

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**SOUTHPORT AND DISTRICT TENNIS LEAGUE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 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.

**CLUBS REPRESENTED AND RECORDED:** representatives attended from

Argyle, Aughton, Birkdale, Blundellsands, Campion, Carlton, Croston, Formby, Formby Village, Hightown, Hillside, Mawdesley , North Meols , Ormskirk, Rainford , Southbank, Sphynx, Town Green. Waterloo.  
*(No representative from Maghull)*

1. **APOLOGIES** received from  
Tim Carey, Angela Bardon.
2. As the **MINUTES** of the 2022 AGM are available on the website and no questions were raised or inaccuracies reported, The minutes were passed as a factually accurate record.

Proposed: Liz Newton Seconded: Jeanette Heague - All in favour – passed unanimously (no abstentions)

3. **MATTERS ARISING** – no matters arising
4. **THE CHAIRMANS REPORT** - is also available on the website – no questions raised
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** –report available on the website, Dave reported it had been a pretty straight forward season with the league making a slight profit with a final balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 of £7318.98 which confirmed the league fees are at the right level. 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 Derek Bardwa Seconded: by Andy Williams. – passed unanimously (no abstentions)

6. **MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website – no questions raised. Rob again thanked Jeanette for all her hard work with the summer Leagues during the 2022 season.
7. **TEAM TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT** - available on the website –The report again stressed how disappointing it was to see so many walk overs in the early rounds and asked teams to check with captains that teams were committed to the competitions before entering teams this coming season. Mick said he had enjoyed the role which he has held since 2015 but was stepping down to spend more time with his own club Carlton. He would be available to the new volunteer in the role with any help and advice. Rob thanked Mick Walsh for his commitment in the role over the years and encouraged a new volunteer to come forward or the team competitions would not be held in 2023. Thanks, was also passed to the clubs who provided venues for the finals.
8. **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.
9. **JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website. Rob thanked Angela for her time in the role and was pleased to announce Rob Owens would be the main contact going forward.

**10. AUTUMN LEAGUE MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website – no questions raised Rob thanked Tim for taking on the role and a successful first season.

**11. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP/RESIGNATION.**

There were applications from Sphynx to enter a 6<sup>th</sup> team and a very late request from David Lloyd Knowsley to re-join for the 2023 season. With just one free space in Division 8 the space was given to Sphynx as they had applied as per the league rules state before the 31 December 2022 deadline. David Lloyd would be put on a first reserve list should any teams drop out before the start of the 2023 season.

**12. RULE CHANGES:** All clubs had been issued with a copy of the proposed Rule Changes for 2023 supported by the Executive Committee. The Chairman explained the proposals and a vote was taken. All rule changes and amendments were then carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

**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 Tim Carey

Junior League Co-ordinator: Mr Rob Owen

General Secretary: Ms Pauline Pope

Hon Auditor: Mr Jason McLeod

League Planner Manager: Mr Christian Bryan

Autumn League Match Secretary – Tim Carey

General Committee: prepared to continue in office: Ms Liz Newton Mr Mark Doyle, Mr Chris Parkes Mr Mick Walsh. Resignations: : Andy Williams

**14. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LANCASHIRE LTA COUNCIL**

Rob Hemmings was again elected as one of The Southport and District League's Representatives to Lancashire LTA Council. In John Spurr's step down from the role a new volunteer is required anyone interested was asked to let Rob know.

**15. PROVIDING REFRESHMENTS FOR LEAGUE MATCHES** –. After a short discussion It was unanimously decide to go back to all home clubs providing juice at the interval and tea & biscuits at close of play.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Rob asked for a volunteer club to host the 2023 season presentation evening and Chris Parkes offered Sphynx Tennis Club saying they would be happy to host this season.

There was a brief discussion on whether future AGMs should be in person or on zoom it was decided this would be discussed by the executive again and probably put out to a vote again.

The season will start w/c 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:34pm