

Box Hill Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting: July 30, 2018

Time: 7.30pm

Welcome

Simon Clarke acknowledges life members, Rodney Jarvis and Peter Wright.

Apologies

Allan Heffernan, Sugamar, Ann Smyth, Graham Forbes.

Review and acceptance of the minutes 2017 AGM

Jill proposed to accept, seconded Jan. Passed.

Tabling of Reports (see AGM reports):

1. **Simon Clarke:** Thanks members of the committee. And convenors who fulfilled other roles, plus those who have attended the working bees. Allan Edge has taken over the night tennis and there has been a smooth transition. Simon calls for more volunteers to help out. Simon also points out the dramatic rise in electricity costs. Origin Energy installed meters to effectively monitor usage, as well as an increase in social and night tennis play. The cost of electricity has doubled in 12 months. We have a 30% discount from Origin. The Committee will introduce initiatives to reduce the usage of lights and increase contributions for electricity from players. Fences will be replaced on the bottom courts, south side. But looking ahead, all fences will be replaced. Also, a focus for next year is an upgrade of the clubhouse. Toilets need to be upgraded, suggestion that we could have a patio.
2. **Membership:** Jill Ross. A good year, 308 paid up members. An increase of 38 y-o-y. The reasons for increase in membership is night tennis and an excellent junior program. Simon Verbeek and Phil Thompson have recruited well into senior teams. We offered membership deals to 28 people. Memberships are invoiced through MyTennis, which has made a huge difference. Jill feels confident that we are in a good place. Sending out membership invoices over the next few weeks. People will be given four weeks to pay those.
3. **Senior teams:** Phil Thompson. See AGM report for detail.
4. **Night Tennis:** Allan Edge. Hit record numbers with 26 teams. A healthy position. Over winter dropped back to 23. Trying to support lower and mid-level teams. The last competition 16/26 teams reached finals. Fast4 tournament (organised by Alexei) is an invaluable feeder into the competition. We are nearly at capacity with our courts. Six teams every night except Wednesday. We are in a balancing act at the moment, 7 teams gets tricky with the court sharing and night curfew on the bottom courts. All in all, a smooth transition thanks to Graham Forbes.

5. **Coaching:** (Alexei) Fast4 night comp attracts members and non-members. A fun, five-week program. We had new connections with schools and kindergartens. Roberts McCubbin (formal program), Wattle Park Primary and a one-off day at Kingswood. Building a pathway from kids aged 6 onwards to enter competitive tennis at the Club and to help the Club remain sustainable. (see AGM report for detail). Coaching team is strong and stable, no staff turnover.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Chloe Verbeek. Surplus of \$36,250. (33% increase) Membership and night tennis increase. Also increases from FDT, Kingswood and Chinese social tennis night. Alexei is running the Junior and Senior Club Championships. Expenditure: increase in repairs, maintenance and general. A lump sum payment of 40k was made into the loan, reducing our overall principal and interest. Our loan account is down to 42K – an outstanding effort (says Rodney Jarvis). We have a large redraw option now at Bendigo Bank for special projects (eg fences), says Simon Verbeek. And there is a feeling we should save for a contingency bucket, as the courts will need replacing/repairing at some stage.
Balance sheet: No Debtors and 11k in the Bendigo Bank account. (see report for details)
7. **Maintenance** report: Screen for bin area is a work in progress. Simon Clarke makes a second plea for volunteers.
8. **Social events:** no social events this year. The Committee would like to propose an end of year function where we reinstate the presentation of Awards, including the Junior and Senior Member of the Year Award, and the Steve Collett Award. It would be good to bring back the trivia nights. – Simon Clarke.

Questions: Will the curfew change for the back courts? Discussions have been had around talking to the neighbours again and solicit approvals. The Council will consider this favourably. The ideal is 10pm and come back to 9.30pm as a compromise. Moving to LED is 2000 per pole. The priority is to fix the fences for now.

Sue Leidler: every time we play here there is a fight about courts. There is at least 20 girls who don't like it. We are here until 10.30pm at night. The men get their way. People say they don't want to play here because of the fights. There is a policy: Each team gets one court at the top, and the rest are shared on the bottom courts.

Sue would like to see a plan. Post courts on noticeboard if need be and allocation of courts.

Allan Edge says court splitting does not work. We don't court split at any other nights. Whenever there is a shared court, there seems to be conflict.

Resolution: Simon Clarke to send the night tennis court sharing 'policy' to Sue and to help resolve the Monday night issues, which don't appear to affect other teams.

Fees: same fee structure will be maintained.

Annual Report: Rodney Jarvis proposed, Jan seconded. Passed.

Election of Office Bearers

President: Simon Clarke.

Vice President: Simon Verbeek.

Secretary: Kim Trengove

Membership Office: Jill Ross

Treasurer: Chloe Verbeek

General Committee: Rod Petrie, Jan Buxton, Callum Kennedy Moore, Richard Scott

Junior Convenor: Alexei Demajo

Night Tennis Convenor: Allan Edge

Senior Tennis Convenor: Phil Thompson

Maintenance convenor: TBC

Social convenor: TBC

Meeting Closes: 8.50pm