

**Minutes of the  
Southport & District Tennis League  
Annual General Meeting**

Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7:30pm  
At Argyle 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) Aughton (1) Birkdale(5) Blundellsands(1) Champion(1) Carlton(1) Croston(3) Formby(1) Formby Village(4)  
Hightown(3) Hillside(4) Mawdesley(4) North Meols(4) Ormskirk(1) Rainford(1) Southbank(1) Sphynx(5) Town Green(1) (*no representatives Maghull or Waterloo*)

**APOLOGIES** received from John Spurr and Chris Parkes.

**MINUTES OF THE 2024 AGM-** Available on the website no questions were raised or inaccuracies reported. proposed by Jason Jones 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 expressed thanks to Jeanette Heague, Christian Bryan, Tim Carey and all club captains for coping with the new league planner that was introduced halfway through the season. There were a few issues which hopefully are now resolved for the coming season. However, it is still too early to use WTN instead of starrings.

**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 2024 of £6,232.25 the loss mainly due to the funding of the junior league. Rob thanked Dave on behalf of the committee for all his work over the last five years as he steps down from the role and also Jason McLeod for auditing the accounts. Report proposed by Hugh Chambers seconded by Derek Bardwa. passed unanimously (no abstentions)

**MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT** – available on the website – no questions raised. Rob again thanked Jeanette for all her hard work in the role and stressed the league would not run so smoothly without her dedication. A round of applause was given from the floor.

**AUTUMN LEAGUE REPORT** – Tim reported the season seemed to go well again with few issues he stressed again 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 the competitions ran well and were all completed. Rob thanked Tim and the host clubs on the league's behalf. Rob mentioned how pleased he was to see host clubs had taken note of comments made at last year's AGM by providing refreshments and a more welcoming environment this year.

**INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT** - available on the website – no questions raised Derek mentioned although it was the highest number of entries since he took over the role could he ask clubs to try and promote the events more as with no hand books new participants to the league may not even know the tournament exists 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 2025 supported by the executive committee. The chairman explained the proposals and votes were taken.  
All rule changes and amendments were then carried with no votes against and no abstentions.

**TEAM APPLICATIONS** – Formby 5 and Waterloo 2 both applied to join the 2025 league. As the league consists of 8 divisions of 8 teams a lengthy discussion was had on the best way forward a) to add both teams to division 8 making it a league of 10 teams or b) keep division 8 at 8 teams and take a vote between the two teams from the bottom of division 8 at the end of the 2024 season and the 2 new applications. A vote was taken on option (a) and it was unanimously voted that we to go with 10 teams in

division 8. Therefore, this option was passed with no need to vote on option (b). Ways to fit in the extra fixtures would be looked at by the executive committee.

**Election of Officers for 2025**

**President:** Mr John Spurr

**Chairman:** Mr Rob Hemmings

**Treasurer:** Mr Tim Carey

**League Match Secretary:** Mrs Jeanette Heague

**Individual Tournament Secretary:** Mr Derek Bardwa

**Team Tournament/Spartans Trophy Secretary:** Mr Mark Doyle

**Junior League Co-ordinator:** Mr Rob Owen

**General Secretary;** Ms Pauline Pope

**League Planner Manager:** Mr Christian Bryan

**Autumn League Match Secretary:** Mr Alan Williamson

**Resignations** – Mr Dave Eyes - *Treasurer*.

Mr Tim Carey – *Team Tournaments Secretary & Autumn League Secretary*

**Co-opted in by the executive committee** – *Treasurer* – Mr Tim Carey. *Autum League match secretary* – Alan Williamson

**General Committee:** - Ms Liz Newton, Mr Mick Walsh, Mrs Susan Jones, Mr Mark Doyle, Mrs Louella Lyon, Mr Chris Parkes.

**Resignations** - Lauren McCluskey – *General Committee*.

**Proposal** Neil Prince (proposed by Rob Hemmings and Pauline Pope) Neil will join the Executive committee in a new role as Singles League Match Secretary.

The singles league is planned to start early 2026 A vote was taken to ask if a set of provisional rules could be used for the singles league in its first season as it will have started before a set of full rules can be presented at the 2026 AGM in March. The vote was unanimous for this.

Rob asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the vacant team tournament secretary position to speak with him at the end of the meeting – following the meeting Mark Doyle volunteered and was co-opted into the role

**Election of Hon Auditor:** Mr Dave Eyes

**Election of representatives to Tennis Lancashire Ltd** – Rob Hemmings and Susan Jones both agreed to continue in the roles.

**Any other Business** – Rob asked for a volunteer club to host the 2025 presentation evening any volunteers could speak to him at the end of the meeting.

The 2025 summer season will start w/c 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.00pm