



Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting, 28th March 2022

The meeting was held via Video Conference at 5.00 p.m. on Monday 28th March 2022.

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, Mrs J Robinson, Mrs C Blincoe, Mr A Alexander, Mrs J Shepherd

Others: Mr K Carder (LTA), Mr D Loose, Mrs C Knight, Mrs M Nevill

1 Apologies for absence had been received from Council member Mr M Sanders and Tournament Director Mrs S Wooding.

The President, Mr Keith Bland, was in the chair and welcomed all present to the meeting at 5.05 p.m.

2 The Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting (Paper 1)
Approved and signed.

3 Matters arising
There were no matters arising.

4 Report of the Council for 2021 (Paper 2)
Paper 2 circulated in advance. The President endorsed the 2021 Report.

Mrs Windmill stated that the Annual Report for 2021 reflected a much fuller and more positive position than the previous year, notwithstanding some Covid related and other challenging caveats.

2021 was a year of digital growth for STGB, raising awareness of the extensive opportunities in Seniors Tennis. With the assistance of the LTA Communications Team, STGB has moved from being a small membership organisation to an open provider and supporter of tennis opportunities for seniors players in all clubs/registered venues and amendments to the rules to reflect this widening engagement are proposed. Tribute was paid to the volunteer marketing support during the last few years, from the quantum leap of establishing a social media presence and regular newsletter to more recent developments.

2022 promises further developments with the new World Tennis Number to attract fresh competitors, the growing GB tournament circuit, 18 knock out club competitions in the National League, more Fast 4 events for a wider range of age groups, the popular 4 Nations event and full GB representation at the three ITF World events. It promises to be an exciting year.

5 Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 (Paper 3)
Mrs Barber reported that although the accounts show a surplus of just over £75,000, that reflects lack of activity in the first half of 2021 when, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 4 Nations event and Clay Court Championships were cancelled and the decision was taken not to send teams to the World Championships.

A small grant of £20,000 was received from the LTA, together with the £75,000 carry forward should cover ongoing commitments, although much higher expenditure with World Championship events (two in Florida, one in Portugal) may mean using reserves.

Mrs Barber thanked Mr Halder, the Independent Examiner.

The adoption of the Accounts was unanimously 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:
Ed Oakenfull and Jackie Robinson

(iii) Charlotte Knight was nominated and elected to fill a vacancy on Council

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

7 Amendments to Rules

(Paper 5)

Paper 5 with proposed amendments to the rules was circulated in advance. Mr Bretherton explained that the rules were being amended to accurately reflect the wider membership and to generally bring up to date. The proposed amendments were unanimously agreed.

8 Election of Independent Examiner

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

The meeting closed at 5.17 pm.

Minutes approved at the 49th AGM held on 27th March 2023.