

**Minute of the 105th Annual General Meeting of Tennis West of Scotland
[formerly the West of Scotland Lawn Tennis Association]
held on Monday 25th November 2019 in the David Lloyd club, Renfrew.**

The meeting followed the annual presentation of awards to the winners of junior, adult and senior player league and cup competitions held during 2019.

Following a tribute to Murray Stewart who had died the previous week the President, John Jellema, presented his Report for 2019 at the start of the Awards ceremony. This provided a report of the role of Tennis West of Scotland, its aims and a review of activity to those in attendance [estimated at 150]. A summary of the President's Report is appended to the minute of the meeting.

- Present** 21 representatives of 14 member clubs including Directors of the Company. Staff members, John Stevenson (Company Secretary) and Elizabeth Stevenson (Junior Competitions Coordinator), were in attendance. The President, John Jellema [Hamilton], chaired the meeting.
- Apologies** Apologies were received from Vice-President Barry Gibson-Smith [Western], Claire Kinloch-Anderson [Busby] and Helensburgh LTC
- Notice** The Chairman welcomed all present and asked the Meeting to take the Notice of the Meeting, issued to member clubs on 1st November 2019, as read. This was agreed.
- Minute** The Minute of the 104th Annual General Meeting held on 26th November 2018, having been circulated, was unanimously approved on proposal by Christine Lockhart [Newlands] and seconded by Lynne Deveney [Anchor]
- Annual Report** The Chairman asked the Meeting to take the Annual Report of the Directors, circulated to all member clubs, as read and asked the Meeting to adopt the Report. This was unanimously approved on proposal by Christine Lockhart [Newlands] and seconded by Caroline Eadie [Strathgryffe]
- Accounts** The Chairman introduced the Accounts which had been approved by the Directors and published in the Annual Report. The Secretary reported as follows:-
- A surplus of £10k realised cf. with £8.9k deficit in 2018
 - Training programme turnover has decreased.
 - Reduced county training programme as a result of the introduction of a regional training programme, operated by Tennis Scotland, which catered for a large number of West players.
 - A deposit of £100 was requested from players for the next year's programme but paid in this financial year.
 - Training programme expenditure reduced due to less court time being hired.
 - No Seniors' tournament was run due to repair work at Scotstoun resulting in an unwelcome financial saving of £2k.
 - The Secretary reported that, as a result of the surplus, the Board had agreed to fund a position of Programme Manager of the county training programme up to end of December 2020 however a bid for Tennis Scotland funding has been submitted to support this going forward.
 - The Board has also recommended that there be no increase in fees for 2020 despite the meeting agreeing that the affiliation fee should be raised to £250 [from £200] in 2020.

It was noted that the Directors had approved the Accounts at a meeting on 27th October 2019.

Appointment of Directors

i. President

Director Christine Lockhart [Newlands], proposed the re-election of John Jellema [Hamilton] as President and this proposal was seconded by Lynne Deveney [Anchor]

John Jellema agreed to continue as President and thanked the meeting for this honour.

ii. Vice-President

On behalf of the Directors, the President proposed that Barry Gibson-Smith [Western] be re-elected as Vice-President of Tennis West of Scotland. This was seconded by Caroline Eadie [Strathgryffe]

iii. Competitions sub-committee chairperson

The President proposed that Mrs Christine Lockhart [Newlands] continue as Chair of the Competitions sub-committee. The proposal was seconded by Gillian Guild [Queens Park CTC]

iv. Immediate Past-President

The President advised the meeting that John Shemilt [David Lloyd Glasgow West End], as immediate Past President, remains as a Director of the company.

For information, the President advised the meeting that

- Amanda Slater [Whitecraigs] has been coopted on to the Board as a Director with immediate effect.
- Martin Gordon [Western] and Jordan Gray [Thorn Park] have been invited to be members of the Competitions sub-committee and it is hoped to add further members to this group. Caroline Eadie [Strathgryffe] and Gillian Guild [Queens Park CTC] have agreed to remain as members.

Appointment of Company Accountants

The President proposed that RSM UK be appointed company accountants and this was seconded by Caroline Eadie [Strathgryffe].

Proposals by the Directors

- a. *“That the registered club annual affiliation fee to Tennis West of Scotland remains at £200.”*

Proposal seconded by Andrew Gordon [Bearsden]

- b. *“That the entry fee for all league competitions organized by Tennis West of Scotland remain at £60 [adult leagues] and £30 [junior leagues]”*

Seconded by Lynne Deveney [Anchor]

- c. *“That the entry fee for all cup competitions remains the same”*

Seconded by Gillian Guild [Queens Park CTC]

- d. *“That the composition and match scoring format of the three top divisions of the men’s and women’s Summer Doubles league competitions be amended as outlined in a paper previously communicated to clubs”*

The Secretary advised the meeting that all clubs had been provided with details of the proposed amendment as well as team captains of teams in the three top leagues and also both sections of Division 2. Feedback had been received from 5 clubs with the majority favouring change.

The Secretary presented the proposal and lengthy discussion then followed. The meeting agreed with change to the composition of these leagues but not with the scoring format proposal. The Directors agreed to make a counter-proposal as follows:

“That the composition of the three top divisions of the men’s and women’s Summer Doubles league competitions be amended as outlined in a paper previously communicated to clubs”

This was seconded by Lynne Deveney [Anchor].

A counter-proposal to the counter-proposal was made by Caroline Eadie on behalf of Strathgryffe T&SC

“That the composition of the three top divisions of the men’s and women’s Summer Doubles league competitions be amended as outlined but that only the first teams of clubs can be represented in the Premier Divisions”

There was no seconder for this proposal and the Directors’ counter-proposal was carried.

- e. *“That approval be given to the new Board to consider and update the Memorandum & Articles of Association of Tennis West of Scotland for future consideration by member clubs”.*

This was seconded by Catherine Court [Cardross]

The President closed the Meeting after thanking those present for attending.

The President’s report follows as Appendix 1

A summary of the President's Report for 2019

Welcome

- Celebration of the best of the west.
- Great diversity in the room for ages and abilities. We have that because of wide variety of competition types and the large numbers of them.
- The West does far more than any other county in the rest of the country. We do way more than the norm. Big range of league and cup matches. Tournaments that are put on. West teams across a range of ages that travel across the country.
- And that's just competition. The west also organises and runs coaching programmes for our most talented younger players.

Thank you to those that make all of this competition successfully happen

- Players for taking part in huge numbers.
- Team captains giving up their time for other team players. Some run more than one team and are already involved in volunteering in other areas of the club. Thankless task.
- Parents of our youngest players for taking their kids to matches and often running teams themselves
- Club volunteers for everything they do behind the scenes to allow matches to take place at clubs
- Club members that don't play matches for never moaning that they can't get a court. Mostly.
- Clubs that pay the entry fees to enter league and cup matches. Mostly on time.
- John and Elizabeth who carry out such a great job – sometimes a very difficult job – and get through a huge volume of work.
- Fellow West of Scotland board members and those on our competitions subcommittee. All volunteers putting something back into the sport in their own spare time.
- Tennis Scotland which provides funding for some of our activities.
- All of the people and organisations I have mentioned working in partnership.
- Like last year when I was here I would encourage you to say a small thank you to those at your club who do so much for players. I would also encourage all of you to get involved at you club and help where you can.

TWOS highlights

- Internationally West of Scotland players performing well
 - Marjory Love
 - silver medal at the World 65 & Over team championships
 - British Indoor & Grass Court singles champion at 65 & Over
 - Christine Lockhart
 - bronze medal at the World 70 & Over championships
 - Gordon Reid
 - singles finalist at the French Open
- Elsewhere:
 - West of Scotland men's team last night winning its division 1 group at the LTA winter county cup in Nottingham.
 - Men's 35 & Over team winning promotion to Division 1 of the LTA County Cup at Eastbourne
 - Women's 65 & Over won Division 1B of the Inter-County Championships and playoff on Friday versus Surrey for the overall championship
 - County Cup Group winners
 - Girls 18U team
 - Women's Summer County Cup team at Felixstowe with the Men's team Winter County Cup group winners last weekend in Nottingham – a great effort by a young team of players. The men's team also won promotion as group runners-up at the Summer County Cup in Worthing.
- Wherever you look we are seeing success across the West of Scotland for our players. Congratulations to them all.

Conclude

- Finally, congratulations to all of you. Playing tennis is about having fun but having individual and or team success makes the effort all the more worthwhile.
- Enjoy tonight.

John Jellema [President]