



## Seniors Tennis GB Council Meeting Minutes

Date - 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Venue – Hybrid (in person at National Tennis Centre, online via MS Teams)

Present (four in person, eight online)

- Christine Windmill – Chair
- Keith Bland – President
- Valerie Willoughby – Vice-President
- Ed Edwards – Secretary
- Michelle Barber – Treasurer
- Jackie Robinson - National Inter-Club
- Ed Oakenfull – Selection Administrator
- Mark Sanders - Competitions
- Keith Carder – LTA
- Charlotte Knight – Media
- Mary Nevill – Competition Support
- Jo Shepherd - Selection

Apologies

- Sarah Wooding, Anne Clark, Peter Bretherton

### 1) Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 23<sup>rd</sup> March STGB Council Meetings

- Approved as read

### 2) Super Seniors, Seniors Team and Individual World Champs: final medal tally

- Across Super Seniors and Seniors, GB won
  - Team - 4 Silver and 4 Bronze
  - Individual – 4 Gold, 4 Silver, 14 Bronze
- Teams selected for Young Seniors in Lisbon at end July/start August, logistical arrangements being made

#### Action

- Secretary to inform LTA formally about the Super Seniors and Seniors medal tally

### 3) 2022 Senior Players of the Year (SPOTY) update

- Marjory Love and Chris Ornstien announced formally as SPOTY at the LTA Awards ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KZcP8eApa-Q>
- For 2023, STGB will have a broader approach to selection in line with other LTA Awards
- Following STGB nomination, Sara Butler won the national LTA President's Award

#### Action

- Chair to write to Sara Butler to congratulate for her award

### 4) Website and Social Media Update

- Website - a subgroup meeting planned for early June 2022 with a view to making bulk update to the website after Wimbledon
- Social Media – there was a reach of 20,163 on Facebook in 2021, already at 25,039 year to date for 2022. There is a similar pattern on Twitter and Instagram. New items posted every few days contributes significantly to this increased reach.
- Next quarterly newsletter is scheduled for end June 2022

## 5) LTA AGM

- Proposed motions circulated in advance, all agreed to support them

## 6) Individual Reports (circulated in advance)

- Fast4 – need to emphasise that Fast4 means 2 or more matches
- Trophies – discussion about whether these could be virtual. Further discussion required
- LTA position re pickleball – query related to a request for a Participation Grant. Noted that STGB is a tennis organisation. Pickleball is not recognised by the LTA.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022, all ITF tournaments will be referred to as Masters rather than Seniors with tournament codes changing from, for example, S100 to MT100

## 7) One Minute Manifestos (circulated in advance)

- Chair noted that effectively restarting after a 24-month Covid related hiatus
- What more can STGB do to engage/support Senior County Organisers (SCOs)?
- The request for a dedicated resource from the LTA was repeated

### Action

- Working group to be re-convened and report back to the Council for the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 meeting

## 8) AOB

- Chair thanked all for embracing the hybrid way of working and extended thanks to the organisation of the recent 4 Nations which were a huge success at both venues
- STGB Contact List – circulated in advance, confirmed that for internal use only, updates to be sent to Secretary by 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022
- Committee List – once finalised, to be published on website
- Player Survey – why are more people on the 3,000+ strong contact list not entering tournaments? Survey to be designed for use September/October 2022 with clear purpose to ensure that the right questions are asked
- Live streaming of STGB tournaments – equipment is available to borrow from the LTA but would require someone to set up and use
- LTA Seniors Ranking List – remains available on the website

## 9) Dates for STGB Council Meetings

- Council Meetings
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022
  - 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022