

**SURREY COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE WIMBLEDON CLUB**

**ON THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2022**

Present: Derek Howorth (President), Peter Bradshaw (Chairman), Roy Staniland (Secretary), Lynne Hunt (Treasurer) and 8 other members of the Council, Chris Risebro, Tim Sagar, Justin Sherring, Debbie Slater, Mandy Spicer, Julie Duckworth and Lewis Woodham (Surrey Tennis) and Joe Salisbury for the start of the meeting.

Total number signed : 52

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

Banstead Downs LTC; Byfleet LTC; Downswood LTC; Epsom LTC; New Malden Sports Club; Oxted LTC; Sutton Tennis & Squash Club; Thameside TC; Westside LTC; Wimbledon Club.

1. The President

The President, Derek Howorth, welcomed everybody. He thanked Joe Salisbury for coming to the meeting and there was a Q & A with Joe, led by Justin Sherring with various questions from the audience. There was a warm round of applause for Joe Salisbury, recognising his great achievements.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM.

The minutes were taken as read and approved unanimously.

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

Peter Bradshaw explained that 4 Councillors were up for re-election, Alison Taylor, Sally Parker, Doug Clare and Kate Maurici. As there were no other candidates they were re-elected for 3 years without a vote. There was also one new nomination, Tunde Adefowora. As there were sufficient vacancies on the Council there was no need for a vote and he were elected and welcomed to the Council

The election of the Reporting Account – Kreston Reeves LLP It was passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report – Adoption of Association Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2022

Lynne introduced the accounts and said that there had been a loss of £16,000. Income has been c. £350,000, including £150,000 sponsorship and £108,00 from the LTA. Renting the Office space in Esher has added to the expenditure. The County has a strong balance sheet

with good working capital. It is planned for a similar deficit in next year's budget, depending upon sponsorship, expenses etc.

Lynne explained that the Surrey is in the process of Incorporating and will become a Charity and a Trading Company. She also explained that there will be a new funding agreement with the LTA from next year. Surrey's income funding from the LTA is currently higher than the new proposed maximum but the LTA have agreed to maintain the current level of funding for 3 years. This applies to 2 Counties, Surrey and Middlesex. All other counties will be better off, with a substantial increase in funding for some. There was a discussion about the new contract and in particular the confidentiality clause which meant details of the contract cannot be discussed outside of Council meetings. Lynne made it clear that if we don't sign the contract we will not receive the funding. The point was raised that it was difficult to vote on something without knowing the details and the suggestion was that the AGM vote to return the decision for the Council to make. This was tabled as an amendment to the original proposal and was agreed by the meeting, with 1 vote against.

The Accounts were approved unanimously.

#### 5. Accounts of the Surrey Junior Trust Fund for the year ending 30 September 2022.

Derek Howorth explained that The Surrey Junior Trust Fund is a small charity funded by donations from the County and a Charitable Settlement from Vernon Ely. This year the income has increased by £5,000 and £30,000 from the Vernon Ely settlement.

Designated funds are retained for investment and the income from the investments is used to give grants to Surrey players. Grants of just under £32,000 have been made this year to 70+ junior players. It is based on ability and the best players get the biggest grants.

#### 6. Report of the Council

Peter Bradshaw said that the excellent report showed what a great job is done by the team and he thanked Debbie Slater, Tim Sagar and Lewis Woodham, Judy Duckworth, Justin Sherring, Mandy Spicer and Chris Risebro for the work they do. Peter thanked the Councillors for all the work they do and mentioned the introduction of a new Coaches Committee. He also highlighted the fact that the Patrons Association was being closed down after 60 years.

Our goal for next year is Incorporation.

There were no questions

#### 7. Rule Amendments

There were no rule amendments

#### 8. LTA Slide Presentation by Alison Taylor

Alison ran through the presentation on the LTA strategy and highlighted the fact that Surrey will be setting up the first Padel League in January.

#### 9. Diversity and Inclusion presentation bt Shiv Paul.

#### 10. Presentation of the Bernard Crouch Memorial Trophy 2021.

David Crouch explained that the award was set up to thank people who get involved in and support tennis in Surrey. Nominations are made and voted on by previous winners only. The Award was presented to Mike Dawe who received the award with thanks.

A further presentation was then made to Mary Lane on becoming an Honorary Vice President. She received the award with thanks.

#### 11. Presentation of Full County Colours and Senior County Colours.

The list of names was read out and colours were presented to those in attendance.

#### 12. Presentation of shields to winners of the County Leagues

Winning clubs were The Wimbledon Club and The Sutton Tennis and Squash Club.

#### 13. Open Forum

One member raised the issue of not being able to use the NTC for County Matches. Ben Disley explained that the prime purpose of the NTC was to ensure facilities were available for the elite players to train and play.

Peter Lane said that it was sad to see the Patrons Association wound up.

#### 14. President closes the meeting.

The President Closed the meeting.