

Box Hill Tennis Club Annual General Meeting 26 July 2021, 7.30pm

Welcome and introductions (Simon Clarke, President)

This is the 87th AGM of the BHTC. Simon welcomed everyone to the meeting including our life members Rodney Jarvis, Peter Wright, Kim Trengrove and Graham Forbes.

Apologies (Simon Clarke, President)

Robert Lane, Simon Verbeek, Alan Heffernan, David McDougall

Review and acceptance of the minutes 2019-2020 AGM (Simon Clarke, President)

Simon proposed they are accepted, seconded Rod Petrie. Passed.

Actions for the last minutes (Simon Clarke, President)

None.

Tabling of reports: See AGM Report for details

President's report (Simon Clarke, President)

Simon presented the President report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Simon made special mention of Jill Ross for her tenure on the Committee, as she steps down for 2021 – 2022. Simon also thanked Wendy Quach and Robert Lane for their efforts on the committee as they are stepping down in this meeting.

There was discussion on the 125th anniversary and activity, including Kim Trengrove suggesting we make sure we use it to generate press coverage and publicity for the Club.

Membership report (Jill Ross, Membership Officer)

Jill presented the Membership report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Simon Clarke requested a vote of thanks be recorded for Jill's service to the Club through the Committee and as the Membership Officer.

A question was asked of Jill on the new automated rolling membership process through ClubSpark, with Jill outlining the improved efficiency and time saved.

Coaching and Junior Tennis Report (Alexei Demajo, Head Coach)

Alexei presented the Coaching and Junior Tennis report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Alexei also announced a new coach, Tao, will be joining, and thanked Ros and coach Beth for their efforts on the Getting Girls into Tennis program.

Rodney Jarvis asked a question on whether the parents and young kids regular mornings were still happening. Alexei said this is no longer occurring, but the times have been taken up by a lot more adult coaching which was great to see.

Peter Wright commented that as he has been preparing the history of BHTC he has realised that the Club has as many, if not more, competition teams than other eastern suburbs Club, which is a testament to the previous and current efforts of Rodney Jarvis, Graham Forbes, Allan Edge and Alexei. Peter also congratulated Alexei on his continued development of relationships across the local schools.

Senior Tennis report (Simon Verbeek, Senior Convenor)

With Simon Verbeek an apology, Simon Clarke presented the report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Night tennis report (Allan Edge, Night tennis convenor)

Allan Edge presented the Night Tennis report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Allan commented that tonight (26th July) was supposed to be the start of the winter season, and in fact the past three seasons have been impacted in some way by COVID related disruptions.

Dom Alberico will be stepping down as BDNTA Convenor after 20 years. He will be replaced by two new convenors, with Allan wishing him all the best and indicating the transition should be seamless.

Simon Clarke thanked Allan for all his efforts. Peter Wright also thanked Allan for all his work on the night tennis competition. Peter commented that over the 50 years of BDNTA there has only been two convenors, and Dom has been instrumental in the success. Peter also mentioned he has been advocating for the convenor role to be remunerated over a few years and he is hoping to see that happen in the future.

Phil Lyons asked where do the funds go from the night tennis fees. Peter and Jan Buxton mentioned it goes towards the costs of running the competition – lights, balls, court improvements, etc.

Treasurer's report (Jan Buxton, Treasurer)

Jan presented the Treasurer report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Jan provided an overview of the current loan account and the impact of investing in the new lights and the need to dip into the loan account. Jan also mentioned that the Club will need to

keep in mind the need to invest in new court surfaces and fences over the next 3 – 5 years. Simon Clarke emphasised the need for the Club to plan for investing in these capital expenditure items.

Kim Trengrove asked a question about modelling on the Book a Court revenue. Jan remarked that the intention is to do this, however the COVID disruptions have made it difficult to do. Also spoke of building in a scale of fees for non-members taking into account capacity and court availability. Phil Lyons asked can we use Book a Court for school use of the courts. Simon mentioned that some schools already use it, however currently done outside of Book a Court system.

Phil Lyons mentioned sponsorship as a revenue stream, and is it time to revisit this for the Club. Simon Clarke agreed good idea to pursue, and now the Club has had renovations, and is in a good position, then definitely time to look at it. Jan also asked the attendees to think about other revenue channels that the Club could consider. With the publicity generated by the upcoming 125th anniversary may be the time to pursue this.

Acceptance of financial statements

Jan Buxton proposed accepting the financial reports, seconded Rodney Jarvis. Passed.

Maintenance report (Rod Petrie, Maintenance Convenor)

Rod presented the Maintenance report contained in the 2020-2021 Annual Report at the end of these minutes.

Rod made a point of thanking Robert Lane and Simon Clarke for their efforts on maintenance over the 12 months.

Acceptance of annual report

Phil Lyons proposed acceptance of the annual report, seconded Rod Petrie. Passed.

Fees for 2021-2022

It is proposed that the fee structure for the upcoming year is:

Adult Membership	\$180
Junior/Student Membership	\$110
Family Membership	\$400

Proposed: Simon Clarke

Seconded: Sugumar – Passed.

Simon also advised it is intended to begin charging members for lights from the commencement of daylight savings in October.

Three new fee structures were also tabled:

- 1) Expired member, rejoining fee of \$50 (pro rata for student members). There was significant discussion on the intent of this fee, and the amount the fee should be set at. It was agreed that the fee should be set at \$30 and introduced. Agreed to review the fee level in one years' time.

Proposed – Simon Clarke. Seconded – Phil Lyons. Passed, with 12 members in favour.

- 2) Parent Membership; for informal tennis with child (not competition) or for those interested in participating in club affairs
After significant discussion, it was agreed the fee would not be proposed, and is to be reviewed by the Committee.
- 3) Associate Membership for club member at other club wanting to fill in for BHTC competition teams.
After significant discussion, it was agreed the change would not be proposed, and is to be reviewed by the Committee.

Election of office bearers (Jill Ross)

President: Simon Clarke

Vice President: Simon Verbeek

Secretary: Richard Scott

Membership Officer: Ros Cornish

Treasurer: Jan Buxton

Maintenance Convenor: Rod Petrie

General Committee Members: Rod Petrie, Sugumar Mariappanadar

Richard Scott and Jill Ross made a comment to the members on the line to please encourage others to join the committee as ideally there would be a few more.

Jan Buxton thanked Simon Clarke as President for all his efforts over a very difficult 12 months.

Rodney Jarvis gave a vote of thanks to Ann Smyth for her efforts as Club Bursar.

Junior Convenor: Alexei Demajo

Night Tennis Convenor: Allan Edge

Pennant Convenor: Simon Verbeek

Senior ERT Convenor: to be appointed

Simon Clarke thanked Jill Ross for her 5 years as Membership Officer on the Committee.

General Business

Phil Lyons asked a question regarding the issue of competition courts beside coaching courts with balls from coaching courts regularly rolling across the competition courts. Simon Clarke and Jan Buxton said that a curtain net between the courts is being considered as part of the fence refurbishment.

Meeting closes: 21.48pm