

MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE LTA AGM
Wednesday 4th December 2019 7pm for 7.30pm
CONFERENCE ROOM
MARLBOROUGH GOLF CLUB

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Pythouse – James Carter, Marlborough TC – Hilda Moore, Delta Tennis Centre – Steven Yeardley, Matt Rutland, Purton TC – Janet Saunders, Riverside TC – Carolyn Barry, Penny Clanchy and Neil Watts

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last AGM which had previously been circulated, were approved. There were no matters arising.

The adoption of last year's minutes were proposed by Colin Gratton and seconded by Liz Lewis.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from last year's AGM.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The report of the Chairman, Philip Evans was circulated.

In his report, Philip Evans highlighted the following:

Junior Performance Strategy

This has been the first year of the new LTA County Training initiative that forms part of the new National Performance pathway for developing players' aged between U8 and U14 throughout the UK. Wiltshire has adopted the new Junior Training Programme requirements and we are committed to the initiative for a 5 year period. As I mentioned last year we were, to a great extent, already meeting the requirements laid down by the initiative and have received the annual sum of £5000, which is to help towards costs.

Website

During the course of the year we have invested in and developed a Wiltshire Tennis website and are deeply indebted to Andy Dickinson for undertaking the task.

Inclusive Tennis (Disability)

Disability Tennis within the county continues to go from strength to strength. A Wiltshire and Swindon Disability Tennis Network action plan has been developed this year and there are now a large number of programmes taking place at clubs around the county and monthly camps at Tedworth House, the Help for Heroes establishment at Tidworth.

Transforming British Tennis Together (TBTT)

This initiative over the past year has one major difference with the new programme that grants will no longer be available from the LTA. All assistance will now be in the form of interest free loans and clubs are invited to apply, as before, for loans to assist with schemes for the development of their club facilities.

Protecting the Game Safeguarding

One of the key objectives of the LTA is to ensure that we all operate in a safe but fun environment and over the last 18 months or so a large amount of work has been undertaken at all levels to help ensure this key objective remains in focus and ensure that as a sport we are in line with current legislation and best practice.

County

Having adopted the document “Safeguarding at events, activities and competitions”, Wiltshire Tennis supports LTA policies and procedures in its activities whether within or beyond the county boundary. In particular, all coaches used by Wiltshire Tennis are LTA Accredited or LTA Accredited+

In September 8 Wiltshire Tennis officers and committee members attended and LTA safeguarding awareness training event for counties, held in September, and Wiltshire Tennis will be participating in the initial programme of LTA Safeguarding Support visits to counties from January 2020.

Clubs

Stuart Parsons the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer for the South West has audited 21 out of our 47 LTA Registered Clubs.

Out of these 6 clubs were rated as exceeding, 12 clubs immediately achieved the standards and 3 clubs responded to action plans.

Registration

All of the clubs within the County re-registered with the LTA before the deadline of 30th November and I would like to thank you for meeting that deadline.

PE, then, thanked Kathryn Brooks who works so hard on behalf of the Wiltshire LTA and to the colleagues who serve on the various county committees.
Also, to the South West Regional Team for their involvement and assistance throughout the year.

PE thanked all of those volunteers who assist at our County Tournaments and accompany our county teams when they are playing around the country.

The adoption of the report was proposed by John Heffer and seconded by Roger Henry.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts for 2018 – 2019 were circulated.

JH stated that Wiltshire LTA would be in deficit this year of £37.00

JH stated that if we didn't have sponsorship money from Wimbledon tickets the counties finances would not be healthy.

Philip Evans thanked JH on hard work and time on doing the accounts on behalf of the county.

JH thanked KB for helping with the accounts throughout the year and also thanked PE for his hard work on getting sponsorship money to help with expenditure during 2019 for Wiltshire LTA.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Simon White and seconded by Andy Dickinson was agreed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

A block proposal to elect the officers was proposed by Liz Lewis and seconded by Keith Hampson.

- a. The President – Sir Geoffrey Owen
- b. The Chairman – Philip Evans
- c. Hon. Secretary – Elizabeth Bissett
- d. Rep.on the LTA Council – Elizabeth Bissett
- e. Hon. Treasurer – John Heffer
- f. Chairman of The Tennis Committee – Roger Henry
- g. 2 Members to Represent other Members of the Association – Colin Gratton & Andy Dickinson

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman then closed the formal part of the meeting at 19.53pm and moved onto the Wiltshire Tennis Awards for 2019.

A Fun Quiz then took place.

Awards For 2019

Club of The Year

Wanborough Tennis Club

Coach of the Year Award

Lewis Fletcher (Ramsbury TC)

Lifetime Achievement Award

Colin Gratton (Pewsey TC)

Community Venue Award

Trowbridge Town Park

Volunteer of The Year Award

Karen Wigley (Marshfield TC)

Young person of the year

Theo Lewis (Wanborough TC)

Competition of the Year

The Ninety Open Tournament

Player of the Year

William Burrige (Delta TC)