

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

Held on Monday 26th February 2024 at 7:30pm
At Sphynx Tennis Club

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting this year. He went on to explain the voting procedures for the evening

CLUBS REPRESENTED AND RECORDED: representatives attended from

Argyle(3) Birkdale(1) Blundellsands(1) Champion(1) Carlton(1) Croston(1) Formby(1) Formby Village(2) Hightown(2) Hillside(4) Mawdesley(2) North Meols(4) Ormskirk(2) Rainford(1) Southbank(2) Sphynx(5) Town Green(1) Waterloo(1)
(No representatives Aughton or Maghull)

APOLOGIES received from John Spurr, Mark Picton and Rob Owen

MINUTES of the 2023 AGM - Available on the website no questions were raised or inaccuracies reported, proposed by Hugh Chambers Seconded by Liz Newton The minutes were passed as a factually accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING – no matters arising.

THE CHAIRMANS REPORT - available on the website – Rob stressed the importance of players being LTA registered in good time as there will be less flexibility this coming season.

TREASURER'S REPORT – available on the website, Dave reported it had been a pretty straight forward season with the league making a slight loss with a final balance at 31st December 2023 of £6828.09 the loss mainly due to the funding of the junior league. Rob thanked Dave on behalf of the committee for all his work throughout the last year and also Jason McLeod for auditing the accounts. Hugh Chambers queried why we held this amount in the bank, and it was explained that excess is being used positively with the juniors each season. Report was proposed by Dave Price seconded: by Christian Bryan. – passed unanimously (no abstentions)

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT – available on the website – no questions raised. Rob again thanked Jeanette for all her hard work along with Christian Liz for all the extra work the league planner caused them during the 2023 summer League season.

AUTUMN LEAGUE REPORT – Tim reported the season seemed to go well he thanked the captains for their support and stressed clubs had done well to fulfil their fixtures. However, he did stress it would be helpful if teams would double check that players were played in order of strength.

TEAM TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT – available on the website Tim apologised for his rookie errors in this his first season with a mix up early on with teams and league placement but overall, the competitions ran well and were all completed. Rob thanked Tim and the host clubs on the leagues behalf and brought to everyone's attention the fact that the grant passed to clubs hosting the cup events is not just a free donation, and refreshments are expected to be provided for all players and any spectators. He also stressed that players from the losing side leaving before the presentation is very bad sportsmanship and not what is expected by the league.

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.

JUNIOR SECRETARY'S REPORT – available on the website.

RULE CHANGES: All clubs had been issued with a copy of the proposed Rule Changes for 2024 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.

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

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: - Officer - Marc Fitzpatrick

Applications: - Lauren McCluskey proposed by Chris Parkes seconded by Pauline Pope – voted on unanimously with no abstentions.

Election of Hon Auditor: Mr Jason McLeod voted in unanimously with no abstentions.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO TENNIS LANCASHIRE

Rob Hemmings agreed to continue as one of The Southport and District League's Representatives to Lancashire LTA Council. In Marc Fitzpatrick's step down as second rep a new volunteer is required anyone interested was asked to let Rob know.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Rob asked for a volunteer club to host the 2024 season presentation evening and Susan Jones offered Argyle Tennis Club saying they would be happy to host the event this season.

The 2024 Summer Season will start w/c 29th April 2023

Dave Price raised the issue of match start times and whether 7pm (6:30 for 3 court clubs) is the actual match start time or the start time for knocking up. A discussion proceeded with the room split on the subject. It was thought that clubs with restricted floodlight play (10pm cut off) or no lights, should ideally try and start the actual match at the 7pm (6:30 for 3 court clubs) with the knock up starting 10minutes before. however, some clubs do not have court availability pre 7pm because of junior coaching etc So this could only be a request. The length of the knock up was also raised as there is no set time. Rob did say if anyone felt strongly about either subject, they could send in a proposal for the 2025 AGM, and it could then be put to an official vote.

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