



**BERKSHIRE TENNIS**

## **MINUTES OF THE BERKSHIRE LTA AGM MEETING HELD AT CANTLEY HOUSE HOTEL, WOKINGHAM ON 5 DECEMBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** Brian Warren – President; Lesley Cundy – Chair and County Lead; Denise Walker – Hon Secretary; Heather Bates – County Treasurer and Head of Performance; Alan Frampton – Maidenhead LTC; John Dixon – Berkshire LTA; Midge Cox – Wokingham; Dave Scarbrough – Maidenhead LTC; Sue Topchick – Maidenhead LTC; Nigel Mann – Maidenhead LTC; Sheelagh Hawkins – Shinfield; Steve Vaux – Shinfield; Damian Lane – Basildon TC; Helen Raines – Bucklebury TC; Ewan Hardman – TRL; Peter Blyth – Riseley; Annie Stratford – Windsor LTC; Aine Moyne – Windsor LTC; Philip De Sausmarez – Mapledurham TC; Tim Banks – Sonning; Dave Smith – Wargrave; Robert Carter-Shaw – Caversham; Martyn Rowlands – Home Park LTC; Jane Rowlands – Home Park LTC; Graham Birch – Berkshire O-70's team Captain; Rachael Page – Queen Anne's School

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** David Bell, Barry Glass, Helen Singleton, Tony Billington, Valerie Holden, Debra Schmidt, John Farrow, Liz Fidler, Eilish MacBean, Lynn Taylor, Dawn Newbery,

Lesley Cundy took the chair.

### **MINUTES OF THE AGM 2018**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2018 which had previously been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Lesley presented her report – a copy is attached.

In summary

- Participation is up but a larger increase in children playing rather than adults
- More NVBTW's ran this year but the total number of participants was not available as some clubs did not register their attendance figures
- Lesley explained the new county strategy and how it aligns with the LTA's new strategy of Tennis Opened Up where the County will work towards helping to grow tennis in Berkshire. 5 smaller working parties will work on the different areas.
- The new community venues in Victoria Park, Newbury and Reading University continue to be very successful. The Courts have been refurbished at South Reading Leisure Centre and Prospect Park and Westmorland Park TC should have a gate access system during 2020.
- We supported our Venues this year with 2 Club Forums and 2 Coach forums where there was a significant increase in the number of coaches attending
- The County were able to award Development Grants and 2 Interest-free Loans

- The number of County training sessions for juniors have increased which is in line with the LTA recommendations. We have appointed Selena Coburn as our new Performance Administrator. She will work closely with Heather Bates who remains Head of Performance and will co-ordinate all teams and training and liaise with parents and players.
- The FE and HE Teacher Training is still running as well as and Sport in Mind weekly sessions at Reading University Tennis Park. The Berkshire Blind Society are starting fortnightly sessions funded by the Dan Maskell Fund and the LTA.
- The Dan Maskell Trust has awarded funds for equipment to Sport in Mind and to the Addington School for Special Needs plus 2 wheelchair users.
- The Schools Tennis Competition continues to be very popular and this year we introduced a Division 3. Additionally this year we had the largest number of teams in the Central + East Region and 3 of our teams won their age groups in the regional finals.
- We are bucking the trend as we have increased the numbers of TFK courses offered.
- We have increased the number of participants in the Junior County Championships and we had entries in all groups this year which was very encouraging. We expressed our thanks to Selena Coburn for her excellent organisation and delivery of this event which will continue to be held at Bradfield as a new three-year agreement has been completed this year.
- We have a new County Website : We would ask clubs to delete links to our old website and to use this URL going forward - <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BerkshireLTA>

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Heather Bates presented the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2019 which had previously been circulated to all venues. Heather ran through the accounts highlighting the total income for the year of £77,137 the 2 main sources being Venue Registration fees and Sponsorship Income. Total income was £5300 better than had been budgeted. The LTA grant has increased as we are now offering more County Training.

Main direct expenditure is running the County Teams and County Camps with an increased number of sessions for County Teams. There was a larger amount spent on country training equipment than budgeted which included additional balls and kit for players.

The main increase in the admin costs was for developing the new website.

We have enough reserves to continue with our current budget plan even if there is a reduction in sponsorship funding.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** The following were re-elected:

President	Brian Warren
Chair	Lesley Cundy
Honorary Secretary	Denise Walker
Treasurer	Heather Bates

The other co-opted positions will be held by  
 Alan Frampton, Wimbledon Ticket Administrator;  
 John Dixon, Leagues Organiser  
 Heather Bate, Chair of Performance  
 Lesley Cundy, Chair of Development  
 Sheelagh Hawkins, Minutes Secretary.

## **VENUE REPRESENTATIVES FOR RE-ELECTION**

Nominations have been received for

Andy Speight Bracknell LTC  
Liz Fidler DL Newbury  
Dawn Newbery DL Bracknell

All were approved by the meeting. No other nominations were received.

## **BRITISH TENNIS AWARDS**

We were very pleased to receive several nominations this year across many of the categories. Our County winners for 2019 are:

<b>Competition of the year</b>	JCC at Bradfield College
<b>Club coach of the Year</b>	Damian Lane - Basildon Tennis Club
<b>Performance Coach of the Year</b>	Nigel Mann – Maidenhead LTC
<b>Club of the year</b>	Windsor Tennis Club
<b>Volunteer of the year</b>	Peter Blyth - Riseley Tennis Club
<b>Official of the Year</b>	Selena Coburn
<b>Education Award</b>	Queen Anne's school
<b>Outstanding Contribution to Tennis</b>	Andy Speight – Bracknell LTC

We also recognised Midge Cox for 15 years' service as an Official for the County.

Lesley Cundy thanked everyone for attending and for the support and commitment of all the Berkshire County Volunteers.

The Meeting closed at 20:20