



## **Minutes of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Due to restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting originally scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was held via Video Conference at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### **Present:**

**Council:** Mr C Trippe (*President*), Mr K Bland (*President Elect*), Mr P Bretherton (*Vice-President*), Ms V Willoughby, (*Vice-President*), Mrs C Windmill (*Chair*), Mrs M Barber (*Treasurer*), Mr E Edwards (*Secretary*), Mrs A Clark, Mr J Cressey, Mr E Oakenfull, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs Caroline Blincoe, Mrs Marina Lyons, Mr Mark Sanders  
*In attendance:* Mr K Carder (LTA)

**Representatives from the following club:** Gerrards Cross (Mr David Kay), Byfleet LTC (Ms Jenny Cox)

**1 Apologies for absence** had been received from Council members Mr Alistair Alexander and Mrs Jo Shepherd and from Radlett Lawn Tennis and Squash Club

The President, Mr Charles Trippe, was in the chair and welcomed all present to the meeting.

**2 The Minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting** (Paper 1)  
Approved and signed.

**3 Matters arising**  
There were no matters arising.

**4 Report of the Council for 2019** (Paper 2)  
Paper 2 circulated in advance, published on the website and highlighted via social media. Mrs Windmill thanked members of the Council for their efforts and noted the focus on building further on the relationship with the LTA, the launch of the “Seniors GB Circuit” (20 ITF tournaments across the UK) and the LTA Tennis Awards presentation of Senior Men’s and Women’s Player of the Year to Frances MacLennan and Sebastian Jackson as a profile raising highlight. Mrs Windmill thanked Keith Carder, LTA representative on STGB Council, for his comprehensive help with Seniors Tennis alongside a massive tribute to Keith Bland's guiding strategy and dedication during his full-on four years as Chairman.

The President endorsed the 2019 Report and gave thanks in particular to Keith Bland, Keith Carder and Christine Windmill.

**5 Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019** (Paper 3)  
Mrs Barber reported a surplus of £13,852 in 2019 against a deficit of £6,462 in 2018, primarily due to a surplus from the three National Championships, in particular with the Grass Court Championships returning to Wimbledon.

The grant from the LTA for 2020 is reduced to £82,000 from £90,000 to reflect the Senior Inter County Competition to be managed by LTA. The grant was received in February 2020 but with most STGB tournaments and associated competitions having been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, expenditure has been minimal.

The President thanked Mrs Barber for her presentation of the Accounts and noted that the circumstances in 2020 highlight the importance of adequate reserves. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr Bland, seconded by Mrs Robinson and agreed.

## **6 Amendments to Rules**

Mr Bretherton explained that amendments to the rules had been proposed and agreed by the Council and LTA legal department.

No questions were raised and the amendments to the rules were approved as read.

## **7 Election of Officers and Councillors for 2020**

*(Paper 4)*

i) The following were proposed and re-elected unopposed:

|                 |                    |
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| President       | Keith Bland        |
| Vice-Presidents | Peter Bretherton   |
|                 | Valerie Willoughby |
| Secretary       | Ed Edwards         |
| Treasurer       | Michelle Barber    |

- ii) a) The following Councillors were retiring by rotation and were re-elected unopposed:  
Ed Oakenfull, Jackie Robinson, Christine Windmill  
b) Marina Lyons and Mark Sanders were elected to fill the vacancies on the Council

No other nominations were received by the due date (Rule 9c v).

## **8 Election of Independent Examiner**

Mr C Halder FCA was re-appointed Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

## **9 Any Other Business**

With Mr Trippe retiring as President, Mrs Willoughby made a virtual presentation to reflect and appreciate his contribution to Seniors Tennis over three decades. Mrs Willoughby highlighted that Mr Trippe served with STGB as Treasurer from 1990 to 2002, Vice-President from 2002 to 2016 and President from 2016 to 2020. In addition, Mr Trippe served as Treasurer for the LTA from 1998 to 2002 and as President for three years from 2003, as well as being a long standing member of the Board of the International Tennis Federation and a member of the Committee of Management at The Championships, Wimbledon.

Mr Trippe advised that he had greatly enjoyed his involvement over the years and wished the Council every success in future, in particular Mr Bland and Mrs Windmill

The meeting closed at 5.27 pm.

Minutes approved at the 47<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021.