

WESTON CREEK TENNIS CLUB INC

MINUTES OF AGM FOR 2016/17

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST 2017

<u>Present</u>	Stewart Back, Geoff Kotz, Brian Chauncy, Hugh Bush, Maggie King, Javad Mehr, Daniel Green, Brad Kane, Kim Kachel, Johnny Swientek, Mark Walton.
<u>Apologies</u>	Keith and Dot Simm, Joe Petit, Lorraine Ovington.
<u>Meeting Open</u>	Stewart Back opened the meeting at 7.35pm welcoming all and especially Kim Kachel from Tennis Aust.
<u>Previous Minutes</u>	Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting (2016) be accepted. Moved – H Bush, seconded – D Green; carried
<u>Business Arising And Reports</u>	<p>Stewart suggested that the items in “Business arising” be addressed by the relevant committee members. The full reports of committee members are attached at the back of these minutes.</p> <p><u>President’s Report</u> – Stewart suggested that members had read his report and that if there were no objections or discussion the report be accepted. Moved - G Kotz, seconded – B Chauncy. carried</p> <p><u>Financial Report</u> – Geoff spoke to his report, covering inhouse projects, computerised booking and security system and online membership renewals.</p> <p>Stewart stated that we are using “Loyalty credit points” from Rebel Sports to purchase balls and that we have approx. \$1,000 credit at present.</p> <p>We have also received approx. \$3,000 from Canberra Southern Cross Club as part of their sponsorship scheme.</p> <p>We have re-negotiated our garbage collection contract by replacing multiple bin collections with single large bin collections, thereby reducing the monthly expense by about 50%. Kim is looking into the apparent anomaly by which we are deemed to be a “club” and not a “sporting facility” and therefore are not eligible for free garbage collection as provide by ACT govt.</p> <p>Brian stated the Tennis Connect payment of \$1,190 indicated that many members were not “registering” when renewing memberships. It was suggested that there may be a problem associated with the amount of personal information requested and members may be subject to personal data leakage. Kim assured that the membership data was quite secure.</p>

Stewart noted that we did not increase membership fees, he also considered the social players' fee was too low. These items to be debated at committee meetings.

It was also noted that the Financial Reports had been audited and cleared by GLR Accountants.

Stewart proposed the report be accepted. Moved – B Chauncy, seconded J Mehr.

Junior Development Report - Mark spoke to the report stating that Coaching programmes continued to improve and be fine-tuned. TA's assistance in this area is greatly appreciated. Junior participation seems to be increasing, although numbers vary seasonally. Schools are becoming more aware of the programmes being offered by the club. A programme to encourage schools participation is being directed by Jeff Bartlett of T ACT , an ex-teacher, who is enthusiastic and doing a good job. He is also trying to establish inter-school competition.

Two "open days" is considered the optimum number. These are considered best held after the AO and in early spring.

It was considered that more could be done in regard to Junior Development and further discussions were warranted in this regard.

Pennants Report - Dan spoke to his report stating the Club was well represented in all competitions with 31 teams being registered. Online registration and payments are still encountering problems and this may be the cause of up-front payments not being readily accepted.

Social Tennis – Stewart reported that the Monday, Wednesday and Friday groups use 4 to 8 courts each day, depending on weather and season. They have recently contributed \$1,500, being excess to requirements due to being able to fund ball purchases by using Rebel reward points. Other groups, who organise themselves, charge participating non-members \$6.00 per day which accumulates and is periodically deposited into our account.

Membership Report – Brian stated that currently we had 261 financial members of whom, 9 were Juniors, 45 were Family members (about 15 Family Memberships) and 13 were Life members. As last year's total memberships were 123 down on the previous year we are eager to regain those lost memberships. "Open days" were suggested as the best opportunity to gain more Family Memberships. Advertising, perhaps in the Chronical, was also suggested. The low number of Junior members was considered to be a result of there being little benefit to be gained.

Stewart noted that there appears to be significant interest in “Commercialising” the club as a means of achieving growth and providing better service for members. He considered there would be an increase in overheads resulting in a need for increased fees. Some five years ago an investigation was carried out into how the club was run and how to improve it, the result being generally inconclusive. The lack of younger members willing to stand on the committee is a concern and ideas, other than better communication, on how to increase enthusiasm in this area are lacking.

Mark considered we have enough information on running the club to be able to formulate a better management system. Kim advised that Steve Marquis of TA has expertise in this area and could be asked to give advice on various management types available. Brad summarised that given the main objective was to grow the club TA should invest more resources, the club should have younger committee members. Mark added that any perceived inefficiencies should be addressed after talking to outside parties. Kim advised that TA would facilitate discussions and provide expertise as requested. Stewart noted that there was talk of rationalising management of sporting and other facilities in the Weston precinct, but had not heard of any progress in some time. He added that it would be advantageous to be affiliated with a major club/sponsor such as Canberra Southern Cross Club.

Brian commented on the promised integration of BookaCourt and My Tennis and was assured that it was not far away.

Stewart questioned TA’s apparent reticence toward assistance for refurbishing artificial grass courts. Discussion about the pro’s and cons of A.G. versus Hard courts resulted with a mix of 8 A.G. and 8 Hard courts being bets for social, coaching and competitions.

Elect Committee for 2017/18

The President noted that each year the Committee retired in accordance with the constitution, and a new Committee is elected. For 2017/18, the current members have indicated they would be willing to continue to serve in their roles for the next year.

Brad Kane advised he was willing to stand.

Maggie King advised she was willing to stand.

Subject to eligibility the members are duly elected

Moved - G. Kotz, seconded S. Back - carried

Appoint the Auditor

**Motion: That GLR be reappointed as auditor
for the financial year 2017/18**

Moved ; G. Kotz, seconded S.Back - carried

General business

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Dan Green advised he had been asked contacted by members who were concerned that our increase in court hire charges had result in competitions moving away from our courts and thus causing extra travel for the competitors who are mostly WCTC members. He suggested we revert to \$20.00 per court as this seemed to be acceptable to those involved. He also suggested that TA propose a standard charge.

Meeting Closure

The President closed the Meeting at 9.10pm and thanked all present for their attendance and participation