

## MINUTES OF 2022 AGM - AINSLIE TENNIS CLUB INC.

Held at the clubhouse on 1 May 2022

The meeting opened at 5:02 pm

**Present**: Steve Ryan, Roger Brake, Susan Antcliff, Michael Anderson, Mary Ryan, Carol Ruster, Roma Hosking, Henry Strong, Trevor Bell, Robyn Attewell, Neil Hendy, Naomi van der Linden, Steve Brain, Hugh Ebbs, Peter Robinson

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- 1. Welcome:
- 2. Apologies: Kat Knope, Fouad Karouta
- 3. Minutes of 2021 AGM: The minutes of the 2021 AGM were accepted as accurate

Moved by Roger Brake Seconded by Mary Ryan Carried

4. Matters arising from Previous Minutes:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

President's report: The President's report had been posted on the club's website and was taken as read.

The President's report was accepted by the meeting.

Moved by Roger Brake
Seconded by Michael Anderson
Carried

6. Treasurer's report and submission of the 2021 Annual Financial Report: The Treasurer's report annual financial statements and auditor's report had been posted on the club's website and were taken as read. Michael expressed his appreciation for the work which Carol had done as Revenue Manager.

He noted that expenses will be expected to be somewhat higher in 2022 when the rates relief provided by the ACT Government in 2021 no longer applies but he expects that if membership levels are sustained we could expect a similar surplus of around \$11,000 from normal activities.

- Asset Manager's report: The Asset Manager's report had been posted on the club's website and was taken as read.
- Senior Pennant (League) Coordinator's report: The Senior League Coordinator's report had been posted on the club's website and was taken as read.
- Coach and Junior Pennant (League) Coordinator's report: The Coach and Junior League Coordinator's report had been posted on the club's website and was taken as read.

The above four reports were accepted by the meeting.

Moved by Steve Ryan

Seconded by Carol Ruster

Carried

10. Social Media Manager's Report: A written report was not provided. Roger noted that we need to consider the strategic objectives for our social media activity. He saw the website as very important as it is the most common way in which members interact with the club. The newsletter is somewhat important in highlighting information of interest to members but very few people interact with the facebook page. Arguably, resources should be allocated accordingly. He proposed to put together a document outlining how we might go forward.

The Social Media Manager's report was accepted by the meeting.

11. **Motion regarding membership fees:** The following motion was moved by Steve and seconded by Michael:

"That fees be increased by \$20 per adult individual or single adult family membership, by \$40 per family, and by \$10 per junior or tertiary membership with effect from 1 June 2022."

Steve spoke in support of the motion. He noted that in 2014 the cost of replacing courts 1 and 2 was \$36,000. The cost for a single court is now around \$40,000-50,000. Additional costs can be incurred if problems with ant nests are found when the carpet is lifted. Steve will be investigating how the North Woden club managed to access funding for the refurbishment of their courts. Regardless, the club will face significant costs in resurfacing court 3, which, after the latest cocky damage, may now be our highest priority.

We also have a quote for \$28,000 to finish off led lighting on court 1. This will involve the removal of the existing steel poles, trenching, putting in new poles as well as the electrical work. Steve noted that he has approached Tennis ACT about temporary lighting that would allow league matches to be played on court 1 while court 3 is unavailable.

Given these pressures, we need to put more effort into building up a sinking fund to meet these costs. The increase in member fees can contribute to this objective. He is conscious that people may be facing increased cost of living pressures and proposes that both the hardship and active member rebates be retained. He noted that in 2021 he wrote to everyone who was eligible for the active member rebate asking whether they wished to take advantage of the program and no-one took it up.

Other fund-raising options were discussed. It was agreed that it was easier to raise money when there was a specific purpose; for example, the "buy a plank" fundraiser that was used to meet the cost of the clubhouse flooring was very successful. A similar approach could be adopted for court 3 – selling a square foot of the new surface. Another option raised was to auction the right to play the first match on the new court. It was noted that increasing memberships is a very effective fund-raiser and we keep this in mind. Steve noted that membership is down slightly; the increase in 2021 was partly due to tennis being one of the few recreational activities allowed when many venues were closed due to Covid and we may not get back to our peak. However, we are still adding 2-3 members a week and our next big renewal period will be at the end of October/early November.

The motion was carried.

12. **Nomination of Committee Members** Steve declared all positions vacant and Neil acted as chair of the meeting for the election of the President.

The outcome of the election process was as follows:

Position	Person Elected	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Steve Ryan	Susan Antcliff	Roma Hosking
Vice-President	Roger Brake	Steve Ryan	Mary Ryan
Secretary (and Public Officer)	Henry Strong	Steve Ryan	Roger Brake
Treasurer	Michael Anderson	Mary Ryan	Roger Brake
Revenue Manager	Fouad Karouta	Steve Ryan	Susan Antcliff
Adult League Coordinator	Kat Knope	Kat Knope	Steve Ryan
Asset Manager	Mary Ryan	Neil Hendy	Roma Hosking
Social Media Manager	Hugh Ebbs	Hugh Ebbs	Roger Brake

Position	Person Elected	Nominated by	Seconded by
Junior League Coordinator	Myles Emery	Henry Strong	Mary Ryan
Committee Member	Roma Hosking	Steve Ryan	Roger Brake
Committee Member	Susan Antcliff	Steve Ryan	Roger Brake
Committee Member	Steve Brain	Steve Ryan	Roger Brake
Honorary Auditor	Robyn Attewell	Steve Ryan	Roger Brake

The meeting closed at 5:39 pm

Susan Antcliff

(Secretary)