

**Minutes of the Derbyshire Tennis Association Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday
22nd November 2022 at 7.30 p.m. at Derby Tennis Centre**

Present:

John Last (President and Life Member)
Jenni Connell (County Safeguarding Officer, DTC and Woodlands)
John Briggs (Junior County Cup Team Representative and Life Member)
Anne Allen (Church Broughton)
John Allen (Church Broughton)
Paul Hatton (Management Committee and Breadsall)
David Chilvers (Littleover)
Frank Beer (Honorary County Treasurer and Ashbourne)
Louise Walker (Honorary Secretary and Duffield)
Rob Hawkins (DTC Centre Manager and DTC)
James Grindell (County Chair, LTA Councillor and Duffield)

Ashbourne Tennis Club, Proxy to President

Duffield Tennis Club, Proxy to President

Rob Salmon (Tennis Sub-Committee Chairperson and Church Broughton), Proxy to John

Allen

Ashley Broomhead, (Life Member), Proxy to Chair

Mr D.J. Archer, (Life Member), Proxy to President

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm when there were 11 voting members in attendance and 5 Proxy votes.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Ashbourne TC, Netherseal TC, Duffield Tennis Club, Chris Booth (Seniors Cup Team Representative, Management Committee and Church Broughton), Julia Booth (Church Broughton), Charlie Pick (Management Committee and Chesterfield), Katy Wilson (18U and Ladies County Cup Captain, Management Committee and Woodlands), Jonathan Apedaile (Derby Area League and co-opted member of Management Committee and Rolls Royce)

2. Minutes of AGM held on Tuesday 23rd November 2021

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were taken as read and were agreed as an accurate record, to be signed by the President.

Proposed by: John Allen

Seconded by: Paul Hatton

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 28th September, 2022

The minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting were taken as read and were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the President.

5. A review of what has been achieved in 2022

James Grindell updated the meeting on matters of interest:

- Derbyshire Open and Closed County Cups had taken place
- The Incorporation process had been initiated

- LTA were reviewing Governance through into 2023 and James and Frank Beer were heading the project to manage this for Derbyshire bringing the Association up-to-date. This is linked to Sport England e.g. Safeguarding, risk assessments etc.

John Last asked: had the LTA considered there was more interest in Tennis in the past? Today we have struggled to get quorum. In the past we would have had 40/50 attendees.

Paul Hatton believed there was just as much interest in tennis participation however people were busy and lifestyles had now changed.

Dave Chilvers, Littleover: acknowledged that there is a push and need for Clubs to be different, Littleover Governance had not changed for about 50 years however there didn't seem to be much help from the LTA coming down to Clubs. Where can Clubs get advice?

James Grindell suggested Claire Brown who is the Regional Manager or Kate King, Participation Development Partner, would be happy to help.

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

There were no questions on the Accounts.

Frank Beer read through the Treasurer's report. Congratulations were extended to Rob Hawkins for a successful year.

John Last asked: How can additional income be attracted now Wimbledon ticket allocation was controlled by the LTA – can we still offer tickets as an incentive?

James Grindell responded that any sponsorship is to develop tennis. We can offer tickets however the process will have to be formalised and tickets applied for well in advance. There have been issues with the Wimbledon ticket "app" this year which didn't fully work and this was being reviewed. Councillor tickets can be offered however this is a process which must be carefully reviewed.

The accounts were unanimously approved by the meeting with no dissensions.

7. a) and b) were copied through from last year in error.

c) Rule change 12.8 this was agreed in 2018 but the change was not made in the 2019 or 2020 handbook. This is now correct in the 2021 handbook. For information only.

d) Rule Change: Rule 18 - change the date from 30th September to 31st December in each year.

Frank Beer explained that the resolution was to change the accounting year from 1st October to 30th September to a calendar year effectively aligning ourselves with LTA reporting requirements.

This will mean the next accounting period will be one of 15 months – 01/10/2022 to 31/12/2023. (The AGM date may in future be moved from November to February.)

Proposed by: Jenni Connell and

Seconded by: Paul Hatton

Rule change unanimously approved, with no dissensions.

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

James Grindell read through the Management Bulletin no. 48.

Paul Hatton asked: Why are the awards online again?

James Grindell responded there had been issues with Derby County and Pride Park as a venue in 2022.

James and Rob Salmon had not had the time and were not sure if there was still an appetite - covid had

changed behaviour and new people were needed to get involved if we decide to present awards live again.

Nationally many Counties are now online.

Jenni Connell noted that there had been a lot of Management Team Meetings this year and a lot had been achieved.

Rob Hawkins read through the Derbyshire Tennis Centre Report.

There were no questions.

Thanks were extended again to Rob who had done a great job and worked very hard with DTC producing a profit.

9. 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)

10. Election of County Officials

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

Adults County Team Representative	James Rushby (Church Broughton)
Seniors County Team Representative	Chris Booth (Church Broughton)
Juniors County Cup Team Representative	John Briggs (Life Member)
Tennis Sub-Committee Chair	Paul Hatton (Breadsall)
County Safeguarding Officer	VACANCY

Thanks were extended to Jenni Connell for 5 years of hard work as County Safeguarding Officer. Jenni is continuing for a short term. A replacement for Jenni needs to be identified.

John Last asked if there was confidence in finding a replacement for Jenni and what would be the outcome of this position not being filled?

James Grindell stated that we had to find a replacement and he was confident this would be achieved.

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

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

Charlie Pick (Chesterfield)
Rob Salmon (Church Broughton)
Katy Wilson (Woodlands)
Jenni Connell (DTC)
Jon Apedaile (Roll-Royce)

12. 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.

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

No nominations this year.

14. Election of Independent Examiner, Smith Cooper to replace Richardson Nutt & Co

The meeting elected Smith Cooper to replace Richardson Nutt and Company as Independent Examiners.

Thanks was extended to Richardson Nutt who had been in place since at least 1984 a letter of thanks to be sent by Louise.

15. 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

16. 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.

17. 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.

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

There was to be no change.

19. Any Other Business

James Grindell informed the meeting that the Lawson Wood Cup was still to be run however this may extend into 2023, the competition needs refreshing. The Derby Area League had grown and Clubs had struggled to get a team out for the Lawson Wood.

The meeting closed at 8:21 p.m.

The date of the next Annual General Meeting will be Tuesday, 28th November, 2023.

Signed President