

Box Hill Tennis Club AGM 2018-19

22 July 2019

7.30 pm

**Welcome and introductions: This is the 85<sup>th</sup> AGM of the BHTC.** Simon welcomes everything including our life members, Hugh Hayes and Rodney Jarvis.

**Apologies:** Ann Smyth, Graham Forbes, Neil Sim, Allan Heffernan, Tim Ross, Gladys Liu, Andrew Davenport, Will Thompson, Sugamar M, Peter Wright.

### **Review and acceptance of the minutes 2017-2018 AGM**

Simon proposes they are accepted, seconded Rod Petrie. Passed

### **Actions for the last minutes**

None.

### **Tabling of reports: See AGM Report for details**

- **President's report:** Last year has been a year of consolidation for the Club. We started to reintroduce social events, with a successful presentation at the end of the year Reinstating the Junior and Senior Club Member of the Year. We will reinstate the Steve Collett award. Other major projects, investing in the back court fences. Gladys Liu has promised funding of 133k (to be matched by BHTC) to refurbish the Club. We plan to upgrade the men's and women's toilets, extend the fencing on every court and replace the windows in the main clubhouse area. We have also received funding from Tennis Australia and the Federal Government to install Book A Court, using electronic keypads on the front gate to access courts plus and online booking system. This will allow non-members to use the courts (members will have priority) and for BHTC to maximise court occupancy and increase incremental club revenue. We will start trialling the system in September and roll it out in October. We estimate additional revenue per year of \$3000, and the investment will be \$6000. BHTC will be the only BAC club in the Whitehorse area. Simon also thanks members of the Committee who have donated their time to make the Club run so well.
- **Coaching report:** A good year, numbers remain healthy. We offer anything and everything for our juniors and adults. FDT can deliver most classes and programs. A big increase in 3-5yrs and 6-8yrs red and blue stages. The aim is retention and competition play for the junior base. We have over 60 kids in that age bracket. Trialing a number of kindergarten programs. Eastern Region now offer a red ball program, we have 16-18 kids who can play. FDT will enter at least two teams in the coming summer seasons, plus enter an orange team ... 8-10 years old.
- **Junior tennis:** 27 teams last summer, we are one of the most successful clubs in the district. 11 made finals. We are also well represented in junior pennant, one of the higher clubs in the region for participation.

- **Membership:** Another strong year, total of 301 members. A slight decrease from last year, but anything in excess of 300 is a great result for the club.
- **Senior teams report:** Phil Thompson has done a great job with ERT teams. With pennant, we got a grant from Tennis Victoria after getting eight teams in, which we put towards our barbecue. This year we have five teams playing, including a women's team featuring some stand out junior talent. We also acknowledge Allan Edge, for his work in getting so many night teams playing and managing the logistics.
- **Night tennis:** 23 teams in spring season, same as last autumn. This will rise to 26 teams in summer, or exceed. In effect we are at capacity. Sharing court options with Eley Park if we go beyond 26 teams. Eley has a lot of capacity, they are close and they are agreeable. We implemented a night for social tennis on Friday nights, it hasn't been hugely successful but we are going to maintain it. Fast4 is a great avenue for getting new members. A lot of people are coming in at the lower levels. Fast4 provides a format for everyone. 50% of our teams consistently get to finals and a third win those finals, so we have a lot of depth.
- **Maintenance report:** three major working bees in the last year, and a lot of grooming on the courts. Thanks to Jan Buxton and Simon Verbeek for their contribution. The courts are some of the best courts in the district, in very good shape. Curfew for the back courts ... last year we were going to do a letter drop to our neighbors, but one neighbor complained about night tennis competition going on past 9pm. There is now a lower court cut off at 9.15pm. Once this is in place, we will resume discussions with our neighbors to 10pm.
- **Treasurer's report:** See Chloe Verbeek's report. Action to investigate and wind up the ANZ cheque account. What happened to the Friday night Chinese social group, led by Yen/John? The committee spoke to him about expectations for a return on usage, and following this discussion the group disappeared. This is one of the reasons we would like to introduce Book a Court. Someone who wants to run a social evening like that will have to book the courts and pay for them according to the set rate. A new LED TV in the clubhouse was donated by Kartik.

### **Acceptance of financial statements**

Simon proposes accepting the financial reports, seconded David MacDougall. Passed.

### **Acceptance of annual report**

Simon proposes acceptance of the annual report, seconded Rodney Jarvis. Passed.

### **Fees for 2019-20**

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

Adult Membership	\$180
Junior/Student Membership	\$110
Family Membership	\$400
Adult Joining Fee (once off)	\$30

Proposed Simon Clarke    Seconded Jill Ross – Passed.

## **Election of office bearers:**

**President:** Simon Clarke

**Vice President:** Simon Verbeek

**Secretary:** Richard Scott

**Membership Officer:** Jill Ross

**Treasurer:** Chloe Verbeek

**General Committee Members:** Jan Buxton, Rod Petrie, Andrew Halliday, Robert Lane

**Junior Convenor:** Alexei Demajo

**Night Tennis Convenor:** Allan Edge

**Pennant Convenor:** Simon Verbeek

**Senior ERT Convenor:** Phil Thompson

**Maintenance Convenor:** Simon Clarke

**Social Convenor:** Absorbed into the Committee.

## **General Business**

**Upgrades that will happen in the next 12 months:** upgrading the toilets, the shed out the back, all the glass panels in the clubhouse and to have sliding doors. Externally, we will upgrade the fencing on the upper courts and install LED towers on courts 2 and 3. After that we will consider this on all other courts, and we will implement the Book a Court system.

Simon would also like to draft a five-year plan of maintenance and funding.

Kim Trengove awarded Life Membership.

**Meeting closes:** 21.09pm