



Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting, 29th March 2021

Due to restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, the meeting was held via Video Conference at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 29th March 2021.

Present:

Council: Mr K Bland (*President*), 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 C Blincoe, Mrs M Lyons, Mr A Alexander, Mrs J Shepherd

Representatives from the following club: Jesmond LTC (Emily Ogden)

1 Apologies for absence had been received from Council member Mr M Sanders, Mr K Carder (LTA) and from the Seniors Lawn Tennis Club of GB, Bridgford Tennis Club and Bedfordshire LTA.

The President, Mr Keith Bland, was in the chair and welcomed all present to the meeting.

2 The Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting (*Paper 1*)
Approved and signed.

3 Matters arising
There were no matters arising.

4 Report of the Council for 2020 (*Paper 2*)
Paper 2 circulated in advance, published on the website and highlighted via social media. The President endorsed the 2020 Report.

Mrs Windmill reported that the activities of STGB in 2020 had been severely curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic. From March 2020, the efforts of the Council were re-directed to considering cancellation/postponing of tournaments and how best to communicate a hopeful but realistic message in rapidly changing circumstances to selectors, players, event organisers, counties and clubs. The LTA were very helpful with this, issuing regular, clear and detailed updates as government guidelines changed.

The above notwithstanding, there have been exciting and innovative developments, including joining with the ITF for a Seniors GB Circuit webinar for Tournament Directors to consider development and best practice as well as work with the LTA to develop and facilitate a new tranche of Seniors club and regional competitions including an adapted Seniors County Cup in 2021.

5 Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 (*Paper 3*)
Mrs Barber reported that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, most of STGB activities and associated expenditure were much reduced in 2020, resulting in a surplus of £77,404 against a surplus of £13,582 in 2019.

The LTA Grant of £82,000 (down from £90,000 in 2019), reflecting the LTA taking over the administrative and organisational functions of the Seniors Count Cup (previously Inter County competition).

The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Ms Willoughby, seconded by Mr Oakenfull and agreed.

6 Election of Officers and Councillors for 2021

(Paper 4)

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

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

ii) The following Councillors were retiring by rotation and were re-elected unopposed:
Caroline Blincoe, Anne Clark, Marina Lyons, Mark Sanders

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

7 Election of Independent Examiner

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

The meeting closed at 5.20 pm.

Minutes approved at the 48th AGM held on 28th March 2022.