



UBTI AGM	Minutes of 88th UBTI AGM Meeting Held 7.00pm Tuesday 30th April 2024
Present:	<p>Greg O’Rawe (Windsor), Willie Noteman (Belfast Boat Club), Anna McCartan (Downpatrick), Rosamund Thompson (Windsor), Ashley McVeigh (Hawarden), Christine Duncan (Hawarden), Stephen Garvin (Hawarden), Oliver Petersen (Portadown), Trevor Octave (Donaghadee), Alison Octave (Donaghadee), Simon McFarland (Windsor), Carlos Miranda (Belfast Boat Club), Kevin Quinn (TI CEO), Letty Lucas (Downshire)</p> <p>Online Attendees: Wendy Cree (Hawarden), Patricia Milligan (Bangor), Dean Lee (Cavehill), Bronwyn Montague (Windsor), Ruth Gilmartin (Belfast Boat Club), Eileen Carlin (Downshire), Peter Bothwell (Downshire), June Neill (Strabane), Julie Hastings (Belfast Boat Club), David Craig (Limavady)</p>
Apologies:	

		Action	Responsibility	Timescale
1	Introduction			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOR opened the Meeting, welcoming everyone and thanking them for their attendance, both online and in the Meeting Room at Windsor Tennis Club 			
2	<p>Minutes of the 87th Annual General Meeting- 8th March 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOR asked for formal approval of the 2023 AGM minutes. • Approval proposed by WN and seconded by GOR • No votes against. 			
3	<p>Adoption of Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the agenda and reports had been circulated and were also available to access on the website and taken as read. • Adoption of reports was proposed by WN and seconded by RT. 			
4	<p>SG summarised the Development Officer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG confirmed the new targets from Sport NI for this year, targets which would increase year on year. He advised that Ulster Tennis slightly surpassed the Sport NI targets in most areas, however, females in tennis and junior tennis targets were slightly below the expected target. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SG confirmed that he was in discussions with some new clubs, some of which had been formed but not yet affiliated to Ulster Tennis and advised that the increase in the number of small and rural tennis clubs was a Sport NI target. He confirmed that Sport NI were impressed with Ulster Branch's small club's forum and wished to copy the model with a view to utilising it as good practice. ● In relation to Ulster Squads, both in the Belfast area and outside Belfast, Sport NI wished to see Junior players doing better both nationally and internationally, with more Junior players ranked in the top 50 in Ireland. ● SG advised that the number of Level 1 tennis coaches had increased, especially in rural areas. He further advised that more coaches would be encouraged to sign up for levels 2, 3 and 4. ● SG confirmed that, as reported by Simon McFarland, officials were well trained for tournaments and CPD points were available for coaches and that Ben Neal was taking on more clubs and more participants, in the realm 			
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	<p>of disability and blind tennis held at Windsor and CIYMS and Spokes in Motion every second weekend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SG advised that Carlos Miranda, performance coach, had confirmed that the number of children in the Ulster coaching programme had increased to 45. He advised that feedback had been positive. SG confirmed that there were ITF and Tennis Europe tournaments at Easter and September this year and that Will Boyd had been in Amsterdam with Tennis Europe. SG advised that the Schools competition had been run in a similar fashion to the previous year. ● With Access NI and Level 1 coaches in place, SG confirmed that there was better governance within clubs. He advised that there was an Ulster Newsletter published every 2 months and that social media training was flourishing under Anna McCartan. ● SG advised that the number of children taking part in the Tennis 10s was increasing every year, with the growth aim of 15-20 participants, 2 per month in Ulster. He 			
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	<p>confirmed that the number of Junior competition entries were growing, with a new split at under 14 level of 500 and 100 graded tournaments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SG referred to the slides in the report which detailed players entering tournaments. He confirmed that there had been a small decrease in the number of girls entering tournaments. ● In relation to Seniors and Masters participation, SG confirmed that the Masters ITF was now held at David Lloyd and that Cavehill hosted the Senior tournament. He reported that B&D League and North West match results had now been transferred to Tournament Software which was a positive and progressive step. <p>There were no questions.</p> <p>WN thanked all staff for their work over the last 12 months.</p>			
5	<p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OP presented his report. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TI Audit of Ulster Branch to be completed mid-May 2025 with no significant changes. ● Income driven by affiliation, tournament fees and grants ● A slight increase in fees was being reviewed by the Branch and OP confirmed that fees had not changed in some time. Operational costs were also being reviewed as they had increased significantly. ● Enjoy Tennis NI fully funded by 16k grant. ● Debtors managed well, ● A small reserve had been built, encouraged by Sport NI ● Unsure if Rank funding would continue ● The report was proposed by OP and seconded by RH. 			
6	<p>Tennis Ireland - Kevin Quinn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KQ thanked GOR and the Committee for the invitation to the Ulster Branch AGM. ● He confirmed he was one year into his term as CEO of Tennis Ireland and was enjoying the challenge. He confirmed key priorities were governance, the Board and the new Constitution. ● KQ advised that tennis in Ireland continued to grow at a sustained pace, Ulster Branch were breaking even, and Tennis Ireland also now had a small surplus to invest across Ireland. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KQ advised that the new 5-year strategy, which had been endorsed by the TI Board was ready for rollout once all provinces had been appraised and understood the strategy. He confirmed that he would revert with a date to meet with Ulster Branch for review. ● KQ confirmed his belief that we can achieve together and that he was energised by the strong welcome he had received to progress the opportunity to grow tennis in Ireland, drive more participation and see more Ulster children representing Ireland. ● KQ thanked the Ulster Branch staff and council, on behalf of Tennis Ireland, for their hard work to date. 	KQ to revert with a date to present the new 5-year strategy to Ulster Branch.	KQ	
7	Motions – none			
8	<p>Election of Members of Ulster Branch Council 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Club nominations were received for the current Branch members: ● Greg O’Rawe, Willie Noteman, Oliver Petersen, Gordon Boal, Rosamund Thompson, Letty Lucas, Wendy Cree, Ashley McVeigh, Trevor Octave, John Maguire, Ruth Gilmartin and Dean Lee. A nomination was also received from Bangor Tennis Club for Patricia Milligan. All nominations were approved by all. 			

9	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KQ congratulated Letty Lucas as the incoming President of Tennis Ireland, advising that she would be a great ambassador for Irish Tennis. 			
10	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOR thanked all for attending and all the contributions and reports submitted. 			