



**YORKSHIRE LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION (YLTA)
Annual General Meeting and Awards Evening
held at the Holiday Inn Leeds-Garforth on 10 December 2018**

2018 Awards Evening

The Association's Annual Awards for 2018 were presented immediately prior to the start of the 125th Annual General Meeting by the LTA's Deputy President Mr David Rawlinson and the YLTA's President, Mr Chris Day. Various categories of awards were presented to County Champions, County Teams, and Yorkshire League Winners.

Mr Adrian Waite started by highlighting the success of two of the Yorkshire recipients last year who went on to win National British Tennis Awards, Robert Balmforth won Official of the Year and Skipton Tennis Club won Club of the year. Adrian Waite presided over the presentation of this year's County winners of the British Tennis Awards. County-level winners were presented with their awards and Mr Waite explained that the prize winners would now proceed to the Regional Finals and if successful in the Regional Finals, the prize-winners will proceed to the National Finals. Mr Waite concluded by encouraging Clubs to submit nominations in future years and to recognise the invaluable work of volunteers in clubs.

Mr Chris Day offered his thanks to Mrs Liz Wilson, Ms Jess Redfearn and the Awards Evening Committee for their assistance in preparing for and delivering a very successful event. Mr Martin Gilmour was also thanked for acting as Master of Ceremonies for the awards presentations.

**Minutes of the 125th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the
Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association, held at the Holiday Inn
Leeds-Garforth on 10 December 2018, commencing at 8.00pm**

Present:

Councillors	John Crowther, Carolyn Rothwell, John Linfoot, Sue Stent, Adrian Waite, Liz Wilson	
Officers	Alison Steel (County Administrator) Dave Kitchen (Tennis Administrator), Trevor Reed (Wimbledon Tickets Administrator) Jess Refearn (Project Administrator)	
Trustees	Stephen Freegard, John Illingworth	
Vice Presidents	Bob Lamb, John Ramsbottom, Mike Rogers, Colin Tuffs, Peter Wilkes	
Life Patrons	Peter H Sharp, Jonathan Tuffs	
Other Attendees	Paul Bennett, Brenda Rawlinson, David Rawlinson, Paul Sheard, Gavin Sutcliffe	
Representatives from Registered Venues	Malcolm Bird Helen Carbutt Lesley Haley Trevor Stent* Ji Mukherjee Karen Mitchell* Martin Gilmour* Wendy Hurworth*	Barnsley LTC Batley Boston Spa TC Chapel Allerton LTC Craven LTC Dunnington TC Ecclesall LTC Eskdale School TC

Representatives from Registered Venues (continued)	Jess Redfearn*	Fulwood TC
	Nigel Bentley	Harrogate Spa TC
	Don Stewart*	Heaton T&SC
	Rob Ratcliffe	Horsforth TC
	Rebecca Lee	Huddersfield LTSC
	Stephen Hepplewhite	Ilkley LTSC
	Rob Ratcliffe	John Charles Centre for Sport
	Ian Hargreaves*	Knarborough King James TC
	Brian Smith*	Linton TC
	Stuart Hurworth	Lythe and Sandsend TC
	Richard Simpson*	Malton TC
	Jean Lamb	Mexborough TC
	Mark Busby	Moorgate TC
	John McGleave	Moorgate TC
	Dave Kitchen	Nuffield Tennis Academy
	Chris French*	Pocklington TC
	Jan Hornby*	Pelican Park
	Cath Johnson	Rawdon LTC
	Julian Johnson	Rawdon LTC
	Stephen Freegard*	Rowntree TC
	Howard Copley	Sandal LTC
	Katharine Siddons	Sandal LTC
	Jill Stephenson	Shadwell TC
	Adam Cox	Skipton TC
	Claire Wood	Stocksbridge TC
	Brian Haley	Thornhill TC
	Tawona Moyo	Thornhill TC
	Szuzsanna Puskas	Thornhill TC
	David Burton	Wakefield TC
	Peter Sharpe	Wakefield TC
Angela Crossley*	Wetherby TC	
Miles Collett	Wheatley Hills TC	
Cezary Gniadek	Whitkirk LTC	
Paul Hardy	Whitkirk LTC	
Caroline Harding	Whitkirk LTC	
Margaret Whitehead	York TC	

*Also YLTA Councillors

1. Apologies for Absence:

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Patrons and Life Patrons	David Armitage, Liz Collinson, Tony Harmer, Mike Harne, Roger Howden, Diane Hutchinson, Barbara Leopard, Ray Ranson	
Other Apologies		

2. Minutes of the 124th AGM, held on 11 December 2017

The Minutes of the 124th Annual General Meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Mr Chris Day introduced the Association's Chairman, Mr John Crowther, and invited him to deliver the Chairman's Address.

4. Chairman's Address

Mr Crowther welcomed David Rawlinson LTA Deputy President and his wife Brenda and thanked attendees at the AGM for giving up their spare time to attend the AGM.

Mr Crowther reported the steady progress on the funding programme Advantage Yorkshire and confirmed a total spend to date of £332,436 and a further commitment of £180,000 over the next twelve months. Over the past eighteen months Yorkshire Tennis has paid out over £117,000 in grants and £155,000 in loans. Since the loan scheme started 10 years ago Yorkshire Tennis has lent over £500,000. The loan fund has been capped at £400,000 which will allow Yorkshire Tennis to continue to support clubs over the next year or so.

Mr Crowther highlighted the success of other aspects of Advantage Yorkshire including Associate membership for schools and the registration fee rebates scheme, but with the introduction of the LTA's Minimum Standards requirement for registration the rebate scheme has now become redundant.

Mr Crowther congratulated Mr Ian Hargreaves and Mr Don Stewart and his CCCE committee for the professional way in which they have managed Advantage Yorkshire and Mr Crowther wished them well for the coming year. The Advantage Yorkshire programme enables Yorkshire Tennis to deliver its first objective in supporting member clubs and venues, however Mr Crowther acknowledged the struggles and challenges that clubs face.

The second objective for Yorkshire Tennis highlights working towards the County Cup teams being ranked consistently in the top 3 in Great Britain by 2021 (ranked 5th in 2018).

Mr Crowther made reference to the Annual Report which highlights the results of all the County Teams and highlighted the particular success of the both the U9's and U10's teams.

Mr Crowther highlighted the LTA grant of £5,000 for all Counties to raise the standards in County training. Earlier in the year Yorkshire was awarded four 'Local Player Development Centres' at Ilkley, Thongsbridge, Nuffield Hull and Graves.

Yorkshire doesn't have a 'Regional Player Development Centre' which in turn has resulted in the most talented players travelling to either Bolton or Nottingham, however following a meeting with the LTA in October Yorkshire Tennis is looking to establish a Regional Centre at John Charles Centre for Sport by September 2019.

Mr Crowther confirmed the agreement between Yorkshire Tennis and Leeds City Council, which now sees the majority of County training taking place at John Charles Centre for Sport and the venue has become the 'Home of Yorkshire Tennis'.

Congratulations were passed to Dave Kitchen and his team for the organisation and increased entries in to the County Closed Championships.

Congratulations were passed to Richard Balmforth who won the National Official of the year and Skipton Tennis Club who won the National Club of the year award. In addition Mr Crowther congratulated Stephen Hepplewhite and Ilkley Lawn Tennis and Squash Club for staging the excellent Challenger event.

It should be acknowledged that none of these things are achievable without the tireless efforts of Councillors and volunteers in clubs.

Mr Crowther made particular mention to the Initiative Committee who have increased sponsorship and patron donations and he highlighted the untimely death of Mr Graham Snowden in February. Yorkshire Tennis is in his debt and owes him enormous gratitude for his commitment and dedication over the past 12 years. Mr Crowther passed thanks to Mr John Ramsbottom in picking up an increased workload following Mr Snowden's death.

Mr Crowther acknowledged the support of the LTA with the distribution of the Yorkshire Tennis 'Tramlines' newsletter to every BTM member who lives in the County as well as the clubs and Mr Crowther passed thanks to Sue Stent for her enthusiastic and professional approach in producing the newsletter.

Mr Crowther thanked Miss Jess Redfearn for her efforts recently in launching the new Yorkshire Tennis website: www.yorkshiretennis.org.uk

The website is a useful source of information where details of the Advantage Yorkshire programme can be found, however Mr Crowther confirmed that Yorkshire Tennis does not have unlimited funds and said that Advantage Yorkshire is unlikely to continue beyond 2020 and with that in mind he invited views from attendees at the meeting in terms of what they would want to see from their Association in the future.

The LTA have launched a new strategy and Mr Crowther highlighted the effective partnership working between the LTA North Region and Yorkshire Tennis and is hopeful the relationship can carry forward in to the next strategy.

Mr John Illingworth is stepping down as a Yorkshire Tennis Trustee after a lifetime of volunteering at both club and county level. Mr Crowther passed thanks to Mr Illingworth and highlighted the proposal to make him a Vice President of the Association.

Mrs Diane Hutchinson left Yorkshire Tennis this year and Mr Crowther passed thanks to Mrs Hutchinson and indicated that we will continue to see her in her role as Manager at Ripon Tennis Centre.

Mr Crowther concluded by drawing attention to the Annual Report which demonstrates the breadth of activity in the County undertaken on a voluntary basis and once again Mr Crowther passed his thanks to the volunteers involved in Yorkshire Tennis and the clubs. Mr Crowther thanked the Yorkshire Tennis President Mr Chris Day for his contribution and wished him and his wife Maria well in his final year as President.

Questions were welcomed from those present.

There were no questions.

Following his address, Mr Crowther asked the meeting to adopt the Annual Report. The Annual Report was adopted on a show of hands.

Mr Day thanked Mr Crowther for his address.

5. To receive, consider and adopt the independently examined financial

statements of the Association for the previous year, and the Treasurers report as to the financial position of the Association

Mr Hargreaves confirmed that the Independent Examiner Mr Rod Macaulay had studied the financial statements for the previous year.

The Balance Sheet shows a balance at the end of the year of £671,881 which includes £280,000 out on loan to cubs, an increase of 42% compared to last year. 21 Clubs currently have a loan with Yorkshire Tennis.

£120,000 has been invested in a 1 year Business Bond account.

Major items of Income were:

Venue registration fees £74k, with 3 new venues registered. There were 161 registered venues in the County.

Initiative contributions have increased to £113,000 an increase of 16% on the previous year and an increase of 25% over the last two years.

Mr Hargreaves highlighted the increased costs associated with County Training due mainly to the increased number of coaches and court hire hours now needed to support training, but this in turn has generated increased income from player's fees.

Key items of Expenditure were:

Advantage Yorkshire scheme awarded grants to 17 clubs totalling £72k

Registration rebate fees cost £15,838 to 61 clubs an increase on last year where we paid back to 21 clubs.

Participation in County Cups cost £51,700

Concluding his report, Mr Hargreaves welcomed questions on the Financial Statements.

Mr Howard Copley from Sandal Tennis Club asked about the decision to write off the last 2 years of a loan repayment.

Mr Hargreaves confirmed that at present the final 20% of a loan is written off, providing the club have made all payments on time. This will be kept under review as to its affordability over the coming years.

There were no further questions or issues.

The 2017/18 Financial Statements were adopted on a show of hands. There were no objections.

Mr Day thanked Mr Hargreaves for his continued excellent work during the 2017/18 financial year.

6. Adoption of Rule Changes

No proposed rule changes.

7. Election of Officers for 2019

Mr Day confirmed the three year Officer appointments two years ago and therefore Officer elections are not required.

8. Election of Area Representatives and Councillors for 2019

The following nomination for an Area Representatives and Councillor was approved on a show of hands. There were no objections:

Zsuzsanna Puskas*

West Yorkshire

*new Councillor

9. Election of Vice presidents for 2018

New Vice Presidents

The meeting received the proposal of one new Vice President:

- Mr John Illingworth

The above nomination was approved on a show of hands. There were no objections.

Mr Day drew attention to the YLTA Council's proposals, which had been circulated as part of the AGM agenda. The following nominations were approved on a show of hands. There were no objections:

Vice-Presidents:

J Andrews	J.B Howarth	Mrs K Mitchell
R.E Armytage	Mrs J A Howden	G.M Newton
Mrs A Barker	Mrs W Hurworth	Miss K O'Brien
R. Brace	S. Ickringill	J.R Ramsbottom
P.G.H Brook	J. Illingworth	Dr G Roberts
D.J Cook	The Lord Kirkham CVO	M. H Rogers
Mrs C Dalton	R.A Lamb	K. Sainty
Mrs M Durrans	Miss C.E Lindsay	R. Taylor
J.R Forster	J. Linfoot	C.S Tuffs
S.R Freegard	Mrs P Longbottom	Mrs E Wagstaff
J.C Graham	Miss S. Mappin	P.G Wilkes
M.P Hann	J. Marray	Mrs L Wilson
Miss S.J Holdsworth	S. Mcloughlin	

11. Election of Independent Examiner in 2019

Mr Day highlighted the proposal from the YLTA Council that Mr Rod Macaulay should be elected for a further year to the post of Independent Examiner. This was approved unanimously on a show of hands.

Mr Crowther thanked the President Mr Day for presiding over the AGM.

The meeting closed at 2045hrs.