

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Scotland held as a closed meeting in light of COVID-19, held via Zoom on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

1.0 Present:

Name	Position
MEMBERS	N/A
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	N/A
OBSERVERS	N/A
DIRECTORS/STAFF	
Scott Martin	Chair Tennis Scotland
Blane Dodds	Chief Executive Tennis Scotland
Barbara Southern	Company Secretary
Denise Irvine	Executive Assistant/Operations Manager

1. Chair's welcome

The Chair of Tennis Scotland, Mr Scott Martin, opened the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Tennis Scotland. It was noted due to the current circumstances regarding COVID-19 the AGM was being held as a closed meeting due to the current lockdown.

All Tennis Scotland members had been issued with the formal AGM papers as issued on 31 March 2020 with notification of the closed meeting and asking members to vote for the resolutions of the AGM by submitting responses via email.

The Chair confirmed the meeting is being held to conduct the formal business of the 2019 AGM

The Company Secretary announced that the total members comprise 251 registered venues and 9 Districts making 260 in total with a quorum required for passing of resolutions to be 10% being 26 in total. The Company Secretary confirmed there were a total of 43 responses by the deadline of 21 April 2020 @ 7pm, hence quorate.

2. Apologies for absence

All members absent due to closed meeting.

3. Approval of minutes dated 25 April 2019

The Chair requested that the minutes of the Tennis Scotland Annual General Meeting dated 25 April 2019 (which had been previously circulated with the notice of the meeting) be approved. No comments/ amendments were received and the minutes were duly approved.

4. To receive the report of the Chair

The Chair, Scott Martin voiced he had no specifics to report as the Annual Report encapsulated all the great work Tennis Scotland provided during the year and for the future. The Chair encouraged members to read and understand the Report. The Chair confirmed the Annual Report would be issued to members in soft copy on 24 April 2020 @12noon with a copy being held on the Tennis Scotland website.

5. To receive the Annual Report of Tennis Scotland for the financial year ended 31st December 2019

Blane Dodds, the Chief Executive, provided an overview of the 2019 Annual Report; The Chief Executive noted all the excellent achievements and delivery of the past year and extended thanks to all those involved.

A summary of the key areas covered included;

- Financial; The Chief Executive noted a solid position and an increase in resources / infrastructure reflected by an increase in income from £1.9m to £2.4m for the year ended 31 December 2019. The profit for the year was £47k which strengthened reserves with a closing funds position of £462k. An unmodified audit opinion had been received by the external auditor for the financial statements for the year to 31 December 2019;
- The Tennis Scotland Head Office had moved during the year from Edinburgh to Stirling and this had all gone smoothly allowing all functions to come together and also strengthen communications with both the GB National Academy, the performance pathway and the University of Stirling;
- Launching the National Tennis Academy (GBNTA) in 2019 including delivery of the infrastructure, player selection, open days, team recruitment allowed Tennis Scotland to raise the bar for the development of tennis players in Scotland;
- Noted that the results for 2020 period to date were encouraging albeit prior to date of lockdown
- Club membership continues to increase which is the backbone to growth of tennis participation in Scotland. Added to this, the organisation continues to focus on more indoor facilities for all year round play and additional capacity building. There were currently 23 expressions of interest regarding indoor partnerships and Tennis Scotland would be continuing to work with sportscotland and the LTA to progress these;
- Schools participation and activities grew with 14,000 pupils being engaged and 245 new coach qualifications awarded;
- Disability continued to grow in the year;
- Competitions noted another growth in regular competing players at events.

The Chief Executive in looking to the future, noted performance was positive and relationships with sportscotland and commercial partnerships were strong and developing further. The meetings held in the year with the First Minister and a much strengthened agreement with the LTA allowed for a platform of growth via a more solid positive partnership between Tennis Scotland and the LTA.

In conclusion the Chief Executive thanked all the staff, Board and partners for their contributions.

6. To receive the Accounts of Tennis Scotland for the Financial Year ended 31st December 2019

This area was covered by the introduction of part 5 of the meeting above. There being no further matters the meeting moved on.

7. To fix the rate of Fees and Subscriptions Rates for 2020/2021

The Chair confirmed that the Board proposes no change to the subscription rate of £130 per court for the financial year 2020/21. This was passed with 41 votes for and 2 votes against.

8. Announcements

The following appointments were intimated to the meeting:

- That the Governance Director is Derek Quirk

9. Elections

(a) The Honorary President

That Mr D Carmichael OBE was re-elected unopposed as Honorary President of Tennis Scotland for 2020/21 with 43 votes.

(b) The Honorary Vice-Presidents

That the under-noted were re-elected unopposed as Honorary Vice-Presidents of Tennis Scotland for 2020/21 with 43 votes.

Mrs A Hawke

Mrs C Lawrie

Mrs M Adams

A G Christie

Mrs L B Hamilton

G B Kerr

P C Nicolson

R S Paterson

Mrs P A Reid

C M Robertson

Mrs S Sim

J A E Stevenson

C M Thomson

I S Wiggins

Mrs C Windmill

(c) Auditors

That the firm of RSM Chartered Accountants was re-appointed unopposed as Auditors of Tennis Scotland for 2020 with 43 votes.

10. Vote of thanks

The Honorary President, Mr D Carmichael OBE, was noted as passing on a vote of thanks via email prior to the AGM commencing

11. Close of Meeting

The Chair, Scott Martin announced that the formal AGM proceedings were concluded and thanked all the members for their participation in the proxy submissions.
The meeting then closed.