



MINUTES OF TENNIS SUSSEX ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 4 APRIL 2023 AT 7.30pm
Southdown Sports Club, Cockshut Road, Lewes BN7 3PR
(or by video conferencing)

THOSE PRESENT:

Physical Attendance

Jim Anderson (VP)	Amanda Atkins (Pav & Ave)	Chris Baker (Devonshire Park)
Conrad Brunner (St Ann's)	Martin Carpenter (MB Chair)	Sue Carpenter (Southdown)
Alison Cash (MB)	Anne Clark (MB)	Jean Cooke (Acting Sec)
Julie Goldin	Julie Hobbs (MB)	Brian Kreel (MB)
Phil Latham (TS)	Keith Pullin (TS)	Nick Reason (Weald)
Sharon Slade (Weald)	Steph Trill (MB)	Mandy Tyler (MB Treasurer)

Remote Attendance

Gill Andersson (Weald)	Brenda Brady (Rye)	Rod Danes (Angmering)
Sue Foote (Chichester)	Carolyn Loveless (Wickwoods)	William Naunton (W Worthing)
Elaine Phillips (Angmering)	Vanessa Prosser (Chichester)	Russ Rego (Crawley)
Peter Rix (Fernhurst)	Clive Sheppard (Preston)	Steven Taylor (Preston Park)
Carly Washington (TS)		

Minutes taken by: Jean Cooke (TS Acting Secretary)

Martin Carpenter welcomed everyone both physically and remotely present and explained that the President, Chris Neighbour, had been unable to attend and that he would therefore chair the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Hazel Sneath of Meads and Denis Jones of Plumpton and Ken Pollock of Devonshire Park

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2022

The Minutes of the AGM held on 10 February 2022 were approved. Proposed by Alison Cash. Seconded by Steph Trill

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were none.

4. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021/2022

The Chair's Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Chair highlighted the following specific issues over his first year:

- The new and improved website
- The success of the Festival of Tennis 2022, to be repeated in 2023.
- The loss of the indoor court facilities at Virgin Active had caused issues but further meetings with Brighton University have appeared encouraging.
- Amanda Atkins was thanked for the time she had spent on the Management Board prior to resigning in 2022 and particularly for her quarterly Newsletter which has been much appreciated by a wide range of readers.
- The County Championships are being reviewed and tenders considered for this year's venue.
- The success of this year's Awards Ceremony, attended by Sandi Proctor, president of the LTA, who had been extremely impressed.
- There had been much discussion over the year on how to welcome the Ukrainian community. Individual clubs had been very welcoming and therefore it had been felt that there was nothing more that Tennis Sussex should do for this specific group.

The Chair thanked the Tennis Sussex staff particularly for all that they do and suggested that better use should be made of their time and skills so that the Management Board was less "hands on"

The Annual Report was approved. Proposed by Anne Clark. Seconded by Phil Latham

5. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR 2021/2022 AND THE REPORT ON CHECKS MADE

Mandy Tyler (Treasurer) read out her report which had previously been circulated to all Members. Key points to highlight were:

- that investment has been made to the Tennis Sussex infrastructure and particularly to the office team, partly because the LTA funding agreement required additional resource.
- that the new website had required a new designer
- that there are now 101 registered venues, excluding schools.
- that the office remained at Pav & Ave Tennis Club, where there had been an increase in the rental cost following the end of Covid restrictions.
- that bank charges had increased slightly because of the use of Paypal
- that more support was being given to disability tennis

Martin thanked Mandy for all her work and support.

The Accounts were approved.

6. TO ELECT A SUITABLE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT TO COMPLETE THE CHECKS REQUIRED BY RULE 17.9
Mandy Tyler (Treasurer) had been reviewing potential accountants. She proposed a move to UHY Hacker Young. This was approved.
7. TO DECIDE ON ANY RESOLUTION SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 12.4
There were none.
8. ELECTION OF THOSE NOMINATED TO SERVE ON THE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Conrad Brunner was proposed as a member of the Management Board. Proposed by Brian Kreel.
Seconded by Anne Clark.

Anne Clark made the point that more people are sought to join the Board, especially in the role of Secretary, which is being temporarily held by Jean Cooke as a co-opted member of the Management Board.
9. TO DEAL WITH ANY SPECIAL MATTERS WHICH THE MANAGEMENT BOARD WISHES TO BRING BEFORE THE MEMBERSHIP
There were none.
10. A.O.B.
There was no other business

The Chair ended the meeting by expressing his thanks for the work that had been over the past year by those members of the Management Board who have since stood down: Amanda Atkins, Brenda Brady, and Julie Goldin; and Brian Kreel who stood down as of this AGM.

The meeting closed at 19.59.