



SURREY COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE AND VIA ZOOM

ON THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM

Present: In person: Keith Glass (President), Chris Major (Chairman), Roy Staniland (Secretary), Sally Parker (Councillor) & Tim Sagar.

Virtually: Ed Coombs (Treasurer), Derek Howorth & 11 other members of the Council, Chris Risebro, Debbie Slater and Lewis Woodham (Surrey Tennis).

Total number attending : 57

The following registered venues were represented by one or more delegates:

Cranleigh Lawn Tennis & Social Club; Banstead Downs LTC; Thameside Tennis Club; Shirley Park Lawn Tennis Club; Sheen Parks Tennis; Merrow LTC; Ewell Castle Tennis Academy; Westside Tennis Club; Godalming LTC; Norbury Tennis Club; Leatherhead LTC; Wigmore Tennis Club; Dundonald Rec Tennis Club; Camberley Tennis Club; Byfleet LTC; Reigate LTC; Normandy Tennis Club; Pit Farm Tennis Club; New Malden Tennis Club; Woking Tennis Club; Shirley Park LTC; Leatherhead LTC; Coombe Wood Tennis Club, Old College LT & CC

1. The President

The President, Keith Glass, welcomed people to a very different AGM. He thanked Lewis and Debbie for their work on the fantastic Annual Report.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM.

Chris Major said there were no outstanding matters. The minutes were taken as read and approved unanimously.

3. Election of Councillors and Reporting Accountant (Kreston Reeves LLP)

Chris Major explained that 3 Councillors were up for re-election, Alison Taylor, Joy Jackson & Doug Clare. There were also four new nominations, Neil Kapoor, Kate Maurici, Tim Pearce & Matt Trevail. As there were sufficient vacancies on the Council for both the Councillors seeking re-election and the new candidates there was no need for a vote and they were elected and welcomed to the Council. The re-election of the Reporting Accountant (Kreston Reeves LLP) was proposed by Ed Coombs and seconded by Sally Parker and approved unanimously.



4. Treasurer's and Junior Trust Report – Receipt of Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2020.

Ed reported that the accounts covered the activities of Surrey Tennis and the Patrons Association. Income has been reduced severely this year due to the pandemic but there has also been little expenditure since March. There is a small deficit of £3000 against the surplus of £40,000 last year. All the Office staff remained employed over the period of the pandemic. £9,000 was granted to help coaches and clubs were given a 6 month delay on loan repayments.

Sally Parker asked whether there should be a note to record the amount of Patron's funds which is included in the total for current assets. Ed replied that as the Patrons' Accounts are on the website he thought the information was clear without an additional note

Sally also asked where the £26,000 given from the Patrons for Covid Support was recorded. Ed replied that there was no specific Covid fund and that the money was used to support Surrey Tennis generally during the pandemic.

Chris Major thanked Ed for all the work he has put into the accounts over the last 3 years. Ed is stepping down from the end of the year. The Council has agreed to co-opt Derek Howorth as Treasurer for the next year. The Accounts were received.

Peter Bradshaw and Derek Howorth reported on the Junior Trust. It has been a tough year in the financial market, but the Trust Funds has held up and by the end of the accounting year were back up to where they had been at the start of the pandemic. £15,000 of grants have been made to support parental contribution to training as it has not been possible to support individuals as there has been no competitive play.

There were no questions.

5. Report of the Council

Chris Major thanked Debbie Slater, Tim Sagar and Lewis Woodham for the comprehensive and stimulating Report and particularly to Lewis for the new format.

There were no questions.

6. 2018 Patrons Report and Patrons Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2019.

Sally Parker reported that there had been no activity during the year due to the pandemic but that the Patrons had contributed £26,000 to the Surrey Covid Fund.

Approval of the Patrons Accounts was proposed by Louise McKerchar and seconded by Joy Jackson.

7. Presentation of the Bernard Crouch Memorial Trophy 2020.

This is an annual award given to a deserving recipient for work undertaken or performance on court. The recipient is decided by previous recipients. This year it is awarded to Roy Staniland. He has been a member of the Council for many years as well as Secretary, an LTA Councillor and now an LTA Board member. David Crouch (nephew of Bernard) said it is about people who contribute.

Roy thanked the meeting for the Award. He said that Surrey had changed hugely over the years and



was highly respected as one of the top Counties. He thanked the great team in the office, Chris, Julie, Debbie, Tim, Lewis and Justin. He accepted the award for all the volunteers who make tennis work in Surrey.

8. Election of Life Vice President

Chris Major has been proposed by the Council. He is retiring from the Council after many years of service. He declared an interest and left the meeting. In his absence, he was elected unanimously. On his return, he thanked the meeting for his election and was honoured to be included in the ranks of the other distinguished Vice-Presidents.

9. Open Forum

There were no questions.

10. President closes the meeting.

The President closed the meeting , wishing everyone a Happy Christmas. He thanked Chris Major and wished him a long and happy retirement. Chris then thanked Keith who is retiring as President . Derek Howorth is the new President.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.