



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held at Possability Place**  
**Friday 22nd June 2018**

PRESENT

Chris Dutton, Christine Laurence (chair), Jane Thomas (Coach), Jenny Anderson (minutes), Keith Turner, Kelvin Morgan, Paul Gillett (treasurer), Ray Woolven, Steve Evans, Sue Henning

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| 1. | <b>INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME</b><br><br>Chris welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.   |               |
| 2. | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b><br><br>Chris Baily, Gill Andersson, Sacha Pires, Sandra Agnew, Tim Brickell.   |               |
| 3. | <b>MINUTES FOR LAST AGM 25.5.17</b><br><br>Christine asked about progress on the disability strategy. Paul advised that he had not heard of any specific developments<br><br>The minutes were then taken as |               |

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| 4 | <p><b>CHAIRS REPORT</b></p> <p>Christine started by mentioning our regional tournament "This year we hosted our first Regional Tournament at the Virgin Active in Falmer where we had 34 players.</p> <p>Organising a competition on this scale is quite an undertaking and great credit goes to all the organising team and the best part of 30 volunteers whose help on and off court was fantastic."</p> <p>She then highlighted Chris Baily's success at the international championship in Dublin.</p> <p>Mention was made of the venues we use including Virgin Active which we started using in November and had made us very welcome. also the various opportunities for social tennis,</p> <p>Christine finished by saying "Thanks to Jane Thomas who continues to be meticulous in her lesson planning to make sure all players and volunteers get the most out of our coached sessions. Ollie comes along to offer coached</p> |  |

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|    | <p>support with Jane this is a bonus – thanks Ollie :-)</p> <p>A huge thanks to Paul who again over the past year has worked tirelessly in particular organising the regional tournament.</p> <p>Finally to our volunteers you all continue to give your time and we players appreciate what we gain from your time”.</p>  |                                     |
| 5. | <p><b>FINANCE REPORT</b></p> <p>Paul reported that we had carried forward £3,486 at the end of the financial year, £1,700 more than the previous year. This had been achieved largely as a result of successful fundraising with over £5,000 raised during the year including £1,931 from the Co-op Community Fund. Paul thanked Christine and Sue for their efforts in helping to raise this money.</p> <p>Paul advised that the current position was healthy for the next 18 months and that the committee would be looking afresh in the autumn at maintaining a steady flow of funds</p> | <p><b>Ongoing,<br/>Paul/All</b></p> |
| 6. | <p><b>COMMITTEE ELECTIONS</b></p>  |                                     |

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|    | <p>Jane took over the chair</p> <p>The current committee members, Christine Laurence, Paul Gillett, Keith Turner, Chris Baily and Sue Henning were re-elected. Proposed by Jenny and seconded by Ray.</p> <p>Christine resumed the chair</p>  |  |
| 7. | <p><b>TOURNAMENT FEEDBACK</b></p> <p>Christine introduced the subject by saying that overall the tournament was a great success and very much appreciated by players, and thanking the volunteers for their efforts</p> <p>There was strong appreciation for the venue staff and catering as well as for the officials</p> <p>Paul had received a number of feedback forms with useful suggestions that we can learn from for next year.</p> <p>A wide discussion followed covering a range of issues raised through the event.</p> <p>Paul said that it is important to learn from our experience but we should not under estimate the</p> |  |

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|    | <p>achievement in organising an event of this scale and should all feel really proud.</p> <p>Asked about next year Paul advised that Kirsty Thomson from the Tennis Foundation would be contacting us probably in August and they seemed keen to offer us a chance to organise a further tournament.</p>  |  |
| 8. | <p><b>COACHES REPORT</b></p> <p>Jane gave her report saying that it had been another fantastic year for STS with many positives to report.</p> <p>She thanked the volunteers especially Ray and Steve "2 Stalwarts who are the backbone of everything we do" and welcomed Tim and Kelvin who along with Ollie bring technical skills to the sessions</p> <p>Jane thanked Paul and Christine for their work in pro-actively organising the sessions and ensuring they remain inclusive. She was pleased to see 2 players coming regularly from Eastbourne and Maria and others from London.</p> <p>Jane congratulated Chris Baily on</p> |  |

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|    | <p>further international success and expressed concern that the classification system was not respecting the impact his sight loss was having.</p> <p>Jane concluded by commended the efforts of all players in working on their play and fitness.</p>  |                    |
| 9. | <p><b>CURRENT PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>Paul advised that the dates for the next few months were being worked through with Virgin Active. Our current Sunday time of 4-6 was not going to be available for most weeks up to next June. The suggestion to run most sessions from 12-2pm was agreed. Paul to follow up with Grant (VA co-ordinator)</p> <p>It was agreed to try where practical to have sessions in the weeks before tournaments</p> <p>There was discussion about getting guest coaches for sessions which Jane is unable to provide, this would have the additional advantage of building a potential workforce of coaches able to offer VI tennis sessions. It would be helpful if they could attend an</p> | <p><b>Paul</b></p> |

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|     | <p>existing coaching session with Jane, a couple of suggested coaches were made by Jane, she and Paul would follow up</p> <p>Programmes at King Alfred, Pav &amp; Av and Southwick continuing</p>   | <b>Jane/Paul</b> |
| 10. | <p><b>SUSSEX WIDE DEVELOPMENTS</b></p> <p><b>British Blind Sport</b> are organising an Have A Go Day proposed for August 12<sup>th</sup> at University of Brighton (next to Virgin Active) possible to link to coached session that afternoon</p> <p><b>Eastbourne</b> – Film of STS has been made which it is hoped will be shown at tournament at Devonshire Park</p> <p><b>Sussex County Championship</b> – Gill Andersson has organised for Sound Tennis competition/exhibition at the event in Lewes on September 1<sup>st</sup>, invitations being arranged. Paul to clarify arrangements with Gill</p> | <b>Paul</b>      |
| 11. | <p><b>SOUND TENNIS DEVELOPMENTS</b></p> <p>Work continues to develop new balls and to review sight</p>  |                  |

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| 12. | <p><b>GDPR/DATA PROTECTION</b></p> <p>Paul advised that the committee had reviewed the requirements and taken advice through ESAB and feel that our current arrangements are GDPR compliant</p>  |              |
| 13. | <p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>Chris D said that ESAB-VIABLE are organising 3 VI Sports events at King Alfred on 4<sup>th</sup> Aug, 18<sup>th</sup> Aug and 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, noted that the latter clashes with Lewes event, will include Sound Tennis and a variety of other sports</p> <p>Keith asked if courts can be marked up for B1s, agreed for him to purchase 8 rolls of tape</p> | <b>Keith</b> |
| 14. | <p><b>DATE OF NEXT AGM</b></p> <p>To be advised</p>  |              |