



Annual General Meeting 1 December 2019

Broughty Ferry

Dundee

Minutes

1. Presentation of Awards:- 2019

Most Promising Junior: Cameron Fryer

George Stewart Award: Orin Forbes

Presentation of Junior League Winners:

Super League	Perth 1
Div 1	Perth 2
Div 2	Darnhall
Div 3	Stonehaven 2
Div 4	Anstruther

Presentation of Senior League Winners:

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Gents (6 per)</u>	<u>Henderson Vase</u>
Div 1	David Lloyd 1	Forthill 1	Kinnoull
Div 2	Forthill	David Lloyd 1	David Lloyd 1
Div 3	Lundin Sports 1	Duffus	West End 1
Div 4	Kinnoull 1	Darnhall 1	Forthill 2
Div 5	Falkland 2	St Andrews 2	David Lloyd 3
Div 6	N/A	Montrose 3	N/A

4 Person League

Ladies: Duffus

Men: Kinross

Singles Doubles League

- Div 1** Kinnoull
- Div 2** Forthill
- Div 3** Arbroath

2. Present :

Office Bearers and Board Members:

R Alston President (Chair)
J Mayclothling Secretary
W Duff Treasurer

Montrose
(Duffus)
(Montrose)

D Gibson Board Member, (Scone/ Darnhall)
A Hill Board Member ,(Lundin Sports, Glenrothes, Kinross)
Robin Nisbet Board Member, (David Lloyd)

John Stirling Board Member, (Montrose)

Elaine Smith –Board member (WANT),

Susan Whiteford- Board Member (Blairgowrie)

Club Reps and Visitors

Blaine Dodds- Tennis Scotland, Vanessa Rengger -Tayport, Morag Bull- Scone,
Margaret Shiply-Forthill, Orin Forbes- Montrose, Billy McLaren- Kinnoull, Orin Forbes-
Montrose, Walt Forbes- Montrose, Diane Forbes- Montrose, Richard Henderson- Montrose
Allie Henderson- Montrose, Iain Kay- Montrose, Jack Ganley- West End, James Martin
-Falkland, Jen Grant- Montrose, Chad Neighbour- Montrose, Helen Healey- BFTC, Judith
English- Perth, Caroline Doig -Falkland, Mike Kolacz -Tennis Scotland, Bernhard Struck- St
Andrews, David Anderson, Ron Young Stonehaven

Apologies:

Amanda Barclay, (West End), Rick Gardner, Kinross Tc, Anstruther TC, Dan Cookson, Colin Allison, Iain Kay.

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM and Matters Arising:

Susan Whiteford proposed that the Minutes, with no amendment, were an accurate minute and Elaine Smith seconded. There were no Matters Arising.

4. Guest Speaker- Blaine Dodds Tennis Scotland

Blaine spoke about a variety of issues including

- Historical view that if you were good at any sport in Scotland you could not be world class. This view seems to be changing with youngsters now having aspirations of being the best they can be.
- Busy year at TS, with plenty of changes of location and personnel.
- Working with LTA to get better representation and an increased share of income.
- New 4 year deal with Sports Scotland, so working to align the strategies

- Indoor courts remain a priority with a £15m pot to deliver this. 25 expressions of interest and 11 applications. Hoping for 5-6 to be built in 2020 and 3 already underway. Stonehaven are a local club applying for assistance.
- World class performance programme in Scotland , have now recruited a world class coach, Leo Azevedo, who will work with Colin Fleming and others.
- Intention to ensure these coaches share their skills and knowledge with Scottish coaches at Conferences and around local clubs where possible.
- Confirmation that the Murray Trophy will happen again.
- TS looking at workforce development although with less paid staff this is challenging.

Questions

Blane was asked about the likelihood of indoor courts in Dundee. An application has been received in Dundee and it is hoped that this would progress soon.

Blane was asked if there was any way that the progress of applications could be available on the website for information. Blane agreed to look at this and see if was an option.

Blane then answered some questions about how the National Academy was working. There was a feeling from the floor that the academy was not accessible to local children and actually as the NA was using courts at Stirling there was actually less availability and local youngsters were having to travel further to train and practice. There are 6 courts at the NA at the moment but it is hoped that the new development fronted by Judy Murray would make available more courts.

Rhona thanked Blane for his interesting presentation.

5) Constitutional amendments

All present agreed with the circulated amendments for the Memorandum and Articles and these will now be finalised by the Company Secretary.

6) Presidents Report- Annual Report

Rhona presented her report and gave an update on progress across Tayside

Highlights Included

- Tennis Tayside winning Inter-District Competition
- Number of clubs having new courts
- Centenary Cup held at Gleneagles which was a great social event.
- Number of fundraising events organised by clubs Lundin Links event to raise money for Maggies Centre and Montrose who ran around Arthurs Seat in an endurance event and raised money for Tayside Children with Cancer.

- Success for some of our local players. Jonny O Mara is doing well on the world stage , and Ben Hudson is No 1 in Britain for his age group.
- Jack Ganley is going to introduce leagues for coloured ball tennis to give our younger juniors the opportunity to compete locally, and also could be used to identify potential players to feed into the Pathway initiative

Also thanks to our sponsors Keillour Graphics, Moir Construction, Millers and DC Lighting, and finally thanks to our hosts Broughty Ferry Tennis Club for the room today and their support throughout the year.

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Bill Duff reported that

- The board had studied and signed off the accounts at the recent meeting
- TT have had a reasonable year financially with successful sponsorship, however books indicated a slight loss of £716.00 against a surplus last year of just over £2000.
- However we are in a strong position with good reserves and the board have made a decision to spend more of our income.

Question from the floor re the surplus in relation to summer leagues.

Bill explained that Summer Leagues show surplus which assists in offsetting some costs of winter league and Junior Inter-district, and also financially support the Player Pathway initiative so that juniors are not excluded by lack of resources.

The member asked that we consider reducing the cost of the leagues as they were felt to be expensive and a drain on clubs finances. It was suggested that the member draft a formal resolution and propose this at the next AGM where all members could then vote

7) Player Pathways

Douglas updated the meeting on the player pathway activity.

- This initiative seems to be working with success at the Inter-District this year.
- We continue to provide opportunities for juniors and sessions are again planned during the winter.
- Also working with Jack Ganley to increase opportunities for younger players at red and orange ball level.
- Around 60-70 kids involved at the moment.
- We will continue to ask clubs to send us details of juniors who they think should be involved.

- Looking how to identify younger players to feed into process

9) Election of Office Bearers

President. Ann Hill was proposed for President. Proposed Rhona Alston seconded Morag Bull. No further nominations.

Secretary and Treasurer Joy and Bill had both come to the end of their two year terms but were happy to re-stand. Both were proposed by Rhona Alston and seconded by Ann Hill.

No further nominations.

10) Board Members. Robin Nisbet, Douglas Gibson, Susan Whiteford, Elaine Smith and David Anderson were half way through their 2 year term. This meant that all 5 spaces on the board were filled as required in the revised constitution

11) Confirmation of Auditor

It was proposed by Bill Duff that we continue to use Scott Walker as the auditor. This was seconded by Joy Mayglothling.

12) Confirmation of North County Rep

Bill Duff was proposed as North County rep by Rhona Alston and seconded by Douglas Gibson. There were no further nominations.

13) Date of Next AGM

Proposed to hold the meeting towards the end of November subject to Tennis Scotland not holding their conference on the same day.

14) AOCB

Mike Kolacz thanked Rhona for her time as President and noted that she had been a pleasure to work with, and thanked her for the support she had shown Tennis Scotland and tennis in Tayside.

Closing remarks

Rhona thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said a special thanks to the league secretaries for their hard work over the last year. She also presented some small gifts and wished all attendees a safe journey home.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

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Date:

Date: