

The Minute of the 110th Annual General Meeting of Tennis West of Scotland which was held at 8:30 pm on Monday 25th November 2024 at Scotstoun Stadium, Glasgow following a presentation of awards.

Chair

Claire Kinloch-Anderson
John Stevenson

President
Company Secretary

12 representatives of 9 affiliated clubs attended. 7 Directors of the company, 1 member of staff and 1 Tennis Scotland representative were in attendance.

The President welcomed all in attendance.

1. The President stated that **Notice** calling the meeting was issued to clubs on Saturday 26th October 2024.
2. The Secretary reported that no apologies had been received .
3. It was noted that the **Minute of the 109th Annual General Meeting** held on 27th November 2023 had been circulated to clubs and published on the company web site.
The Minute was approved by Baljonder Purba (Hillhead)and seconded by Alan Dickson (Newlands).
4. The **Annual Report** from the Directors for the year ended 30th September 2024 had also been circulated to clubs and published on the Tennis West of Scotland web site.
No questions were received relating to the Report.
5. The Secretary reported on the **Accounts** as follows:

“The company made a surplus of £22,523 in the last financial year. This is a significant increase from last year.

The company’s main source of income is from team entry fees and the number of teams entered into competitions has increased.

With this surplus, you will have noted that the Board proposes that there be no increases in affiliation or team entry fees in 2025.

The company nevers budgets to realise such a surplus and, as discussed at the last Board meeting, we cannot effectively budget at the start of a year because all of our income for the following year is unknown.

The main reasons for this surplus are:

- Significant portion of our reserves were transferred to fixed savings accounts which have generated interest of over £5,000
- We have secured additional sponsorship which was not anticipated and this will be invested in
- Retaining a coach to manage the junior training programme. This has always been an aim and we hope that this role can be expanded.
- Investment in the programme and financial support for parents of players selected to represent the West as we are very aware of the significant costs associated with this.
- Investment in our flagship West of Scotland Open.
- Realistic financial reward to those contractors which support the activity of the West.

There was a marked reduction in competition costs in the last year mainly as a result of Tennis Scotland’s policy of running Grade 4 tournaments outdoors in clubs. All indoor

competitions run at a significant loss however our view is that, if players are training indoors during the winter then that is where they should be competing. A balance needs to be struck as we do want those few clubs which organise regular competitions to continue to do so.

We have also welcomed an increase in funding from TS for county cup teams with just over 70% of expenditure covered.”

It was noted that the Board had approved the Accounts. Questions on the accounts were invited however there were none.

6. Appointments

- i. Barry Gibson-Smith (Immediate Past-President) took great pleasure in proposing Claire Kinloch-Anderson (Busby LTC) to continue as **President** of Tennis West of Scotland. This was seconded by Baljinder Purba (Hillhead)

The President stated that she was honoured to accept and reported that Barry Gibson-Smith had intimated his wish to retire from the Board and thanked him, on behalf of the Board and all clubs, for eight years of service including three years as President.

- ii. The President proposed Jamie Macdonald (Western) to be Vice-President and this was seconded by Alan Lackie (Whitecraigs).

The President reported that Director Alan Lackie had intimated that he wishes to resign from the Board and thanked him for his time on the Board during which he had successfully secured sponsorship. The following Directors will remain on the Board for 2025.

- Sharon Bonar (David Lloyd Renfrew) Alan Dickson (Newlands)
Mark Pelosi (Uddingston) Baljinder Purba (Hillhead)

The President reported that the company is currently advertising for the vacant positions on the Board. Board members have specific responsibilities. More details can be found on the web site and social media. Applications close on 16th December

7. Proposals from Directors

- i. That the registered club annual affiliation fee to Tennis West of Scotland remains at £250.”
 - a. Seconder – Dan Gunn (Giffnock)
- ii. That the entry fee for all cup competitions remain at £34
 - a. Seconder – Barry Gibson-Smith (Western)
- iii. That the entry fee for junior Youth League teams remain at £34.
 - a. Seconder – Alan Lackie (Whitecraigs)
- iv. “That the entry fee for all adult and senior league teams remain at £72.
 - a. Seconder – Jamie Macdonald (Western)

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 9.25 pm