

AGM MEETING MINUTES, 6th March 2022



2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ENGLAND TOUCH ASSOCIATION LIMITED (COMPANY NUMBER 07164624)

Date: 6th March 2022, 9.00am to 10.00am

Venue: Zoom call

The following were present at the meeting:

Mark Croston (meeting Chair)	ETA Non-Executive Chair
Chris Simon (meeting co-host and minutes)	ETA CEO & League - Perfect Motion Nottingham
Barry French (meeting co-host)	ETA Head of Governance
Rich King (meeting co-host)	ETA Membership Secretary
Adam Irvine	ETA Funding Officer
Aisling Musgrove	ETA Events Manager
Alison Munro	Club – Yorkshire Thoms
Andrew Wilding	ETA Non-Executive Board Director
Andy Penniceard	Club - Wolves Touch Rugby Club
Ash Grimsey	Club - Horsham Tigers
Ben Powell	ETA High Performance Director
Cari Thorpe	ETA – Head of Medical Services
Chris Wearmouth	ETA Marketing
Craig Townsend	Club – Percy Park Pirates
Ed Pearce	ETA Finance
Emma Young	Club - London Eagles
Erica Robertson	ETA Courses Manager
Gabe Pennington	Club – NQ Rebels
Gary Povall	Club – Wigan Warriors Touch Club
Gregg Cropper	Club - Manchester Chargers & On the Seven
Hani Aswandi	University – University of Edinburgh
James Berkeley	Club – London Vipers
Jane Sabugueiro	ETA Non-Executive Board Director
Jon Harding	Club – Exeter Touch Rugby
Julian Edwards	Club - University - University of Edinburgh
Justin Conway	ETA Non-Executive Board Director
Kassra Powles	Club – Nottingham Touch Club
Katherine Jones	Club – Cambridge Touch & League - CTA League
Kylie Hutchison	Club – London Scorpions
Liam Lawton	Club – Chester Cheetahs
Max Shepstone	Club – St Albans Touch
Michael Abromowitz	League – Clapham Common
Robin Budd	ETA Referees
Roy Keightley	Club - Saracens Touch Club
Sammie Phillips	League – In2Touch Thames Valley

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Samuel Roylance	Club – Lincoln Touch Club
Shaun Thomas	Club – Caldy Touch Rugby
Siany Gilding	Club - Crewe and Nantwich Touch Club
Simon Robinson	Club - Northampton
Stefan Fletcher	Club – London Galaxy
Vicki Franks	Club - Cambridge Touch & League - CTA League

1. Welcome and Introduction

Mark Croston (ETA Chair) chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. The meeting started at 9.00am.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Adrian Twigg	Bedford Eagles
Alan Reed	Bournemouth Touch Centre
Alex Berger	Brighton & Hove Touch
Catriona Weir	Hot Custard Touch Club
Dom Bes-Jeary	Warwick Touch
Emma Hardaker	ETA Non-Executive Board Director
Jason Harborow	ETA Non-Executive Board Director (outgoing)
Joy Carter	Catterick
Neil Davies	Bath Touch Leagues
Stewart Hawken	Havering & Essex Touch

3. Registration and accreditation of nominated delegates

There were no proxy votes received.

There were 29 Voting Members present in the meeting as follows:

Voting Member	Voting Representative	Votes
Club – Chester Cheetahs	Liam Lawton	1
Club - Crewe and Nantwich Touch Club	Siany Gilding	1
Club - Exeter Touch Rugby	John Harding	1
Club - Horsham Tigers	Ash Grimsey	1
Club - Lincoln Touch Club	Samuel Roylance	1
Club - London Eagles	Emma Young	1
Club – London Galaxy	Stefan Fletcher	1

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Club - London Scorpions Touch Club	Kylie Hutchison	1
Club – London Vipers	James Berkeley	1
Club - Manchester Chargers Touch Club	Gregg Cropper	1
Club - Northampton	Simon Robinson	1
Club - Nottingham Touch Club	Kassra Powles	1
Club – NQ Rebels	Gabe Pennington	1
Club – Percy Park Pirates	Craig Townsend	1
Club - Saracens Touch Club	Roy Keightley	1
Club - St Albans Touch	Max Shepstone	1
Club - Wolves Touch Rugby Club	Andy Penniceard	1
Club – Yorkshire Thoms	Alison Munro	1
ETA Board Director	Andrew Wilding	1
ETA Board Director	Ben Powell	1
ETA Board Director	Chris Simon	1
ETA Board Director	Jane Sabugueiro	1
ETA Board Director	Justin Conway	1
ETA Board Director	Mark Croston	1
League - CTA League	Vicki Franks	1
League – Clapham Common	Michael Abromowitz	1
League – In2Touch Thames Valley	Sammie Phillips	1
League - Perfect Motion Nottingham	Chris Simon	1
League – On the Seven	Gregg Cropper	1

In accordance with Article of Association 30.2, the meeting was quorate (*quorum is 10*).

4. Receive and consider the minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Jane Sabugueiro and seconded by Adam Irvine as being a true and accurate record. The minutes were approved.

5. Receive and consider the Annual Report

The Annual Report was made available to the AGM online.

Chris Simon (ETA CEO) provided a brief summary and asked for any questions, thanking the volunteers and wider Touch community for all their efforts in what was a difficult year as the sport came out of the Covid 19 pandemic.

6. Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Chris Simon. The draft final P&L and balance sheet were included in the Annual Report.

7. Election of Directors

It was reported that there were no elected Non-Executive Board positions currently vacant. Elections would be held for future vacancies in due course.

8. Chair

It was reported that (as also noted in the Annual Report) Mark Croston would be reluctantly stepping down as Chair in order to fulfil his new role as Chair at the Federation of International Touch.

Mark confirmed, however, that he had agreed to continue in his role as Chair of the ETA until suitable candidates for Chair had been found to be put forward for election.

Mark stated his thanks to all involved in the sport during his four year tenure as Chair.

9. Closure of the meeting at 10.00am

All members were invited to stay for an informal Q&A with the Board.
