



Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting, 27th March 2023

The meeting was held via Video Conference at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 27th March 2023

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 E Oakenfull, Mr A Alexander, Mr M Sanders, Mrs C Knight, Mrs M Nevill

Others: Mr K Carder (LTA), Mr R McCutcheon (LTA), Mr T James, Mr K Palmer, Mr D Loose, Mr M Piper, Mr N Adams, Mrs P Bentham, Mrs M French, Mr D Kay, Mrs C Baron, Mr T Barton

1 Apologies for absence had been received from Council members Mrs J Shepherd and Mrs J Robinson and Tournament Director Mrs S Wooding.

The President, Mr K Bland, was in the chair and welcomed all present to the meeting at 5.03 pm.

2 The Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting *(Paper 1)*

The Minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Report of the Council for 2022 *(Paper 2)*

Mrs Windmill outlined the highlights from 2022 including 33 GB World Championship Team and Individual medals; live streaming of the National Club League Finals from the National Tennis Centre for the first time; a post pandemic return to a full programme of the LTA National Seniors County Cup and Four Nations; the ITF Tournament Recognition Award for the Masters 700 Indoors at Wrexham (one of only 10 globally) and a Seniors volunteer won the LTA President's Award!

Mrs Windmill also gave tribute to skills and dedication of the Seniors Tennis GB volunteers to improving and promoting Seniors tennis including high level competition and performance nationally and internationally for Over 35 up to and including the Over 90 age group.

Increasing engagement digitally and with high level competitive tennis, further volunteer and financial resource is required – offers to volunteers are always welcome!

Mrs Windmill finally gave thanks to Keith Carder who as LTA representative has supported and advised Seniors Tennis GB over 6 years and Alistair Alexander, an international player, who has given extensive volunteer time as the representative for Wales and in taking on the thankless task of managing the GB kit for almost 100 seniors players representing Great Britain each year.

The 2022 Report was unanimously approved.

5 Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending on December 31st 2022 *(Paper 3)*

Mrs Barber outlined the key points from the Treasurer's Report and Accounts noting the clear intention, despite the significantly reduced LTA grant, to continue with GB World player travel allowances without significant impact on the STGB reserves. This will likely mean that, to operate within the finances available, difficult decisions will need to be made.

The Accounts were proposed, seconded and unanimously adopted.

6 Election of Officers and Councillors for 2021 *(Paper 4)*

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

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

ii) The following Councillors retire by rotation, were nominated by the Council for re-election (Rules 7c and 9b iv) and were proposed, seconded and re-elected unopposed: Caroline Blincoe, Anne Clark, Mark Sanders, Christine Windmill

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

7 Election of Independent Examiner

Mr C Halder FCA was nominated by the Council to be the Independent Examiner for the ensuing year (Rule 9c iii), was proposed, seconded and re-appointed.

8 Notifications

Mr K Bland offered congratulations on behalf of the Council to Mrs V Willoughby who has recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Middlesex.

Mr Bland also advised that Mrs C Windmill is stepping down as Chair but will remain with STGB as LTA Councillor with Mrs A Clark as new Chair; Mrs A Clark thanked Mrs C Windmill on behalf of STGB Council for her contribution as Chair over the past three years.

The meeting closed at 5.26 pm.

Minutes approved at the 50th AGM held on 25th March 2024.