

DEVON COUNTY LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Devon LTA, AGM
held on Wednesday 28th January 2015
at Buckerell Lodge, Exeter at 7.00 pm

David Vinall (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Chris Bawden (Tennis Coordinator) for organising the evening and Sir Simon Day for presenting the awards.

PRESENT

See Annex 1

1. **APOLOGIES**

See Annex 1

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM on Wednesday 29 January 2014**

There were no amendments and the minutes were accepted, proposed by Ashley Scott, seconded by David Kirkness and it was unanimously agreed. David Vinall signed the minutes as true and accurate.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2014**

This report was circulated in advance and taken as read. There were no questions. Jackie Clarke proposed, Steve Hitch seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

The Treasurer's Report was circulated in advance and taken as read. There were no questions.

Andy Malcolm, Treasurer, proposed the following, seconded by Justin Kraushar and unanimously agreed.

- Accept the annual accounts.
- The Council's proposal to increase the Patrons' fee from £50 to £60 immediately.
- The County Leagues' affiliation fee remains at £25 per league.

Re-electing the auditors, Francis Clarke, was proposed by Andy Malcolm, seconded by John Allen and it was unanimously agreed.

6. **CAPTAINS' REPORTS**

The Chairman thanked the captains for their reports which were circulated in advance and taken as read. There were no questions for the captains. David Kirkness proposed, Andy Malcolm seconded and they were unanimously agreed.

7. **RULE CHANGES OF DEVON LTA**

The rule changes were circulated in advance and taken as read. John Allen (Vice Chairman) outlined the changes and proposed the amended rules, Sylvia Jane seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

8. **ELECTIONS**

Vice Chairman, John Allen, was re-elected by the Council.

The following are willing to continue in their roles:

- President - Sir Simon Day
- Hon Vice-Presidents – Peter Bayliss, Penny Pullen and Bud O’Connell

The following Council members are willing to stand again. David Vinall proposed, seconded by Steve Hitch and it was unanimously agreed.

Committee

- Treasurer - Andy Malcolm
- LTA Representative – David Kirkness
- Hon Secretary – Nicki Keele
- Ladies Match Secretary/Ladies Captain – Kate Brown
- Ladies’ Veterans Secretary– Catriona Batty
- Men’s Veterans Secretary – Ken Jones
- Tournament and Competitions Co-ordinator – Peter Wilson
- Tennis Foundation and School’s Co-ordinator – Gary Tovey
- Club Strategies Adviser – Gary Tovey
- Co-opted member – Ashley Scott
- Men’s Match Secretary/Men’s Captain – Justin Kraushar (David Vinall nominated Justin Kraushar, Ashley Scott seconded and it was unanimously agreed)

If anyone would like a role on the Council or know anyone who may be interested, please contact David Vinall.

9. AOB

- The Vernon Weaver Tournament will take place on Sunday 12th April 2015 at the South Devon Tennis Centre, Ivybridge. Details of the winners of the four leagues should be sent to Marian Vinall.
- David Vinall reminded clubs to encourage their BTM members to Opt In for Wimbledon tickets as it will affect their club’s allocation. The deadline has been extended to **14th February 2015**. Michael Downey reassured David Vinall that the quota will be the same as last year.
- The Council has representatives from all over Devon. Due to reduced LTA support, every club in Devon will be allocated a Councillor to use as a point of contact and will be their first point of call. Clubs will be sent a questionnaire in the Spring or early Summer requesting what they want from the County Association. Strategies can then be put in place.
- If anyone knows of any potential sponsors who might be interested in supporting Devon tennis, please contact David Vinall, Andy Malcolm or Nicki Keele.

10. PRESENTATION OF COUNTY AWARDS

The awards below were presented by Sir Simon Day, President.

Devon LTA Awards 2014

Dan Jones - In recognition of his efforts as a County Councillor and Men’s Captain and his work for Devon tennis.

Will McNally – In recognition of his efforts as Director of Exeter Tennis Centre, County Councillor and his successful work with juniors.

Devon Volunteer of the Year – Maureen Sowerby and Sue Hunter (Nominees: Jeff Haynes, Lorna Hitt, Sue Hunter, Graham Mallin, Verity Robinson, Tom Slack, Maureen Sowerby).

Devon Club of the Year – Victoria Park (Nominees: Hemyock, Ilfracombe, South Devon Tennis Centre, Victoria Park).

Devon Coach of the Year – Derek Blackmore (Nominees: Liam Storey and Derek Blackmore, Liam Storey, Jon Triggs, Derek Blackmore)

Devon Young Coach of the Year - Tom Vinall (Nominees: Aidan Robson, David Taylor, James Temple, Tom Vinall)

Devon Senior Player of the Year - Jo Louis (nominees: Daniel Ahl, Rhys Dunford, Jack Findel-Hawkins, Alfie Flatters, Linden Hardisty, Paul Ley, Jo Louis, Andy Norton, Emerson Styles, Oskar Wynne)

Devon Junior Player of the Year (18 and Under) – Emerson Styles (Nominees: Beth Cooper, Emma Hurst, Abigail Skelley, Emily Syms, Emerson Styles, Olga Diavastis)

Devon Junior Player of the Year (10 and under)– Ben Johnson (Nominees: Ben Johnson, Sebastian Linnitt, Jed Platts, Victoria Syms, Julian Hayter)

The following players were awarded County Colours for outstanding performance and contribution to Devon tennis:

Senior County Colours:

Sue Wiltshire

Kendal Brown

Rachel Williams

Junior County Colours:

Isabella Brown.

Lewie Parker.

David Vinall congratulated all the nominees and winners and thanked everyone for attending the evening.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

ANNEX 1

APOLOGIES

Peter Wilson Tournament and Competitions Co-ordinator

Lawrence Webster Torbay Area

Liam Storey

Plympton TC

Salcombe TC

Torrington TC

Exwick TC

Park Lane TC

Thurlestone TC

Budleigh Salterton TC

Ottery St Mary TC

Brixham and Chryuston TC

Lympstone TC

Whiteford Road TC

Avon Vale TC

Kingsteignton TC

Newton St Cyres TC

St Budeaux TC

Mannamead TC

Chulmleigh TC

Plymstock TC

PRESENT

Steve Hitch	South Devon Tennis Centre, Ivybridge
Nicki Keele	Secretary Devon LTA/Seaton TC/Sidmouth TC
David Vinall	Chairman Devon LTA/Westward Ho! TC
Marian Vinall	Westward Ho!
Chris Bawden	Tennis Coordinator Devon LTA
Justin Kraushar	Victoria Park TC/Men's Captain
Frankie Peroni	Councillor Devon LTA/Crediton TC
Maureen Sowerby	Torquay TC
Catriona Batty	Ladies Vets Match Sec/Exeter& District Rep/EG&CC
Sheila Thomas	Cary Park TC
Jackie Clarke	East Devon Rep Devon LTA
Tom Slack & family	EG&CC
Grant Whillance	Sidmouth TC
Elinor Whillance	Sidmouth TC
Aidan Robson	Exeter Tennis Centre
Lewie Parker	Exeter Tennis Centre
Sylvia Jane	Exmouth TC
Georgie Loosemore	RTPM LTA
Jon Triggs	Westward Ho!TC
Sebastian Linnitt & family	Teignmouth TC
Frank Graney	Victoria Park TC
Tom Vinall	Westward Ho! TC
Kate Brown	Councillor/Ladies Captain
Julian Hayter	Westward Ho! TC
Ian Hayter	Westward Ho! TC
Alfie Flatters	Samford Peverell TC
Fiona Rudgard	David Lloyd TC
John Allen	Vice Chairman Devon LTA
David Kirkness	LTA Councillor Devon LTA
Emerson Styles	Nominee
Debbie Styles	
Jeff Haynes	Exeter
Andrew Butcher	Seaton TC
Pat Browne	Woodbury TC
Derek Blackmore	Exmouth Tennis Centre
Isabella Brown	Exmouth Tennis Centre
Steve Maslen	Torquay TC
Karen Morris	Westward Ho! TC
Gary Tovey	Tennis Foundation and School's Co-ordinator/Club Strategies Adviser/North Devon Area Devon LTA/Ilfracombe TC
Sue Hunter	Braunton TC
Jo Louis	Exmouth Tennis Centre
Sue Wiltshire	Exmouth Tennis Centre
Kendal Brown	Torquay TC
Martin Morris	Westward Ho! TC
Andrew Lovering	Hemyock TC
Trevor Blatchford	Tiverton TC
Gayle Vaughan	David Lloyd TC
Olga Diavastis	David Lloyd TC
Ashley Scott	David Lloyd TC/Councillor Devon LTA
Andrew Malcolm	Willand TC/Treasurer and Area Rep Devon LTA
Ben Johnson and family	Exmouth Tennis Centre
Zac Brown and family	Exmouth Tennis Centre

Penny Pullen
Sir Simon Day
Steve Parker
Debbie Parker
Abbi Skelley
Rhys Dunford

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