



Minutes of Dorset LTA Annual General Meeting held on 14th December 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom

Attendees

John Feaver, Richard Henshaw, Boyd Brackstone, Annie Smith, Kevin Croydon, David Lloyd, Rob Booth, Diane Shields, Nick Chapman, David Walrond, Celia Barron, Angela Phipps, Emma Plimmer, Eric Dry, Caroline Gossage, Steve Davies

Richard Henshaw welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded attendees that the meeting was scheduled for 40 minutes therefore as reports had previously been circulated, there would only be a brief introduction. Everyone was asked to use the chat function or to raise their hand to ask questions.

1. Apologies

Annie Mitchener, Shane Deacon, Sally Revell, Jenny Watts

2. Minutes of the AGM held on Thursday, 28th November 2019

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th November 2019 were proposed by Nick Chapman, seconded by David Lloyd and agreed unanimously as being a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

Richard reported that obviously it had been a difficult year but he thanked everyone involved in Dorset Tennis for supporting and getting tennis played after the lock down. Despite the loss of matches and leagues, plenty of tennis was played. Hopefully soon back to normal.

Richard was also sad to report the death of John Hewitt, former County Treasurer and Sue Williams, Secretary of Victoria Avenue Tennis Club.

5. Councillor's Report

The Councillor's Report included in the AGM papers was taken as read.

Annie reported that in her first year there were 4 meetings all by Zoom which she had attended. Annie thanked all volunteers and coaches for their huge efforts in getting courts up and running after lockdown.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report included in the AGM papers was taken as read.

Kevin Croydon again recognized the impact of Covid with the cancellation of many events which actually helped with the budget. However, because of this we were able to redirect support to other fields as set out in the accounts. He was also thankful that our many sponsors helped by continuing to support the County notwithstanding that they did not get the usual benefits. Kevin also noted that our main sponsor LV had finished their contract with us but thanked them for their support over the years.

David Lloyd asked about the reduction of LTA grant. Kevin's explained that this is only a small amount of our budget and we were aware of the LTA policy and had factored it into the budget.

6a) Appointment of auditor

This year there was a change of auditor as Alan Whittle and Co had been taken over by Simpson Associates. However Gordon Ferguson was staying on as a consultant and would continue to audit the accounts.

A vote was taken to appoint Simpson Associates – Proposed by John Feaver and Seconded by Eric Dry - all in favour and carried unanimously.

7. Election of Officials

It was reported that the following Officials had stood down :

Ann Lunn - Hon Secretary and Safeguarding Officer.
Andrew and Judith Sanger – League Secretary
Phil Tovey - County Seniors Captain

We are fortunate to have new volunteers for the following 4 posts :

Emma Plimmer – Safeguarding/Welfare Officer.
Nick Chapman – Honorary Secretary
Sally Revell - League Secretary
Boyd Brackstone – Men's County Seniors Captain

Election of Officials plus new recruits and Diane Shields as Exec Committee Member and Vice Chair on Competitions Committee. Also Rob Booth and Shane Deacon, coaching.

a. President	John Feaver
b. Chairman	Richard Henshaw
c. Hon. Treasurer	Kevin Croydon
d. Hon. Secretary	Nick Chapman
e. LTA Councillor	Annie Smith
f. Safeguarding Officer	Emma Plimmer
g. Competitions	David Walrond
h. Competitions	Diane Shields
i. Grants/Funding Chair	Steve Davies
j. League Secretary	Sally Revell
k. Ladies Captain	Emma Bennett
l. Men's Captain	Richard Irwin
m. Ladies Seniors Captain	Jenny Watts
n. Men's Seniors Captain	Boyd Brackstone
o. Coaching	Rob Booth
p. Coaching	Shane Deacon

It was agreed to vote on block – The vote was normally taken in this way but Richard checked that this was acceptable to the floor as there were low numbers attending.
David Lloyd – Proposed, Angela Phipps - Seconded.

Unanimously carried

8. Small Grants & Loans Report

The Small Grants & Loans Report included with the AGM papers was taken as read.

Steve Davies briefly outlined his report and mentioned that this year's budget was marginally exceeded but we were happy to support projects in this difficult year. In particular, we were able to help clubs and coaches after the difficult lockdown period. We also support coaches getting qualified.

9. Dorset Doubles League Report

The Dorset LTA Competitions Report included with the AGM papers was taken as read.

David Walrond presented the report and gave thanks to Andrew and Judith Sanger for their 10 years of running the leagues. Sally Revell will be taking over. It was a frustrating year however, last winter's leagues were completed and although there was no summer league the Winter Leagues are underway. We will also be taking entries for next summer and the national leagues. *Richard thanked David for stepping in.*

10. Mini/Junior County Tennis/Training Reports - Rob Booth/Shane Deacon

11U report included with the AGM papers was taken as read.

Rob Booth reported that we were successful especially with the 12 to 18 age groups. 150 in county training this year which was a real positive. We were also successful with the County Cup as the U18 boys won their group. Girls not as successful. This year new format for U18 perhaps with smaller teams.

11. Men's & Ladies Captain's Reports

Seniors Mens and Seniors Ladies reports included with the AGM papers were taken as read. There were no Ladies or Men's reports.

Unfortunately, there had not been much play. For the seniors, it was reported that for next year there will be the same teams except that we will have an O50s but no O45s (men's) More regionalised leagues likely.

12. Any other business

Eric Dry asked whether the Life Vice Presidents could be listed. *Agreed by Richard.*

The meeting closed at 7.39pm