

**MINUTES OF THE WILTSHIRE LTA AGM**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm for 7.30pm**  
**At Marlborough Golf Club**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Pythouse – James Carter, Wanborough TC – Melanie Brough, Malmesbury TC – Javier Garcia, Marlborough TC – Andrew Payne, Lewis Fletcher, Sam Kingdon,

**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 approved by 75% and 25% abstained.

The minutes were proposed by Colin Gratton and seconded by Roger Henry

**MATTERS ARISING**

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

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The report of the Chairman, Philip Evans was circulated.

The Chairman highlighted:

The junior teams have performed very well at every level throughout the year.

Lewis & Catherine Fletcher have worked hard on our County Coaching Programme and the number of children attending has increased for 2024 and it is going from strength to strength.

For the second year Bechtle Limited in Chippenham hosted a very successful Awards Evening in February and our thanks go to James Napp, the Chairman of our Junior committee for hosting the event.

The appointment of our Competition Co-ordinator Sam Kingdon has been successful with an increase in the levels of participation and competitions throughout the year in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Tennis website has been updated and more user friendly by the hard work of Andy Dickinson and our social media is being developed so that will have an impact on tennis in Wiltshire throughout 2024.

Financially 2023 was a good year with a large surplus as we adjusted to the new funding model. In 2024 we are budgeting a small deficit as we increase our spending on different areas/activities.

We are going through a process of converting the Association into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which will be registered with the Charities Commission. We will need your approval to do so, of course, and we expect to be calling an EGM later in the year to seek your approval.

I would like to say a big Thank you to Kathryn, our administrator for all of her hard work during the year.

My thanks also to the colleagues who serve on the County Management and Junior Committees and other volunteers who have helped during this year.

To the clubs we are very grateful for your support and help. We are all volunteers trying to achieve the best result for our clubs and County alike.

Also, to the Southwest Regional Team for their involvement and assistance throughout the year.

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

Trina Smith Proposed the report and Roger Henry seconded it.

The adoption of the report was 90% approved and 10% abstained.

## **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The accounts for the 12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were circulated. JH reported that there would be a surplus of £15566 at the end of the financial year. JH thanked KB for helping with the accounts throughout the year.

The report was proposed by Colin Gratton and seconded by Stephen Berry.

The adoption of the accounts was approved by 85% and 15% abstained.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers was proposed by Hilda Moore and seconded by Angie Baldock.

A block proposal to elect the officers was approved by 100%

- 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

Reports were circulated from the Councillor, Safeguarding Officer, County Competition Update, Performance Update and Junior Committee Chairman Report.

Sharon Healey the LTA Regional Manager gave a presentation on the LTA Annual Review.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 20.20pm.