

LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION LIMITED (“LTA”)

COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at The National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5JQ at 10.30am

Present

Sandi Procter (President)

Voting Council Members

Graeme Adams, Ian Alexander, Ronald Allan, Bridie Amos, Lottie Birdsall-Strong, Elizabeth Bissett, Heather Bottomley, Andy Bradley, Simon Brand, Yasmin Clarke, Roy Colabawalla (Deputy President), John Copsey, Venetia Cottman, Lesley Cundy, Richard Cutler, Jonathon Dawes, Blane Dodds, John Doe, Jane Grey, James Grindell, Malgorzata Grzyb, Ian Haigs, Wasim Haq, Barry Horne, Richard Johns, Simon Johnson, Simon Jones, Anne Keothavong, Ben Knapp, Sarah Langford, Judith Loffhagen, Chris Mansour, Joanna Marks, Paul Marks, , Adrian Packer, Mike Piper, Joy Robinson, Alison Taylor, Michael Thomas, Phil Veasey, David Vinall, Adrian Waite, David Walrond, Julia Waters, Christine Windmill, Steven Winyard and Julie Wych.

Alternates for Voting Council Members

Veronica Bradley (representing Garry Morris for Bedfordshire), Clive Chaplin (representing Rick Denton for Channel Islands), Anne Clarke (representing Stephanie Trill for Sussex) and Tony Pensom (representing Vivien Wilson for Durham and Cleveland).

In attendance

Non-Voting Council Members

Sara Bennison, Lord Mervyn Davies (LTA Chair), Anil Jhingan, Nigel Jordan (DTAG Chairperson), David Rawlinson (immediate Past President) and Sir David Tanner.

Others

Scott Lloyd (Chief Executive), Olly Scadgell (Participation Director), Alyx Wilde (minutes) and Pamela Woodman (Head of Legal).

In attendance (as observer)

Brian Walton (former Isle of Man Voting Council Member)

1. Welcome, Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interests

Sandi Procter welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from: Steven Baddeley, Rachel Baillache, Sanjay Bhandari, Naomi Cavaday, Simon Clarke, Rick Denton, Keith Gill, James Keothavong, James Marsalek, Garry Morris, Shiv Paul, Stephanie Trill and Vivien Wilson.

Councillors were asked to declare an interest as appropriate when a relevant item was discussed.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

There were no matters arising not covered on the agenda.

Sandi Procter welcomed new councillor Graeme Adams (Warwickshire) who was given the opportunity to introduce himself.

3. LTA President's Summary

The President's summary included in the pre-meeting papers was taken as read. Sandi Procter gave a presentation covering her most recent activities visiting clubs and counties, including her attendance at various award ceremonies and events.

4. LTA Chair's Report

The Chair's report was not available in advance of the meeting and it was confirmed that it would be circulated with the post-meeting notes.

5. LTA Chief Executive's Update

The Chief Executive's business update included in the pre-meeting papers was taken as read.

Scott Lloyd expanded on a number of items from his business update, in particular he referenced the Active Lives survey from Sport England (which showed significant growth in tennis participation), the improvement in coach engagement, the award won in respect of LTA Youth Schools for 'Education resource provider of the year' in Wales and the upcoming launch of the 2023 LTA Youth campaign 'The Tennisables' at the end of May.

6. Corporate Governance – Council-Nominated Board Member Position

Pamela Woodman presented to the meeting on the upcoming application process, including the eligibility criteria, for the one Council-Nominated Board Member position which would become vacant with effect from 1 January 2024. She confirmed that the application paperwork would be circulated after The Championships in July with a likely deadline for applications in the first week of September 2023.

7. Performance Update

Helen Reesby (Head of National Performance Pathway) joined and presented an overview of the national performance pathway plan for 14U players with potential to transition strongly to the international junior stage.

8. Development Tennis Advisory Group (DTAG) Update

The comprehensive update on the activities of DTAG and its workstreams included in the pre-meeting papers was noted. Nigel Jordan gave an overview of recent DTAG activities and explained that more detailed updates would be provided on two of the DTAG workstreams.

9. Workshop 1A: DTAG Workstream (10U County Performance) – Spotlight Session

Dave Kirby (10U National Pathway Manager) and Venetia Cottman presented a status update on the 10U county performance dashboard.

A workshop session took place to discuss the dashboard functionality and county ranking.

The meeting was adjourned for a lunch break and then reconvened after lunch.

10. Participation Update, including Parks Investment Project Update

Olly Scadgell's slides circulated in advance of the meeting were taken as read. Olly Scadgell highlighted that new material to support the LTA's environmental sustainability plan had recently been made available to councillors on the venue support toolkit. Councillors were encouraged to look at the comprehensive resources, policy statements and detailed action plans made available online.

Paul Bennett (Head of Parks Investment Delivery), followed with an update on the parks tennis project, highlighting the aim of the project to make more courts playable, as well as the journey to court more accessible, through investment and funding. He noted that the project had resulted in an increase in the number of playable courts and investment in the parks infrastructure. With more playable courts, he noted that the LTA expected to increase visibility of LTA programmes such as local tennis leagues, free park tennis and "Play Your Way". The request from councillors that county associations be better informed so that they could support launch of parks opening was noted.

11. Workshop 2: Digital – Supporting Associations with Digital Presence

Matt Hatton ((Head of Digital Transformation and Programme Management), joined the meeting and presented on the slides (which had been circulated in advance of the meeting) covering the LTA's digital strategy and digital transformation journey over the last 12 months.

Joe Stowell (Digital Manager) presented an update on digital presence and a workshop session took place to discuss understanding of digital presence, the purpose of digital channels and how the LTA could support in engagement.

Simon Brand and Lesley Cundy gave an update on their counties' digital presence and how they came to update this in their areas.

12. Major Events Update

Alex Ross provided an update on Wimbledon ticketing progress to date, hospitality at The Championships and highlights for the upcoming Davis Cup Finals.

13. Useful Championships Information for Councillors and their Guests

Ross Matheson and Kelly Adams from the All England Club joined the meeting to present useful information on The Championships for councillors in 2023. They asked that any questions arising after the meeting be submitted via email.

14. Workshop 1B: DTAG Workstream (Safeguarding) - Spotlight Session

Ian Alexander and Dave Humphrey ((Head of Safeguarding) presented an update on the latest safeguarding plan circulated in advance of the meeting.

A workshop session on the safeguarding plan took place. Councillors had been presented with the strategy and questions in advance and asked to feedback during the meeting.

15. Any Other Business

Sandi Procter read out a list of actions which had arisen during the meeting and confirmed that a summary of the actions and key takeaway points would be circulated to Voting Council Members shortly, the contents of which may be shared with respective management committees.

16. Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business, Sandi Procter thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.10pm.

The next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 20 September 2023 with an earlier start time of 9.30am.

Signed: *Sandi Procter*

Date : 27 September 2023