

WCTC Meeting – 29 November 2021

Girls Camp and Open Court Sessions during the Australian Open, 27-30 January 2022

Attending: Peter Ward, Mark Walton (CSOT), Max Rafferty, Tony Laudenbach, Maggie King, Geoff Kotz, Brian Chauncy, Linda Barich, Lorraine Ovington

Background:

Girls/Female empowerHER Camp - Mark gave an outline; Girls 9 years + camp a stand-alone two day program on Thursday 27 January – Friday 28 January from 3.00 PM-7 PM to coincide with women's and men's AO semi finals from 7pm.

The camp is the first of its kind in Canberra; to be run by Alison Bai of Tennis ACT (TACT). The aim is to create an event to promote leadership, empowerment and to provide more exposure of women's sport in general.

Open Court Sessions - will be a four day event from Thursday 27 January – Sunday 30 January from 5.00 PM to 7.00 PM. TACT will provide an outdoor TV (3m) for the four days. All administration, registration, marketing and COVID safety practices will be organised by TACT. Mark will be responsible for all court activities.

The club is invited to organise an event for the men's finals on Sunday night (30 Jan).

Mark is considering a disability (visually impaired) session as part of the program.

WCTC Queries: what do we want to get out of the 4 day event? Will the club assist with activities on the 4th day, Sunday 30 January? Will there be a BBQ, Raffle, Capital Brewing etc? Opportunities for new memberships? Availability of merchandise? (e.g. Kyrios)

WCTC Concerns: loss of casual bookings; inconvenience to members; lighting expenses; need for cleaners every day; general wear and tear of the courts and grounds; expenses on BBQ, sausage sizzle, drinks etc

Questions for TA to clarify: before committing to the event, a number of queries were raised and were to be put to TACT:

- what amount or contribution is TACT prepared to pay for the renting of the Club's facility over the four days?
- what will be the admission fee payment and registration for those attending the Open Court Sessions? Will this occur before the event or upon arrival?
- what resources will TACT provide and what will be their tasks and responsibilities? Until what time will TACT remain at the event?
- what commercial operators will be in attendance - eg food van, coffee van etc. What foods and drinks will each operator offer for sale?

- how will publicity of the event be arranged - social media, media outlets etc?
- what security arrangements will be in place?
- what is expected to be provided by the Weston Creek Tennis Club - eg. access to clubhouse, courts, and grounds, electricity, lighting etc?
- WCTC is not expecting to be involved on the final night (Sunday). Will the Sunday night Open Court Session still proceed under the same arrangements and resourcing as previous nights?
- If WCTC is to be involved in the Saturday night Open Court Session will TACT provide the same resourcing and undertake the same tasks and responsibilities as previous nights? Also, when would WCTC have an indication of numbers attending the Saturday night session. This is required for planning purposes.

Other Business:

Geoff to send pdf of the WCTC logo to Mark for promotion flyers.

Mark to find raffle prizes.

Coordination Committee:

It was agreed that all attendees would continue as the Coordination Committee for this event except for Linda Barich who is involved in another Committee.

Lorraine Ovington (notes)

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