

# BARBADOS TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Barbados Tennis Association Inc will be held at the Barbados Olympic Association Building, Garfield Sobers Sports Complex, Wilkey St Michael, on **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2008 AT 6.00 PM** to transact the following business:

- 1 Call to Order.
- 2 Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting.
- 3 Matters Arising.
- 4 President's Address and Report of Council.
- 5 Financial Report.
- 6 Appointment of Auditors.
- 7 Election of Officers.
- 8 Any Other Business that may properly come before the Meeting.

Dated August 13, 2008

By Order of Council

Eleanor Brown  
Honorary Secretary

### **NOTES:**

1. *Each Club or School Member is entitled to send one Representative to the Meeting.*
2. *Junior Members are entitled to attend the Meeting but are not eligible to vote*

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Barbados Tennis Association Inc., held on Wednesday September 26, 2007 at the Conference Room of the Barbados Olympic Association**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40p.m. by the President, Dr. Raymond Forde, who confirmed a quorum was present and welcomed those members present.

Present were:

Mrs. Ellie Brown  
Mrs. Patricia Carlstrom  
Dr. Raymond Forde  
Mrs. Liz Inniss  
Mr. Sydney Lopez  
Mrs. Caroline Lopez  
Mr. Jason Mayhew  
Mr. Raymond McKenzie

Mrs. Bonita Morgan  
Mr. Colin Murray  
Mrs. Patricia Murray  
Mr. Louis Prescott  
Mr. Roddy Roach  
Ms. Helen Roper  
Mr. Peter Symmonds  
Mr. Matthew Weir

Apologies were received from Mr. Damien Applewhaite, Mr. Andrew Gittens, Dr. Jack Moore, Ms. Sandra Osborne, Mr. Jack Ramsey, Mr. Noel Symmonds and Mrs. Margot Thomson.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 11, 2006**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of October 11, 2006, were circulated prior to the meeting. There were no corrections indicated and therefore the Minutes were confirmed by Mr. Roddy Roach and seconded by Mr. Jason Mayhew.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

No matters were raised under "Matters Arising."

**4. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND REPORT OF THE COUNCIL**

**See pages 9-14.**

Under these reports the following comments were made:

Mr. Peter Symmonds made the following points:

- (i) With the re-branding of the Association, the Association's new name and its acronym (BTA) should be re-considered since in the press there was a tendency not to spell out the full name of the association, but to use its acronym, which was the same as the Barbados Tourism Authority. He recommended that a survey of

the membership be conducted to determine whether the name of the Association should be changed again or not.

- (ii) He also queried whether the Association was reaching its members through electronic means and the website.
- (iii) He asked about the existence of the Development Plan for the Association, stating that it was being presented as a final document and not in draft form and he was not aware of the existence of this Plan.

Dr. Raymond Forde stated that the ITF made it mandatory for all Associations to put together a five-year Development Plan if the Association was seeking funding support from the ITF, and thus this Plan was put together as mandated. Mrs. Bonita Morgan added that the Plan was put together by the Council and disseminated electronically, via emails. She shared that a special meeting was then held with the membership to get input into the Plan. Some of the recommendations made at that meeting were inserted into the Plan and the Plan was again disseminated to the membership, electronically, for final input before it was finalized.

- (iv) He stated that an Update of the Plan should be provided at this AGM.

Dr. Forde shared that the work completed under the Plan in 2006 was presented in the 2006 Council Report, but much of the progress was really made in 2007, and this will be reported at the next AGM. He stated, however, that after Year 1 of the implementation of the Plan, a progress report will be prepared and sent to the ITF, and this report will also be shared with the membership.

## **5. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Helen Roper, Treasurer, presented the following Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2006:

### **General**

New auditor Martin Frost - CA had completed his review of the financial statements for the year to December 31, 2006.

The audit report was in a slightly different format due to changes in International Financial Reporting Standards, Changes in presentation of the accounts have also been suggested by the auditor, to aid understanding for readers.

Ms Roper thanked Mr. Frost for his time and efforts which have been made on an honorary basis. He has agreed to continue as auditor for the current year.

**2006 financial statements – significant points**

Cash at bank represented the current account with First Caribbean – balance \$14,112 and two time deposits held with Globe Finance at year-end totaling \$50,037. These deposits represent income from fund raising activities and donations, and continue to mature annually.

Prepayments \$10,126 are made up of ITF fees and Ministry of Housing lease to be expensed in 2007 plus the B,L & P deposit of \$965 which continues to accrue interest but cannot be drawn down as acting as security for monthly billings.

Fixed assets represent the club house which is being depreciated at 2% pa. i.e. over 50 years. A new computer purchased in 2005 – cost \$2,545 is also being depreciated over three years.

Accounts payable \$18,454 have all been settled in 2007.

Deferred Income of \$15,000 is in respect of funds received from the NSC in 2006 which will go towards junior development in 2007

Deferred capital grant \$150,000 received in 1998 continues to be amortised at 2% pa and has 42 years remaining.

**Significant Income items are:**

Tournament income \$74,299 includes entry fees and sponsorship monies. (Approx \$53,000 is in respect of FCIB ITF junior tournament)

**Grants from:**

ITF \$ 5,533 are in respect of Junior development assistance, Davis Cup and JTI

BOA \$48,976 are for administration, travel and Davis Cup

NSC \$ 10,000 annual subvention plus \$35,000 towards H Lewis's tennis development

Peter Moores Foundation have donated \$10,000 towards H Lewis's tennis development

**Other Income:**

Fund raising and donations are from Bingo events in July \$2,924 and Oct \$ 5,568

Advertising banners at NTC – net \$4,624

Other fund raising– Tennis A-thon \$4,850

Subscriptions are up to \$10,900 versus \$8,240 in 2005

Courts rentals \$6,064 versus \$4,178 in 2005

Amortisation of grant \$ 3,000 as prior year – 2% per year

**Significant Expenditure items are:**

Tournaments \$77,335 includes FCIB junior expenses \$55,537

Wages - \$27,355 versus \$17,682 in 2005 as Kevin Yarde had been employed from July 2006

Repairs - \$17,288 versus \$33,776 in 2005 due to no major projects undertaken in 2006.

Sponsorship - \$35,000 had been paid to H Lewis

Rebranding expenses - \$5,844 for the name change party, new sign etc

**General Fund - Net deficit was \$3,741 versus \$6,541 Net income in 2005**

**Cash flow statement is new in 2006 and shows how cash has been spent during the year**

Ms Roper asked if there were any questions with respect to the Financial Report presented:

Mr. Peter Symmonds asked the following questions:

- (i) What public liability insurance had the Association for tournaments such as the First Caribbean junior tournament

Ms. Helen Roper stated that she believed it was 1million dollars.

Mr. Symmonds responded that perhaps the Association should consider raising this amount for the First Caribbean Tournament.

- (ii) What type of insurance coverage the Association had for its property.

Ms. Roper responded that the insurance covered fire insurance and the re-placement of the building, which was in an amount of \$250,000.

Mr. Symmonds stated that this was definitely not enough to replace the Tennis Centre's building at today's prices and recommended that more insurance coverage be provided.

Ms. Roper stated that Mr. Richard Edghill had been asked to revalue the building.

- (iii) Regarding the Peter Moores Trust - it was recommended that when special funds were allocated for a particular individual and could not be used by the Association per se, that this money be taken out of the General Fund and treated as a separate account.

**6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Mr. Martin Frost agreed that he would be willing to stand as auditor again for the Association.

Mr. Frost's re-appointment was proposed by Mr. Sydney Lopez and seconded by Mrs. Ellie Brown.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dr. Forde declared all offices vacant and appointed Mr. Roddy Roach as Returning Officer.

**President:**

Dr. Raymond Forde was nominated by Mr. Peter Symmonds and seconded by Mr. Raymond McKenzie for the office of President. There being no other nominations, Mr. Roach declared Dr. Forde duly re-elected as President for the ensuing year.

**Vice Presidents:**

There were three nominations for the 2 Vice President positions. They were: Mrs. Sandra Osborne, nominated by Mrs. Ellie Browne and seconded by Mr. Jason Mayhew; Mr. Raymond McKenzie, nominated by Mrs. Patricia Carlstrom and seconded by Mrs. Caroline Lopez; Mrs. Patricia Murray, nominated by Mrs. Ellie Brown and seconded by Mr. Jason Mayhew. Voting took place and Mrs. Sandra Osborne and Mrs. Patricia Murray were elected the 2 Vice Presidents, each getting 11 votes, while Mr. Raymond McKenzie received 7 votes.

**Secretary:**

Mrs. Ellie Brown was nominated for the position of Honorary Secretary by Ms. Helen Roper and seconded by Mrs. Bonita Morgan. There being no other nominations, Mrs. Ellie Brown was elected as Honorary Secretary for the ensuing year.

**Assistant Secretary:**

Mr. Jason Mayhew was nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary by Mrs. Ellie Brown and seconded by Mrs. Bonita Morgan. There being no other nominations, Mr. Jason Mayhew was elected as Assistant Secretary for the ensuing year.

**Treasurer:**

Ms. Helen Roper was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Mrs. Patricia Murray and seconded by Mr. Jason Mayhew. There being no other nominations, Ms. Helen Roper was elected as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

**Councillors:**

Mr. Matthew Weir, Mrs. Margot Thomson, Mrs. Patricia Carlstrom, Ms. Ruth Holder and Mr. Louis Prescott were nominated for the positions of Councillors. There being no other nominations, Mr. Roach declared the above as duly elected as Councillors for the ensuing year.

**8. TO CONSIDER, AND IF THOUGHT ADVISABLE, CONFIRM WITHOUT AMENDMENT BY-LAW NO. 1 OF THE COMPANY, BEING A BY-LAW REGULATING THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY.**

Association members were informed that the Council members had agreed to the amendment of By-law No.1 regarding giving notice of meetings by electronic mail. It was also shared that the Council intended to register the association as a charitable body.

Mr. Peter Symmonds stated that the meeting needed to move an amendment of the By-law and have the members attending the meeting approve the By-law, as opposed to the Council members approving the By-law. He also stated that the Association's members should also be approached again about the possible name change for the association. It was agreed that Mrs. Sandra Osborne would be consulted regarding how the By-laws can be changed.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Raymond McKenzie stated that he wanted to know how Mr. Haydn Lewis was performing, what were his results produced to date, and what was his overall plan. He made the point that if

Mr. Lewis was being supported by government funds, that he needed to prove that he could enter and win tournaments in Barbados and other recognized events.

It was explained that the “Friends of Haydn Lewis” were the persons who had gone to government for support and that the funds were approved, sanctioned by the Association and channelled through the Association.

It was shared that the coach of Haydn Lewis did produce a report on his progress, and based on his apparent progress the Council agreed that government support would be solicited for Mr. Lewis for another year.

It was agreed that other young talented tennis players needed government support as well.

Mr. Peter Symmonds asked whether the lighting of the 3 other tennis courts was still a priority.

In response it was shared that in preparation for the First Caribbean ITF Junior Tournament in October, it was recognized that Court 4 was in bad shape and had to be resurfaced, and therefore significant funding (approximately \$51,000) had to be allocated to the re-surfacing and painting of this court in lieu of the lights for 2007. It was explained that the decision was taken by the Council to use the same paint on Court 4 as that used on the other courts so that all 4 courts would have consistent playing surfaces. Poles for the lighting were erected and the electricians were about to lay the conduits. It was shared that it would take approximately \$110,000 to light the 3 courts.

Mr. Sydney Lopez stated that the court surfaces were now not consistent playing surfaces and that Court 4 should have been painted with a different paint.

A number of suggestions were made regarding how to raise the funding for the lighting of the 3 courts which included:

- Writing letters to specific individuals and “Friends of Tennis” asking for funds between \$5000-\$15,000 and finding a way to give back to them in another form
- Taking out a loan from the bank and arranging to pay for this loan over a period of time

It was shared that the Council made a decision to get the courts lighted one by one and based on the availability of funding.

Mr. Peter Symmonds shared that the Council needed to be congratulated for the work that was done and that any criticism being given was constructive criticism. Mr. Sydney Lopez supported this comment.

Mr. Peter Symmonds stated that the plaque with respect to the opening of the Tennis Centre has been moved and he was of the opinion that it was not in the right place and it needed to be cleaned.

Mr. Raymond McKenzie made the case that Barbados needed to take the lead in the region to get more funding for the region through greater involvement in the political structure of the ITF. He made the case that Barbados should seek to move from 1 vote to 3 votes to be better recognized and to be able to wield some influence. He stated that each vote costs US\$5000 and that he would be willing to cover the costs to move from 1 to 3 votes.

The Association members present agreed in principle to support the consideration for Barbados to become a 3 vote member from a 1 vote member. It was also agreed that the new Council would meet in the near future and would discuss and make a decision on this issue.

Mrs. Caroline Lopez asked how the Junior Tennis Initiative was progressing.

Dr. Raymond Forde shared that the focus had changed since the Ministry of Education no longer had different coaches for different sports. He also stated that the Association had donated small tennis racquets to the Ministry of Education to pass on to the schools and the idea was that the Tennis Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Yarde, would be given an opportunity to meet with the Physical Education teachers, as a group, to demonstrate different techniques that they could use in the schools with the children, using the small tennis racquets. A mini tennis inter-school competition would be planned in term 3. Dr. Forde also shared that the ITF was no longer interested in having a large number of children in a junior programme, but was more interested in getting a core of juniors to groom. This core group could be selected from juniors in secondary schools who were part of a tennis programme that Mr. Yarde was involved with through the National Sports Council, as well as children who were already interested in tennis. It was also shared that the ITF Caribbean Coordinator, Mr. Anthony Jeremiah, was comfortable with the approach to the Junior Tennis programme for Barbados.

Mr. Matthew Weir asked what was being done to support Darian King over the next few months.

Dr. Raymond Forde explained that he had spoken with Darian King and his mother, and that Darian King was still torn between playing tennis and football. There was also the concern by his mother that he was sitting CXC exams next year and also that he was attempting to sit 2 subjects in January, so they were unsure about his participation in tournaments in the near future. Dr. Forde, however, stated that there was a St. Vincent and possibly a Trinidad tournament that Darian King would be encouraged to participate in. He was also recommended to the Barbados Olympic Association to attend the 2012 Olympic Games.

Mr. Raymond McKenzie shared that he believed that Council members should each seek to bring in new people into the Association since the membership numbers needed to be raised as well as participation in the Association's activities. He believed that more public relations needed to be done on the work of the Association and on tennis as a whole.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 9:25p.m., with the President's invitation to partake in refreshments.



## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

**To members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Barbados Tennis Association Inc held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at the Barbados Olympic Association Headquarters, Wildey, St. Michael.**

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Dr Forde addressed the members as follows:

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) announced the formal launch of the “Tennis – Play and Stay” campaign during the ITF Annual General Meeting in Tunis, Tunisia in June this year. The campaign which is aimed at increasing tennis participation worldwide, centres around the slogan “Serve, Rally and Score” and promotes tennis as easy, fun and healthy.

The ITF is comprised of 205 member nations and six regional associations and has as its aim to nurture and expand the game of tennis throughout the world on a professional, non-profit and grass roots basis by:-

1. Administering the Rules of Tennis to maintain the integrity of the Sport.
2. Managing its flagship competitions, including Davis Cup and Fed Cup and professional circuits to the highest standard.
3. Protecting the sport through its Anti Doping, Technical and officiating activities.
4. Growing the game internationally through its junior, senior, wheelchair and development activities.

The campaign involves the ITF major nations (including the four Grand Slams), six regional associations, Tennis Industry Association and tennis manufacturers, major coaching bodies as well as the ATP and Sony Ericsson WTA Tour. “Tennis – Play and Stay” is primarily aimed at coaches of starter players of all ages, encouraging them to use the slower red, orange or green balls in both training and competition. The campaign shows that tennis can be easy and fun if starter players use the slower balls on smaller courts to serve, rally and score from the first lesson. I remember in my junior starter days of being coached by hitting hundred of forearms and back hands and trying to master them first before serving and volleying. Of course scoring was at a later and more advanced stage. Who knows whether I would have been on the Pro Circuit if I had served, rallied and scored from the start.

The campaign strongly recommends that, except in exceptional circumstances, all children under 10 should be training and playing competition using slower balls on smaller courts. Providing more user-friendly competition is another important part of the campaign. Coaches are encouraged to use different formats and scoring systems to adapt competition to the ages and lifestyles of the players.

Additional messages within “Tennis – Play and Stay” include promotion of the proven health benefits of tennis and players having a tennis rating to help find playing partners of a similar level. Tennis – Play and Stay can have a big impact on our sport. It promotes a simple but strong message that can improve the way tennis is introduced by coaches and dramatically

change how tennis is perceived by prospective players worldwide, particularly related to how easy it can be to start to play.

As you all will remember, we rebranded the Association in August last year – The Barbados Tennis Association Incorporated. Council was aware that the abbreviation BTA is synonymous with the Barbados Tourism Authority. However, we are clear in our minds that we are the Barbados Tennis Association and in our correspondence we strive to refrain from using the abbreviation. I am aware that the printed press has on many occasions used the abbreviation and are also still referring to the sport as lawn tennis. However, Council has faith that with time and with further media education these issues will be resolved.

A five year development plan was launched last year after having involved all of our stakeholders and has been shared with the ITF, the National Sports Council (NSC), and the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA). Successive Councils will be committed to follow through on process as yearly progress reports are expected by the ITF.

At present our annual national tournament is in its final week on the calendar. The presentation of prizes is scheduled for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Due to Cricket World Cup, the FirstCaribbean International Junior Championships had to be postponed from its usual March/April date to the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping that members present take the time to support this event. Our facility is being upgraded and Council apologises for any inconvenience to members. We are still on the aggressive fund raising drive to make things happen and thanks again to the membership for the numerous ideas, financial contributions, physical time and labour, contacts, etc. A bingo is slated for October 29<sup>th</sup> and we will inform you of any other fund raising activity.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the contributions of three current Council members who have decided not to stand for re-election – Ms. Penny Ettinger, Ms. Bonita Morgan and Mr. Roddy Roach. However, a special thank you to the outgoing secretary whose expertise in coordinating the five year development plan was without question.

The new Council will be charged with further enhancing the development of the sport in the island and it is hoped that this year we attract new energetic members to serve.

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL - 2006**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

Members as at December 31, 2006

Juniors	112
Seniors	160
Honorary	07
Clubs	06
Total Membership	<u>285</u>

### **2. COUNCIL**

Council met six times during the year at the Gymnasium. However, decisions were also made by consensus via e-mail. A Special meeting was held during the visit of the ITF Development Officer for the Caribbean.

### **3. COMMITTEES**

The following committees were created and the chairpersons assigned.

#### **JANUARY - OCTOBER**

Junior Tennis	-	Sandra Osborne
Senior Tennis	-	Ryan Moseley
Finance	-	Helen Roper
Tennis Centre	-	Roddy Roach
Fund Raising	-	Bonita Morgan
Marketing	-	Patricia Murray
Tennis Development	-	Ryan Moseley
Tournaments	-	Anne-Marie Kent
Communications	-	Jason Mayhew
Selection	-	Michael Gill
Complaints	-	President

#### **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

Junior Tennis	-	Sandra Osborne
Adult Tennis	-	Roddy Roach
Finance	-	Helen Roper
Tennis Centre	-	Patricia Murray
Fund Raising	-	Penny Ettinger
Public Relations	-	Ellie Brown
Tennis Development	-	Margot Thomson
Communications	-	Jason Mayhew
Selection	-	Margot Thomson
Arbitration	-	President

#### **4. JUNIOR TENNIS**

Three local junior tournaments including the ESSO sponsored Nationals were held during the year at the Tennis Centre. The First Caribbean International Junior Championships were also held at the Tennis Centre from April 01 – 08. Due to the decrease in sponsorship the tournament booklet and the airport transportation for the players were cancelled amongst other cost cutting measures. However, a major cost remains the travel, accommodation and stipends for overseas officials.

A boys team consisting of Devard Wharton, Christopher King and Seanon Williams were entered for the Junior Davis Cup Competition and performed creditably in our first outing in this competition. Barbados placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams and the results were posted on the website.

Barbadian tennis players participated in the ITF/COTECC summer junior circuit accompanied by coaches Lou Fuentes and Sydney Lopez. At the end of the summer, the Caribbean under 14 Development Championship took place in Trinidad. Players invited to participate were Darian King, Jackson Kerr, Jodie Watson and Ashley Frost. Darian King placed first in the boys division and the team placed fourth overall.

During the month of December, some players participated in a number of tournaments in Florida with the endorsement of the Association.

#### **5. ADULT TENNIS**

An Interclub Tournament was held at the National Tennis Centre on 11 – 12, March. Four clubs participated and during an official prize giving for the ladies teams, Mrs. Yvette Marshall was awarded a special prize for participating at the age of 80 years.

Under the auspices of the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA), the team of Haydn Lewis and Russell Moseley participated in the Central American and Caribbean Games held in Colombia in July.

The Nationals were held in September and were sponsored by Island Heritage Insurance Co. and C O Williams Construction Co. Ltd.. Participation was moderate.

The Brandons and Phillips Veterans tournaments were held for the first time in over ten years here in Barbados at the Yacht Club. There was a record participation for the event.

The team of Haydn Lewis, Russell Moseley, Michael Date and Damien Applewhaite, captained by Kevin Yarde represented Barbados in Group IV of the Americas Zone Davis Cup event in El Salvador. Barbados was promoted to Group III for the 2007 competition. As a result, the Barbados Tennis Association was one of three Associations nominated by the NSC for a special achievement award. 2007 would be the first time in over fifteen years that Barbados would compete in Group III.

## **6. WHEEL CHAIR TENNIS**

There was unfortunately no activity in this sector. A meeting was held with the Council for the disabled to find ways in revitalizing the sport.

## **7. COACHING COURSES**

No coaching courses were held locally in 2006. However, Mr. Damien Applewhaite attended a COTECC regional course in Panama.

## **8. NATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE**

Coaching clinics were conducted by Julian Baird, Martin Fields and Kevin Yarde. Members and the public continue to rent court time at the Centre.

General repairs and maintenance were overseen by Lawrence Marshall. The land adjacent to the Club House was periodically maintained by one of the general workers at the Gymnasium Ltd. There were no break ins or breaches of security during the year.

The condition of the courts was gradually deteriorating especially court 4 which had a crack in which water settled. The Centre Court (Court 1) had little cracks which were assessed by C O Williams Construction Company Ltd. as due to the paint. Separate quotations were sought for the latter and also for the erection of lights to the existing poles previously bought. However, financing of both projects were not possible.

Minor repairs to the building and painting prior to major tournaments were done.

## **9. FUND RAISING**

The major fundraising activities were:-

- a. A Tennis-a-thon held in July which raised \$4,350 towards the flood lighting campaign.
- b. Two bingos in July and October which raised \$8,492.
- c. Banner campaign – 5 corporate sponsors which raised \$4,624.

The running of a canteen during the FCIB tournament and the sale of tee shirts realised some needed funds.

## **10. TENNIS DEVELOPMENT**

### **Junior Tennis Initiative**

A junior tennis programme in conjunction with the ITF was restarted at the National Tennis Centre during the third quarter of the year and was directed by the national tennis coordinator. The latter also works part time with the National Sports Council to increase tennis participation in the secondary schools.

### **5 Year Development Plan**

A development plan to chart a strategic direction for the Association was formulated. From 2007 a yearly report will be submitted to the AGM.

## **11. AFFILIATIONS**

### **National Sports Council (NSC)**

The NSC continued to support the Association by means of grants. The Association had requested financial support from the NSC for a two year period to support elite athlete, Haydn Lewis with his training in Australia. A report was submitted regarding his progress during year one.

### **Barbados Olympic Association (BOA)**

The BOA assisted the Association by means of providing an administration grant, payment of federation fees, and support to both local and regional tournaments amongst other special grants.

### **International Tennis Federation (ITF)**

The close working relationship with the ITF and especially with COTECC continued.

In conclusion, the year 2006 will be remembered as the year that the Association was rebranded.

Another first was the establishment of a 5 year Development Plan with a buy in from our general membership.

Council wishes to thank all of those members who in any way contributed to tennis development in the island and trusts that this support will be readily forthcoming in 2007.