

MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 24th February 2022 at 7:30pm

Via Zoom

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting this year via zoom. He went on to explain the voting procedures for the evening with each club representative holding all their clubs' votes and that committee members would not get a vote unless they were attending as their club rep on the night. During the course of the evening, he conveyed his thanks to all the individuals responsible for attending meetings throughout the year with particular mention to Christian and Jeanette for all their hard work in the running of the Tennis league over the last year.

1. **CLUBS REPRESENTED AND RECORDED:** representatives attended from Argyle, Aughton, Birkdale, Blundellsands, Campion, Carlton, Croston, Formby, Formby Village, Hightown, Hillside, Mawdesley, North Meols, Ormskirk, Southbank, Sphynx, Town Green. Waterloo.
2. **APOLOGIES** received from Mick Walsh, Denis Swainson
3. As the **MINUTES** of the 2021 AGM are available on the website and no questions were raised or inaccuracies reported, the chairman will sign and date them (at a later date) as a factually accurate record.

Proposed: Liz Newton Seconded: Andrew Williams All in favour – passed unanimously (no abstentions)
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – no matters arising
5. **THE CHAIRMANS REPORT** - is also available on the website – no questions raised
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** –report available on the website, Dave said the league had made a loss this year of £1468.56 but that this was due to the fees being held over from last season when there was no competitive play so going forward this should return to making a small profit next season. The league is again waiving junior league fees for the coming season to help encourage more junior teams joining. Rob thanked Dave on behalf of the committee for all his work throughout the last year and also Jason McLeod for auditing the accounts

Proposed by Carol – Formby Village Seconded: by Bob of Hightown. – passed unanimously (no abstentions)
7. **MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website – no questions raised. Rob again thanked Jeanette for all her hard work with both the summer and Autumn Leagues during the 2021 season.
8. **TEAM TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT** - available on the website – no questions raised. Rob thanked Mick Walsh and the clubs who provided venues for the finals.
9. **INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT** - available on the website – no questions raised Rob thanked Derek Bardwa and Southbank for providing the venue for the finals.
10. **JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/RESIGNATION.

There were applications from Sphynx to enter a 4th and 5th Team for Maghull to re-join the league with one team and Formby to enter a 5th team. Resignations came from David Lloyd, Argyle (one team) and Mawdesley 6th. No voting required as league space for all teams who applied. Applications result in the league's being just 1 team short to run 8 divisions of 8. The structure will be decided at a later date due to the lateness of some of the resignations.

- 12. RULE CHANGES:** All clubs had been issued with a copy of the proposed Rule Changes for 2021 supported by the Executive Committee the Chairman explained the proposals and a vote was taken. The Amended New Rules numbered 1 - 12 were then carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

Rule 13 from Hillside LTC for change to match times - *Proposal 1* was declined by 57 votes for to 7 votes against. *Proposal 2* was declined by 57 votes for to 7 votes against. Therefore, the rule was not carried.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr John Spurr
Chairman: Mr Rob Hemmings
Treasurer: Mr David Eyes
Match Secretary: Mrs Jeanette Heague
Individual Tournament Secretary: Mr Derek Bardwa
Team Tournament Secretary: Mr Mick Walsh
Junior League Co-ordinator: Mrs Angela Bardon
Spartan's Trophy Secretary: Mr Mick Walsh
General Secretary: Ms Pauline Pope
Hon Auditor: Mr Jason McLeod
League Planner Manager: Mr Christian Bryan
Autumn League Match Secretary – **position vacant**

General Committee: prepared to continue in office: Mr Andy Williams, Ms Liz Newton Mr Mark Doyle
Resignations: Officer: Denis Swainson

Nominations received: - Chris Parkes – general committee member proposed by Heather Chambers
Rob mentioned more representatives are needed ideally from clubs not represented at present: Tim Carey of Campion volunteered on the night and was invited to attend the executive meeting directly after the AGM. Rob reiterated again that if no volunteer comes forward for the vacant Autumn league match secretary position that league will not run in 2022.

14. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LANCASHIRE LTA COUNCIL

John Spurr and Rob Hemmings were again elected as The Southport and District League's Representatives to Lancashire LTA Council.

15. **WORLD TENNIS NUMBER** – Rob mentioned the league is hoping to move towards using this as it will make checking easier and enable us to get rid of the starring system. Clubs were asked to encourage players to give their LTA membership number information when registering this year. a space will be on the player registrations form for the numbers. More information will be sent around with the player registration forms.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – League start date is w/c 24th April 2022. Andy Williams thanked all officers for all their work over the last 12months and particularly Chairman Rob Hemmings for his extra work with the Chairman's committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:30pm.

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