

Minutes of the Derbyshire Tennis Association Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 at 7.30 p.m. via Zoom and at Derby Tennis Centre

Present:

John Last (President and Life Member)
Frank Beer (Honorary County Treasurer and Ashbourne)
Louise Walker (Honorary Secretary and Duffield)
John Briggs (Junior County Cup Team Representative and Life Member)
Jenni Connell (County Safeguarding Officer, DTC and Woodlands)
Katy Wilson (18U and Ladies County Cup Captain, Management Committee and Woodlands)
Rob Salmon (Management Committee and Church Broughton)
Rob Hawkins (DTC Centre Manager and DTC)
Paul Hatton (Chair Tennis Sub-Committee, Management Committee and Breadsall)
Chris Booth (Seniors Cup Team Representative, Management Committee and Church Broughton)
Julie Booth (Church Broughton)
Jonathan Apedaile (Derby Area League and co-opted member of Management Committee and Rolls Royce)
Ashley Broomhead (Head County Coach and Duffield)
Sally Hargreaves (Duffield)
Jane Rushby (Life Member and Church Broughton)
Charlie Pick (Management Committee and Chesterfield)
David Chilvers (Littleover)
Louise Walker (Honorary Secretary and Duffield)
Jenni Bull (Ashbourne)
Jess Mitchell (Ockbrook and Borrowwash)
Tina Whybrow (Belper)
Aidan Robson (Ashbourne)
Taileb Sgholer (Rolls Royce)

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm when there were 15 voting members in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from James Grindell (County Chair, LTA Councillor and Duffield), Rachel Keal (Life Member and Ripley T C), Roger Thompson (Life Member), Netherseal TC, Etwall TC and Wingerworth TC.

2. Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 24th November 2020

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were taken as read and, in light of the changed format of the meeting and no dissenting voices, were agreed as an accurate record, to be signed by the President.

3. Matters Arising

Dave Chilvers asked about the progress, if any, of the possible relocation of the Tennis Centre. John Last said it was covered by James's item 4.

There were no matters arising.

4. A review of what has been achieved in 2021

James Grindell couldn't be present but updated the meeting on matters of interest:

- The handbooks will be available at the end of the week. (Delay due to staffing issues at the printers)
- Relocation continues to be looked at in conjunction with the LTA. Nothing more to report at this stage.

5. Approval of the accounts of the Association with Treasurer's Report

There were no questions on the Accounts.

Frank Beer reported an increased bank balance, £20k. The increase was entirely due to Business Protection Grants received from Central Government which supported businesses through the Covid Pandemic. Furlough scheme payments also supported the staff salary costs. Money has been put aside for DTC indoor and outdoor lights, outdoor court repaint and extension of the car parking area. DTC also realised a surplus of £6k.

All annual competition resumed other than Winter Adult and 18U County Cup had taken place.

The LTA have instigated a project for Association Funding At the time of the AGM there had been no indication that the central grant of circa £14k will be paid. As a result the LTA have been lobbied along with other counties. The LTA are encouraging county associations to become "Incorporated" and £6.5k set aside in case this happens. There is a small deficit of £900.

The accounts were approved by the meeting and, in the absence of conventional voting, were unanimously approved, with no dissensions.

6. a) Rule Change: Change of rules proposed by Management Committee – removal of Rule 12 Section 8, County Tournament Coordinator to be deleted.

Rule change unanimously approved, with no dissensions.

b) Is "virtual attendance" considered as "physical attendance" to satisfy quorum

The motion was unanimously approved, with no dissensions.

7. Consideration of the Annual Report of the Management Committee and the Derbyshire Tennis Centre Manager

John Last took the Management Bulletin no. 47 and Rob Hawkins' Centre Manager Report as read, commenting that Rob had done a great job and worked very hard with DTC producing a profit.

Julie Booth enquired re: Wimbledon Championship Ballot. Advised no further information received and information was as per LTA website

Jane Rushby commented on the DTC courts surface being very fast and "shiny" and asked if there were plans to resurface? Rob Hawkins advised court surfaces had been cleaned approx. 3 years ago and currently there were no plans for a resurface however this would be raised at the Ops Committee.

8. Election of Officers of the Association:

Nominations had been received in respect of the following Officers, who were duly elected:

President:	John Last (Life Member)
Chairman	James Grindell (Duffield)
Hon. Secretary:	Louise Walker (Duffield)
Hon. Treasurer:	Frank Beer (Ashbourne)

9. Election of County Officials

Adults County Team Representative	James Rushby
Seniors County Team Representative	Chris Booth
Juniors County Cup Team Representative	John Briggs

Tennis Sub-Committee Chair
County Safeguarding Officer

Rob Salmon
Jenni Connell

10. Election of a Management Committee (up to 6 members)

Charlie Pick (Chesterfield)
Rob Salmon (Church Broughton)
Katy Wilson (Woodlands)
Paul Hatton (Breadsall)

John Last thanked Jenni Bull both for stepping in as County Secretary in 2020 and for all her hard work which was much appreciated.

11. Election to Honorary Life Membership of persons recommended by the Management Committee for services rendered to the county of outstanding merit

No proposals made this year.

12. The award of County Colours to players recommended by the Management Committee who they consider merit the award

No nominations this year.

13. The election of Independent Examiner or Examiners

The meeting elected Richardson Nutt and Company as Independent Examiners.

14. The fixing of the annual subscription for Affiliation of Clubs, organisations and Associate members

Frank Beer, Treasurer, confirmed that there were no proposed changes to subscriptions.

Annual Subscription for Organisations and Affiliated Clubs: £15.00

Annual Subscription for Association Organisations: £25.00

Annual Subscription for Associate Members: £65.00

15. The fixing of the maximum sum that can be authorised by the Management Committee to be expended on any one transaction (at present £15,000)

It was agreed that the amount will remain the same.

16. Consider and if thought fit by resolution take such action against Clubs, Schools or Associate Members suspended by the Management Committee under Rule 13(9) including disaffiliation.

No action required.

17. Determine the rights and privileges from time to time conferred by the Association upon Associate Members.

There was to be no change.

18. Any Other Business

Re item 16 above John Briggs advised that there is a Disciplinary Committee in place should the need arise.

The meeting closed at 8:07 p.m.

The date of the next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022.

Signed President