



## Essex Tennis online AGM [25/2/2021]

Notes and Conclusions together with a report and comments as well as voting numbers regarding the Essex tennis AGM, are shown below.

This is a formal record for Essex Tennis and all Member Organisations.

I would like to express my thanks to the 69 who voted – 50 Clubs and 19 individuals. The average attendance, of those entitled to vote, at our last three AGM' s was  $\approx 36$  - so I believe the 69 who responded indicates democracy is still working well. Clearly though, I am sure we all want to get back to face to face meetings, I do not believe there is a satisfactory substitute for them.

You may recall that you were able to ask questions and make comments regarding the AGM, for your information none were asked or made.

Below you will see the detail in respect of the number of votes cast – these figures clearly take account of increased voting rights that are dependent on/governed by Club size. There were some votes against most of the Agenda items, these included the AGM and the Election of the Officers. If there had been a majority voting this way, I cannot think how we would have continued?!

Agenda item number	Agenda Subject	Total Votes for	Individual votes against	Club votes against	Total votes against
<b>1</b>	To agree Online Meeting [as notified on 15/10/20]	<b>180</b>	3	6 (1 club)	<b>9</b>
<b>2</b>	To agree the Minutes of last AGM	<b>182</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>3a</b>	To agree the County Reports	<b>184</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>3b</b>	To agree the County Reports	<b>187</b>	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	To agree & adopt the Treasurers Report/ Accounts	<b>180</b>	2	6 (1 club)	<b>8</b>
<b>5</b>	To agree and adopt the new Rules	<b>175</b>	4	10 (2 clubs)	<b>14</b>
<b>6</b>	To Elect the Essex Tennis Officers	<b>176</b>	3	6 (1 club)	<b>9</b>
<b>7</b>	To elect the Essex Tennis Area Representatives	<b>178</b>	2	6 (1 club)	<b>8</b>
<b>8</b>	To agree the proposal re the accounts review	<b>188</b>	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b>	To agree the Life Vice President proposal	<b>187</b>	0	2 (1 club)	<b>2</b>



# ESSEX TENNIS

You will note the voting results in the table above. [special business needs a two-thirds majority] **Therefore, as the Honorary Secretary of Essex Tennis I declare that every item on the AGM Agenda of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 has been agreed and the appropriate elections have taken place.** [Detail of those elected are shown in the original Agenda paper]

2020 was a difficult year for nearly everyone. As most of you know, the LTA and Essex Tennis endeavoured to provide support to Clubs, Coaches and Tennis Officials. Grants were made to very many Coaches and Tennis Officials, p2p registration fees were reimbursed, interest free loans were made to Clubs and Advantage Essex Fees and loan repayments were suspended for one year.

Essex Tennis income has been hugely reduced because Wimbledon did not take place last year, this has meant that we made a substantial loss, it also looks as if we shall make another one this year. Fortunately, we are financially strong as historically we have managed to build up reserves.

We clearly have a long way to go before this pandemic allows us to return to normal. Hopefully, everyone will stay safe and I think we have all learnt how precious our freedom is. On the positive side seemingly, many people have been kinder and more generous to one another.

I know that all the loyal and longstanding volunteers you have elected, will continue to serve you to the best of their abilities. Thank you to all of them and to you for your support.

**Clive Rippon honorary secretary [26-2-21]**