

Annual General Meeting 2018

Wednesday 21st March 2018 At 7.00

Queens Building Lecture Theatre, Emmanuel College, St Andrews St, Cambridge, CB2 3AP

AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks - Chairman Tim Arthur
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15th March 2017
4. Treasurers Report and Approval of Accounts
5. Annual Reports:
 - ❖ Chairman/ LTA Councillor/ Executive Committee (Tim Arthur & Mark Sanders)
 - ❖ Performance Committee Report including Junior teams (Sue Rich)
 - ❖ Participation Committee Report incl. Funding (Nick Tait)
 - ❖ County Seniors Report (Tisha Hug)
 - ❖ Mens Senior County Team report (Chris Little)
 - ❖ Ladies Senior County Team report (Laura Nigri)
6. Election of Officers (no nominations were received so the following are proposed by the County Executive Committee)
 - To re-elect the following Officers of the County Association
 - County Chair - Tim Arthur
 - County Secretary - Vernon Dudley
 - County Treasurer - Keith Heron

 - To re-elect the following members of the Executive Committee
 - Dan Murton
 - Sue Rich
 - Mark Sanders
 - Pippa Scotcher
 - Nick Tait
- 7 Any Other Business

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MINUTES

1. Opening Remarks

Tim Arthur (Chairman) welcomed everyone to Emmanuel College. Tim thanked Richard Barnes for continuing to organise the venue. 53 people attended. Tim introduced the committee and said that hopefully everyone had received the reports and that this year we weren't going to go through them individually but if there was any feedback or questions to please let us know. Tim also thanked Nicky Maskens from Oxford who has joined us at the last due to Alastair Marks being unable to. Nicky sits on the executive team of the LTA. She was appointed to the LTA Board in September 2014 and served as a Council elected member in 2015 and 2016 and as Chairman of the Tennis Development Committee from 2017.

Tim reported that the committee had changed significantly this year with him becoming Chairman and Mark Sanders as LTA Councillor. The LTA Councillor role is to represent the county, its clubs and other places to play at both regional and national LTA meetings as well as being involved in shaping and reviewing strategy at national and regional level prior to implementation. Both Tim and Mark have spent time during the year meeting local clubs and reviewing the structure of the committee.

It is clear that funding admin support is a challenge to both the county and clubs and therefore we are increasingly funding admin hours in support of various initiatives proposed by clubs. Mark has done a great job in securing a brand new sponsor for the county and this will enable the recruitment of an administrator to help the various committees and clubs on a centralised basis.

We are keen on having a joined up approach and therefore we look favourably on clubs who attend the various events - be it the AGM, club or coaching forums. We are always looking for people to help out and anyone wishing to volunteer should speak to any member of the committee.

New objectives have been set for the committees streamlined into Performance, Participation and Communication.

Dan Murton has done a great job in launching our new website and producing targeted email newsletters. The website contains details of our vibrant league (thanks to Vernon Dudley and his team) and will be developing more links to the wealth of information hidden in the LTA website.

The county has been one of the most innovative at raising funds through the Cambridgeshire Fund and Tennis 4 Cambridge. These give us great flexibility in supporting revenue and capital projects. Nick Tait and Steve Goswell are the key contacts. Haslingfield, Cambourne, Peterborough and Ely have all benefited from capital funding in the last year.

Tim thanked everyone who has served on the main and sub committees, and all the volunteers who work tirelessly within the county and especially to those who have given so much for an extended period.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Richard Barnes, Vernon Dudley, Pippa Scotcher, Mike Davison (Needingworth), Jean Moore (Soham), Phil Connor (Phennards), Patrick Hall (Cocks and Hens), Clare Bragg (Huntingdon).

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM & Matters Arising

The Minutes were proposed by Steve Goswell, seconded by James Mills, then agreed unanimously. There were no matters arising.

4. Treasurer's report and approval of Accounts

The Treasurer, Keith Heron, offered the following observations:

The surplus for the year in the Income & Expenditure Account has increased from £1,350 in 2015 to £2,569 in 2016.

He highlighted that £100,000 had been transferred from the General Reserve to the Cambridgeshire Fund which would be matched by central LTA contributions over three years. The Cambridgeshire Fund will be used to support capital projects in the region.

A further £200,000 has been transferred to a sinking fund to meet potential costs when the Hills Road lease expires in 5 years.

Item 11 - it was noted that HLTC is Huntingdon Lawn Tennis Club.

Mark Goodman asked why Tournaments are mentioned twice in the Accounts under Income and Expenditure. Keith explained that the tournaments under Income are those not organised by the Central LTA, and those under Expenditure were run under the auspices of the Central LTA.

Thanks go to Trevor Marcusson who audits the Association's Accounts.

Keith closed by saying that if anyone has any questions at any time he is always happy to help.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mark Goodman, seconded by Richard Hill and carried unanimously.

5. Performance Committee Report and Awards

Sue had prepared an extremely comprehensive report which had been circulated ahead of the meeting. This report is very much worth a read for anyone wanting an understanding of just how much activity goes on within Junior Tennis in the county. Sue said that Cambridgeshire teams had a very successful year in 2016 and are about to embark on trying to better this in 2017. The County also had some fantastic individual performances at the top end from Harry Wendelken who won the 14 and under Nike National Championships at both singles and doubles and 14 and under Road to Wimbledon singles and doubles and played number two for Cambridgeshire in the Winter County Cup winning all three of his singles matches.

The other highlights were the Boys 14 and under County Cup team who won their group and went to the National Finals.

The mini red boys and girls teams finished second equal with Herts at the inter county Mini Red Team event.

The following Awards were then announced:

Outstanding individual results of the year award - presented to Harry Wendelken. Harry is currently in La Manga so the presentation was made to his parents

Sue Rich then made the presentation of the Geraldine Booth trophy for the junior boy & girl players making the most contribution to tennis in the county. This year the award went to Charlie James and Aisha Brown who had both made major contributions to tennis in Cambridgeshire.

6. Election of Officers

No new nominations were received so the following were proposed for re-election to the County Executive Committee.

County Chair - Tim Arthur
County Secretary - Vernon Dudley
County Treasurer - Keith Heron

Members of the Executive Committee
Dan Murton
Sue Rich
Mark Sanders
Pippa Scotcher
Nick Tait

Election of this group en bloc was proposed by James Mills, seconded by Richard Hill and agreed unanimously.

7. Motion - to adopt new Rules of the County Association

Tim advised that the county rules had been reviewed as they were not consistent with how the county operated, so they have been amended and circulated prior to the meeting. Tim asked for these new Rules to be adopted. This motion was proposed by James Mills, seconded by Richard Hill and carried unanimously.

8. Any Other Business

Tisha Hug mentioned that there is a grant available for £500 to help over 35's. All Clubs should have been sent details. The deadline for this is on Sunday 19th March.

County kit - the new county kit has arrived. Many players now have it. The next ordering cut off date is 8th April. Please order by then on the Top Spin Tennis website if required.

Tennis balls - there may have been a problem on sending out emails which some clubs have not received. Please make sure your club has received the email on the balls. If not please contact Mark Goodman.

Tim asked if anyone had contacts in any large Cambridge companies who may be keen on sponsoring various county initiatives to contact him.

9. Aegon British Tennis Awards

The British Tennis Awards were then made as follows:

Cambs CLUB of the Year 2016 - Chatteris St Peter's Tennis Club

Cambs VOLUNTEER of the Year 2016 - Bill Skead, Peterborough Tennis Club

Cambs COACH of the Year 2016 - Rob Ellis

Cambs Tennis OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT of the Year 2016 - Sue Rich

Cambs YOUNG VOLUNTEERS of the Year 2016 - Anna Emmerton

Cambs COMMUNITY VENUE of the Year 2016 - PARK TENNIS

Cambs EDUCATION VENUE of the Year 2016 - The Leys School

The AGM was closed and followed by a Buffet provided by the County.

Mark Sanders introduced Nicky Maskens who was then interviewed by Stephen Chittenden and questions asked by the audience.