

EGM Wiltshire Tennis on Wednesday 17th July 2024
Commencing at 19:00
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Corsley TC – Mark Richards, Great Bedwyn TC – Paul Disley, Salisbury TC – Stephen Berry, Sir Geoff Owen - President

IN ATTENDANCE

Calne TC, Pewsey TC, Minety TC, Riverside TC, Holt Sports Courts, Marlborough TC, Ramsbury TC, RWBTC, Wanborough TC, Burbage & Easton Royal TC, Pythouse TC, Aldbourne TC, Pan Chunyuan, Colin Gratton, John Heffer, Phil Evans (PE), Roger Henry, Hilda Moore, Elizabeth Bissett, in attendance Kathryn Brooks.

PE welcomed the attendees to the meeting and explained that the proposed new Constitution and a PowerPoint presentation had been sent out to attendees in advance of the meeting.

PE ran through the presentation discussing the background, CIO Principles, major differences changing to a CIO and the benefits to Wiltshire Tennis.

PE stated that there will be 4 initial trustees of Philip Evans, Elizabeth Bissett, Colin Gratton and Andy Dickinson.

PE then stated the benefits of Wiltshire Tennis Membership for Venues, Coaches and Schools and the difference between Member and Associate Membership.

The cost of Membership would be £20 per annum collected through LTA venue registration. Cost for Associate Membership would be £0.

The estimated timescales if approved were given out and it was hoped it would be completed by the end of 2024.

PE asked for any questions from the attendees:

Derek Warnett of Calne TC asked “when we vote on the resolution, will a text vote on this chat constitute a valid vote from a venue.”

PE answered Yes it will.

Andrew Payne from Marlborough TC suggested that for a club with an independent accountant offers to do an audit for Wiltshire Tennis when it is needed.

PE thanked AP for his suggestion.

Paul Meakin from RWBTC asked if a fee of £20 was enough for Wiltshire Tennis membership.

A discussion was had as to the cost and it was agreed that Wiltshire Tennis felt this would be the fee as we wanted to not put barriers in the way of venues, coaches, schools etc of becoming members.

The following resolution was then read out by PE.

To apply to the Charity Commission to establish a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) under the name of Wiltshire Tennis with the draft Constitution as presented to this meeting. Once the CIO is established, transfer the assets, liabilities, staff and operations to the new CIO and start operating as the new organisation and then dissolve Wiltshire Lawn Tennis Association in accordance with clause 20 of the current constitution.

PE then proposed for this resolution to be passed and it was seconded by Derek Warnett of Calne TC.

The attendees voted unanimously (100%) in favour of the resolution.