

The Minute of the 107th Annual General Meeting of Tennis West of Scotland which was held virtually at 7:00 pm on Monday 29th November 2021.

Panellists

Barry Gibson-Smith	President
Amanda Slater	Vice-President
John Stevenson	Company Secretary and Executive Director

14 representatives of 11 affiliated clubs attended. 5 Directors of the company were in attendance..

Before the meeting started, the Secretary outlined meeting protocols.

1. The President stated that **Notice** calling the meeting was issued to clubs on Thursday 4th November.
2. The Secretary offered **apologies** from the clubs.
3. The **Minute of the 106th Annual General Meeting** held on 30th November, 2020 had been circulated to clubs.
The Minute was approved by John Shemilt [David Lloyd West End] and seconded by Christine Lockhart [Newlands]
4. The **Annual Report** from the Directors for the year ended 30th September 2021 had also been circulated to clubs and posted on the Tennis West of Scotland web site. The President stated that the Report is a reflection of the past year with many more competitions having been completed successfully following easing of Covid-19 restrictions. The President referred to the Tennis West of Scotland web site which had been successfully launched early in 2021 and thanked the Vice-President and the Executive Director for their contributions to this.
No questions were received relating to the Report.
5. The Secretary reported on the **Accounts** as follows:
 - The most notable feature of the Accounts is that the Balance Sheet shows a surplus of £22,969. As a result, the company reserves have increased to £199,994 just below those of two years ago.
 - the principal reason for the £30k deficit in 2020 was the cancellation of almost all competitions that year taking away our main source of income. Apart from a very few early season competitions being cancelled, most of the calendar ran normally and this reflected in a £20k increase in team entry fees.
 - Continuing restrictions resulted in a reduction of other activity which resulted in savings.
 - In 2021, Covid-19 had the biggest negative impact on the junior training programme with indoor centres remaining closed for most of the winter. What was saved in court hire and coaches' fees was mainly balanced by the refunding of player fees at that time.
 - We again took advantage of the Government's job retention scheme with both employees partially furloughed at times from September – December 2020. Grants totalling £6,322 were received.

Many age group inter-county competitions were cancelled or arranged more locally than usual. This reduced income however this was also reflected in the reduced grant from Tennis Scotland.

- Most of the office operational costs are paid by Tennis Scotland however there were items of office equipment which were paid by the West.
- A saving of almost £3k was made in dispensing with the annual handbook and directing everybody to the Tennis West of Scotland web site. This is now a source of all information and the challenge will be to promote the use of this and encourage our tennis people to go there first before lifting the phone!

The Secretary concluded by expressing hope that, if things return to normal, the 2022 annual accounts will better reflect the activity carried out.

There were no questions related to the Accounts which had been approved by the Directors at a meeting earlier in the month.

6. Appointments

- a. Amanda Slater [Vice-President] took great pleasure in proposing Barry Gibson-Smith [Western LTC] to remain as **President** of Tennis West of Scotland. This was seconded by John Shemilt [David Lloyd West End]
The new President stated that he was very honored to be appointed again.

- b. The President took great pleasure in proposing Amanda Slater [Whitecraigs LTC] to remain as **Vice-President** of Tennis West of Scotland. This was seconded by Christine Lockhart [Newlands]

The President stated that John Jellema will remain on the Board as the immediate Past-President of the company.

- c. The new President took great pleasure in proposing Claire Kinloch-Anderson [Busby] as a non-Executive Director of the company. This was seconded by Alison Findlay [Busby].

The President thanked both John Shemilt and Christine Lockhart, both past Presidents of Tennis West of Scotland, for their many years of hard work on behalf of the company as they stand down as Directors. Their support of all things 'West' has been immense and he was sure that their support would continue in the future.

The President advised the meeting that the Board would be actively recruiting new Directors early in 2022.

- d. The Directors propose that RSM UK be appointed as the **Company Accountants**. This was seconded by Andrew Gordon [Bearsden]

7. The Directors of the company made the following proposals

- a. **"That the annual affiliation fee to Tennis West of Scotland remain at £250".**

This was seconded by Lee Wishart [Strathgryffe].

b. “That the entry fee for all league and cup competitions remain at the 2021 level”

This excludes team entries for junior league competitions which are organised at a central indoor central venue.

This was seconded by John Shemilt [David Lloyd West End].

The President concluded the formal part of the meeting and thanked club representatives for attending.

The Secretary stated that many of the meeting’s attendees had also attended the recent virtual meeting of club representatives held on 17th November. The vast majority of clubs had been represented and the results of the polls carried out had been very useful to the Board in agreeing what will be offered to clubs next season. He advised that the current plan is to open online entry for summer season competitions in early December.

Upcoming events, staged by Tennis West of Scotland, were promoted.

Q & A

Robert Thorburn [Uddingston] expressed thanks to Tennis West of Scotland for its work in the past year.

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm