the accounts for the year ended 30 September, however, this year the Treasurer presented accounts for the fifteen month period from 01 October 2022 to 30 December 2023 for adoption.</p> <p>An EGM was held on 28 June 2023 the purpose of which was to align Herts Tennis with current LTA governance. At that meeting agreement was sought and obtained to cease the trading of the unincorporated Hertfordshire LTA and on 01 January 2024 to transfer the business to Hertfordshire LTA Ltd which was formally Hertfordshire LTA (Tennis Centres) Ltd. At the same time, the year ends of all our companies was changed to 31 December which means that the accounts at this AGM are for the fifteen months to 31 December 2023. Martin Corrie, Treasurer, highlighted that on the Summary of Accounts paperwork provided for the meeting the date in the title should read 31 not 30 December.</p> <p>Martin presented the overall finances of the Association accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023 which were proposed and formally adopted. Full approved sets of all the accounts are available to anyone who requests to see them.</p> <p>Helen Elliott, Secretary, proposed a vote to adopt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Presidents Report <p>The President’s Report was proposed and seconded for adoption and agreed unanimously.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accounts for the period 01 October 2022 – 31 December 2023. <p>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>5</p>	<p><u>LTA Update</u></p> <p>An LTA update from a national perspective looking back at 2023 was delivered by the LTA 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, welcoming and enjoyable to anyone with an interest.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Herts Tennis Plan 2024</u></p>

	<p>This slide presentation was delivered by Bridie Amos, Phil Martin on Participation, Janet Corrie on Performance and Marion Stevenson. 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. There were also no other questions from the floor.</p>
8	<p><u>Annual Fees and Competition Entry Fees</u> There is no change this year to either the Herts Annual Fee or the fees for our inter-club competitions, however the intention is to increase both fees – which have remained static for quite some time now – from January 2025 and again from January 2026.</p> <p>The increases will take the Herts Annual Fee from the existing £26 per court to £28 per court in 2025, then £30 per court in 2026 And in respect of the Inter Club competition fee, it will be raised from the current £20 per team to £23 per team in 2025, then £25 per team in 2026.</p>
9	<p><u>Election of Officers, Hertfordshire LTA Ltd Directors and Herts Management Committee</u> With Janet Corrie deciding that it's time to hand over the reigns, there is one new nomination to join the Management Committee, Mark George and the vote was carried unanimously.</p> <p>The remaining 8 existing members of the Management Committee are happy to stay on.</p> <p>Under new Governance there is a requirement for Directors as well as Management Committee Members and Officers. Lee referenced accompanying meeting paperwork provided.</p> <p>Lee, The President requested support to elect the committee as set out on the attachment. The term for election is for 3 years (subject to individuals wanting to stay on for that long and not having overstayed their welcome in terms of years served compared to the acknowledged best practice maxima).</p> <p><i>Election of Lee Evans as President and Director</i> <i>Election of Martin Corrie as Honorary Treasurer and Director</i> <i>Election of Bridie Amos as LTA Councillor and Director</i> <i>Election of Helen Elliott as Honorary Secretary</i></p> <p><i>Election of Carole Draper as Committee Member</i> <i>Election of Stuart Foster as Committee Member</i> <i>Election of Mark George as Committee Member</i> <i>Election of Tessa Terry as Committee Member</i> <i>Election of Matt Willcocks as Committee Member</i></p> <p>The Committee was voted on unanimously without abstentions.</p>

10	<p><u>Arrangements for 2024</u> Lee Evans gave thanks to the committees and organisers of the Leagues and Competitions for all their support and hard work .</p> <p>Herts League 2024 The Herts League is currently open for entries and the divisions are set once that has closed. A survey of clubs led to a decision not to hold a fixtures meeting again. Instead fixtures will be arranged by email/WhatsApp etc between match secretaries or captains. As always, the competition will be played between April and September.</p> <p>The Harris Cup The Harris Cup is the County's 2 Pair Knock out Cup event where we look to take the finals round the county. The 2024 competition will be played over the summer, with entries taken in late spring/early summer. The date for the finals day is tbc along with the host venue but is likely to be the weekend of 12th/13th October.</p> <p>The County Championships Last year's County Championships was fantastic. We are very lucky to have such a brilliant team running the event and the use of such a great venue which always seems to generate a special atmosphere.</p> <p>Very grateful to Rickmansworth for agreeing to host again in 2024. Dates are Sunday 25th to Saturday 31st August.</p> <p>Lee expressed his thanks to his competition colleagues and to those who oversee all things seniors, that's our Seniors County Organisers Malcolm Fraser and Judith Allnut. Thanks to all the captains of our county teams, to the Ladies who organise our seniors leagues: Patricia Rayner, Victoria Aitchison, Pam Hall, Anne Clark and Sarah Tricks and the amazing Basil Wein who runs the Men's equivalents brilliantly on his own. Also the organisers of all the other competitions particularly Jamie Broomfield, Angela Blowers and Nick Aves, plus their fantastic helpers. All do an amazing job for all of us who like our competitive tennis.</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.</p> <p>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. We shall be holding a similar event for our 2023/2024 winners on 27 April.</p>



	<p>Herts Tennis can 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 contact us if you know of someone who is keen to get involved.</p>
11	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> There was no other business</p>
12	<p><u>Date of next AGM</u> The date of the next AGM is Thursday 06 March 2025.</p>
13	<p><u>Close of meeting</u> Lee Evans thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 21.05 wishing everyone a safe journey home.</p>