



## Annual General Meeting 24 November 2013

### Minutes

#### 1. Presentation of Awards:- 2013

Most Promising Junior: Marta Krauss

George Stewart Award: Neil Robertson

#### Presentation of Junior League Winners:

Super League	Kinnoull 1
Div 1	Perth 1
Div 2	Perth 2

#### Presentation of Senior League Winners:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Gents (6 per)</u>	<u>Henderson Vase</u>	<u>Gents 4 per</u>
<b>Div 1</b>	Kinnoull 1	Kinnoull 1	Kinnoull 1	West End
<b>Div 2</b>	Montrose 1	Arbroath 1	Scone 1	
<b>Div 3</b>	Games Club 1	Duffus 1	Blairgowrie	
<b>Div 4</b>	Broughty Ferry 2	Broughty Ferry 2	Craigmuir 2	
<b>Div 5</b>	Scone 2	Anstruther	Games Club 2	
<b>Div 6</b>	Montrose 3	David Lloyd		

#### Winter League:

##### **Adults**

A Broughty Ferry 1

B Broughty Ferry 2

C Blairgowrie

D Montrose 3

Juniors: Broughty Ferry

**Scottish Cup** Ladies: Montrose & Kinnoull      Men: St Andrews & Kinnoull

#### 2. Present :

##### Office Bearers and Board Members:

C Allison	President (Chair) & League Secretary for Gents (Wormit)
J Mayclothling	Secretary (Duffus)
W Duff	Treasurer (Montrose)
D Gibson	Board Member (Scone)
M Logan	Board Member (Crieff)

R Alston	Board Member	(Montrose)
A Hill	Board Member	( Lundin Sports, Anstruther, Glenrothes)
D Bateman	Board Member	( St Andrews)
Robin Nisbet	Board Member	( David Lloyd)
Dan Cookson	Board Member/ Junior League secretary	(Duffus)
Ian Conway	Board Member	Tennis Scotland

#### Club Representatives:

Hans Lindebo –Kinnoull

Britt Lindebo-Kinnoull

Helen Healy– Broughty Ferry

Jan Fairlie– Arbroath

Ronnie Webster- St Andrews

Andy Cargill- Lundin Links

Morag Bull-Scone

Derek Petrie- WANT

Ian Bell- Falkland

Clarkson Fulton- Broughty Ferry

Mandy Strachan-Tayport

M Robertson-Kinnoull

Stuart Macfarlane-WANT

#### **Apologies:**

None Hislop, Ian Hunter, Alan Nairn, Kirsty Macrae, David Marshall, Perth Tennis Club, Gail Nelson, Kirriemuir Tennis Club, Bill Macdonald, Susan Whiteford, Jane Morrison.

#### **3. Minutes of 2012 AGM and Matters Arising:**

Robin proposed that the Minutes, with no amendment, were accepted, David Bateman seconded. There were no Matters Arising.

#### **4. 2013 Annual Report/ Presidents Report**

The Annual Report was distributed at the meeting. The President mentioned the main points from his report including

- Continuing local developments such as Dundee initiative, Glenrothes Tennis Club,

- Changes at Tennis Scotland. These constitutional changes would mean that in the future all clubs would be members of Tennis Scotland, rather than membership of TS being via the district structure.
- However the District in the form of TT will continue to exist and will continue to run leagues, competitions and any other local initiatives we feel are worth supporting.
- Indoor courts are a need for the local area and members were encouraged to lobby TS where appropriate for this provision.
- The Dundee initiative where TT are supporting mainly junior tennis activity in local parks and where appropriate trying to encourage players to link with local clubs.
- Colin also congratulated Ian Conway, Tennis Tayside board member on his election as the New President of Tennis Scotland

## **Questions**

David Bateman asked what differences were envisaged especially on the funding side is Scotland voted for Independence in the 2014 referendum. No-one was able to answer this question however it is something that we would need to consider closer to the time.

Stuart Macfarlane asked about Clubmark and what were the benefits to clubs especially as for smaller clubs it was a tremendous amount of work. Ian explained the thinking behind Clubmark and that primarily it was to make sure each club was run as professionally and well as it could be. However it was noted that even clubs who were Clubmark accredited had little success in securing funding from our governing body, especially as this had been one of the benefits when Clubmark was first introduced.

## **4 a) 2012 Finance report.**

Bill Duff outlined the main points of the finance report.

- North county funding is still an issue . Some of our financial difficulties concern the funding of north county activity, which we have agreed to do but have little control over costs.
- David Bateman asked if affiliation fees in the future will go to Tennis Scotland rather than Tennis Tayside. Bill explained that in the new model TT will still get monies from clubs to support the activity that we provide and administer.
- Tennis Scotland has asked districts to consider passing on some of their reserves to TS to support their activity. TT have indicated that we would consider passing on a percentage of our reserves, however we would really want to ensure that money provided by Tennis Tayside came back to the Tennis Tayside area. We will continue our dialogue with TS concerning this.

## **Questions**

Ronnie Webster asked why we don't pay a set amount to North county each year to fund their activity. Bill confirmed this is the case and we pay £1650 per year as our contribution.

Malcolm asked why clubs in Tennis Tayside pay more to NC than Highland or Central. This seems to be based on a historical pro-rata calculation which will need to be looked at as part of any funding decisions made in the future.

## **5) Further Changes at Tennis Scotland**

These were covered in the Presidents report

## **6) Match format -Results of survey**

Joy took the meeting through the high level results that were gathered via the survey.

- We had 176 responses
- 70% of players were satisfied with the format of the leagues
- 80% of players thought the duration of the ladies and gents leagues at 10 weeks was about right
- 73% of players thought the duration of the HV leagues was about right
- 27% of players wished the single point deuce to be mandatory in all matches
- 23% of players wished to see the introduction of 6 person, 4 set format across all leagues.

We also received a large number of general comments which we will consider as we prepare for next years leagues.

Ian proposed a vote of thanks for Joy for her work on this.

The prize draw was completed and the winner was Ronnie Webster who won a voucher for Campus Sports in Perth.

Discussion then moved to Junior leagues and that fact that in TT we had less teams playing in our leagues than a few years ago. Reasons for this were discussed and included

- Differences in standards in juniors meaning one sided matches
- A lot of kids being coached but don't seem to want to play in teams
- Lots of mini tennis being played but not all players move on the team tennis.

Dan Cookson Junior League Secretary noted the comments and said that for the next year he would consider smaller leagues, but more of them which should mean less one sided matches.

Stuart mentioned the problems of having to enter teams before many months before the season had started. It was explained that this was due to having to have the handbook printed up and all the schedules done which takes a considerable amount of time and planning. General discussion took place concerning a number of issues that may help such as different formats, different day for matches as weekends seemed to be a problem.

### **7) Confirmation of 2013 /14 Office Bearers:**

The President, Secretary and Treasurer had served their 2 year term and needed to stand down and offer themselves for re-election. Rhona Alston proposed that these three office bearers be elected en block for a further two year term. This was seconded by Ronnie Webster

Douglas Gibson proposed that Rhona Alston take on the vacant post of Vice President this was seconded by Ian Conway.

There being no other proposals the persons below were elected for a two year term

President : C Allison

Vice President: Rhona Alston

Secretary: Joy Mayglothling

Treasurer: Bill Duff

### **8) Election of Board Members:**

Douglas Gibson and David Bateman were elected in 2012 for a two year term. All other members required to stand down and be re-elected.

As all current board members were happy to serve again it was proposed by Bill Duff that they too were voted en block. This was seconded by David Bateman.

It was noted that Alan Nairn had resigned from the board so there was a vacancy. Douglas Gibson proposed Dan Cookson and this was seconded by Ann Hill. The board were then confirmed as Douglas Gibson, David Bateman and Robin Nisbet (till 2014), Ann Hill, Malcolm Logan, Ian Conway, Dan Cookson ( til 2015)

**9) Appointment of TT Representatives to North County:**

Joy Mayglothling proposed Bill Duff and this was seconded by Douglas Gibson.

There being no other nominations Bill Duff was duly elected.

**10) ACOB:**

- Some discussion took place concerning the format of our AGM and the costs. It was noted that often clubs don't attend even if they have trophies or certificate to pick up which is disappointing. Some consideration was given to a different day but it was felt as the meeting had to take place in the winter months an evening was probably less attractive to members. Some people felt that we should make it mandatory for all clubs to attend but this is difficult to enforce.
- Malcolm Logan proposed that the board meetings should rotate around the area to allow club members to attend. It was agreed that the board would consider this.
- Rhona Alston proposed a vote of thanks for all secretaries for the good jobs they do in keeping the leagues running smoothly.
- Some discussion took place concerning different types of memberships being offered by clubs and how we as TT could ensure that only bona fide club members are playing in the leagues within the rules. This was felt to be a club issue and that all clubs should ensure that their rules were clear as to who they accepted as a bona fide club member.
- Ian informed the meeting that the LTA were proposing a new way of administering Wimbledon tickets, which would be done on line. More details to follow

**11. Date of next AGM:**

Sunday 23 November 2014

The President thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

**Proposed by:**

**Seconded by:**

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