

There were no Matters Arising.

The minutes were then proposed by Elaine Smith and seconded by Susan Whiteford

3) Annual Report inc Finance Report

Ann talked through the highlights of her report which had been previously circulated and gave an update as to the activity of the board over the last year. There were no questions.

Bill Duff talked through the finance report indicating that we had limited income as the leagues and our two tournaments which generated income had been cancelled.

Stuart Kerr asked why the financial report had been logged at Companies House before they had been agreed by members, and therefore the board were in breach of the Companies Act. Bill explained that they had been agreed by the board and as the accounts were usually sent to Companies House mid Dec when we normally held our AGM this was the timetable he was working to.

Stuart then asked Bill to clarify the Admin costs as they were similar to last year. Bill explained which activities that had taken place last year incurred costs.

Stuart also asked about a debt from North County to Tennis Tayside and whether that was likely to be paid. Bill explained some of the history of North County funding and how they are financially challenged and have been for some years. Bill is hopeful that with some consolidation of their funding they can be placed back on an even keel and can then repay the monies due to Tennis Tayside.

Stuart asked if all districts pay the same and Bill explained that the district contribution was calculated on a pro-rata basis with Tayside paying the most, then Central, East and Highland paying the least.

Rhona pointed out that the more successful the North County teams are the more the costs increase.

Stuart then asked about the balance sheet and whether the Investments are listed at cost price or current value. Bill confirmed they were listed as cost price however the current value was very similar.

Vanessa asked for clarification as to whether any leagues went ahead last year. It was confirmed that none of the Tennis Tayside summer leagues went ahead, although some NE fife social leagues happened later in the year.

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5) Election / Confirmation of Office Bearers

It was confirmed to the meeting that all office bearers were half way through their two year term and therefore there was no requirement for proposals for these positions.

6) Election / Confirmation of Board Members

4 of the existing board were happy to continue and there were 2 proposals for new members which would mean the board would consist of 6 members, which is contrary to the new constitution agreed at an earlier AGM, but not yet lodged at Companies House.

After some discussion there were a number of proposals.

The existing board members were proposed to continue by Joy.

Ann proposed Jack Ganley which was seconded by Hannah Lord

Rhona proposed Stuart Kerr which was seconded by Elaine.

David proposed that Susan Whiteford take on the role as Vice President which was seconded by Joy.

There were no other nominations meaning the 5 board members for the next 2 year term are

Douglas Gibson, Elaine Smith, Robin Nisbet, Stuart Kerr and Jack Ganley.

7) Confirmation of Auditor

Bill explained that we had used the services of Scott Walker in the past for auditing the accounts and he proposed that we appoint him for next year. This was seconded by Douglas and there being no other nominations Scott was appointed.

8) Appointment of other posts as required

Douglas proposed that Bill continue being the Tennis Tayside rep on North of Scotland board. This was seconded by Joy and there being no other nominations Bill was appointed.

9) AOCB

Junior Tennis in Tayside

Jack Ganley gave a resume of his plans for juniors to bring them together and various Team days to give them the opportunity to compete but at an appropriate level. He intends to set up a tournament calendar from March through to October but this is obviously dependent on the current situation with COVID -19 improving.

Tennis Scotland

Rhona asked Mike Cohen the attendee representing Tennis Scotland if they could improve communications with the Districts and Clubs, as over this past year information and contact with clubs and districts has been sadly lacking. Mike confirmed that he is the designated contact for the district and Mike Kolacz continues to be the contact at club level. Rhona thanked Mike for confirming this. Mike also noted that there were a number of vacancies being advertised at the moment at Tennis Scotland and once people were in post there would be more available resources at Tennis Scotland.

Mike noted that clubs were reporting increased membership during the pandemic which was a good thing.

He also noted that Tennis Scotland were still looking for clubs to increase the numbers of juniors competing at club and local level and that Jacks role is key to getting this happening.

Mike finished by informing the meeting of change to the ratings system, changes to the age groups for juniors and also the introduction of new competition manager software.

Resignation of Board member.

Rhona confirmed to the members that David Anderson had resigned from the board and wished to thank him for all his good work supporting the activities of Tennis Tayside.

Summer Leagues

The members were reminded that the league entry forms had been circulated and we would again move ahead with planning and scheduling the leagues so that as soon as we are able to safely and legally play we will be ready.

It was noted that Iain Kay has resigned from his role as men's league secretary meaning we are looking for someone else to take this on.

Closing remarks

Ann thanked everyone for attending the meeting and closed the meeting

Proposed by:

Seconded by: