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## Annual General Meeting Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> AGM (as Incorporated body) Sunday 23 October 2022

President Ralph Muir-Morris opened the meeting at 5.01pm and thanked everyone for their attendance in person this year.

**Attendance:** 25 members attended: Ralph Muir-Morris, Debra Bolic, Andrew McVean, Rohan Appleton, Tony Lane, Mark Stevens, Danielle & Warren Whibley, Skye Berman, Jim Bland, Rod Brown, Anthony Byrnes, Valerie Grigoletto, Di Hamilton, Gayle Howard, Wes Horskins, Gerry King, Jiayun Lu, Lachlan McDonald, Malcolm McRae, Sarah Preston, Ian Reade, Michele Spreckley, Lita Trimmings,

**Apologies:** Chris Woods, Glenn Mescher, Sue Taylor, Bronwyn Hardisty, Jenny Turner, Kim Muehlbauer, Daly, Kathleen Egan, David Adin, Paul Turra (Auditor).

### **Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:**

It was proposed that the Minutes of the AGM, held Sunday 24 October 2021, were a true and correct record of that meeting.

*Proposed: Jim Bland    Seconded: Danielle Whibley    CARRIED*

### **President's Report:**

Ralph advised he wouldn't read his whole speech, which can be found in the EDM to members 11 September 2022, "EMTC 2022-23 Board of Directors - Nominations now open".

Ralph spoke briefly starting with thanking our regular AGM attendees. Over all his years there has been a group of members who always show up, especially the Sunday Social group, and it is one of the highlights of the AGM being able to catch up with and thank these wonderful members. He is looking forward to his last year as President, along with Deb as Secretary and Glenn as Director and it will be a busy one.

We are in for another interesting year with Council and our redevelopment. The appointed Project Manager has gone, and new PM has just been appointed. The Pool will most likely not be open before the redevelopment as we must satisfy a shopping list of things, some rather unrealistic. Council have said they will prepare plans with and without a pool. We are not confident with the Pool staying due to all the requirements we must meet, including supervision / lifesavers / upgraded equipment / all ability access including handrails/ water management (requiring completion of a special expensive course) / cameras / sign in etc. We feel they are more concerned about this than is reasonable, but Council owns the property so we must follow their requirements. We may end up with better facilities without the pool due to the cost required to meet the pool standards. We will keep members updated once we have meetings with Council. We are committed to making sure we get what we want and not what the architect thinks we should have.

When arriving today Ralph looked at our lovely new cantilever umbrella, paid for as part of the shade sail grant funds. It will provide great sun protection.

Ralph handed over to Andrew for our 2022 Annual Report.

## **Treasurer's & 2022 Annual Report:**

Andrew presented the Treasurer's report (copy attached), along with the audited 2022 Financial Report (Annual Report). He again thanked Deb and Lita as they do most of the work for this. The best thing coming out of the challenges of Covid was we still broke even in 2021, and this year we are about \$19K ahead. We have updated a few things around the Club, and all is going well. Membership is still quite strong. Andrew pointed out that in last five years we haven't increased our Family membership fee, and in current inflation we have only increased other categories for less than 10% in five years.

Ralph also spoke on the \$200K we have in the bank. We have done well to build this up over the years while still maintaining the Club. The funds are there for those 'worst case scenarios' and as a sinking fund for our court replacements/upgrades. Tony added that our courts need replacing every 20 or so years. They are due for replacement/upgrade, but we have minimised the disruption to fixing courts and done smaller things rather than large replacements. This ensures we don't have most of our courts out of action for a long period of time. We have been careful with our spending as it is members \$\$ and we don't want to throw it away on unnecessary things. Questions from the floor re court surfaces, specifically synthetic over entoutcas. Pros and cons of both surfaces, with differing opinions on wear and tear on members bodies, weather playability, ongoing maintenance costs & replacement etc. This will be investigated further as part of the redevelopment. It will come down to cost and availability of people to service the surface type. Ralph did not foresee all courts being upgraded to synthetic surface but Courts 7-10 definitely need replacement first.

There weren't any questions from the floor regarding the figures in the Annual Report.

*Andrew MOVED that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2021-22 be accepted.*

*Seconded: Rod Brown*

*CARRIED*

*Debra recommended we accept Scott Partners \$1560 + GST Auditor's Quote for the 2023 Audit (no fee increase for the third year in a row).*

*The quorum agreed with this recommendation.*

*CARRIED*

Deb reminded everyone Martin & Martin Accountants do the pre audit for free each year and have done so since 2016. We very much appreciate their donation of this excellent service.

## **25 and 50 Years' Membership:**

Deb advised Geoff Street has reached 25 Years Membership this year and apologised for leaving him off the Agenda. Last year we recognised four members who reached the amazing milestone of 50 year's continuous membership between 2017-2021: Jim Bland, Barbara Dance, Marie Edwards & Gayle Howard. This year we are pleased to present Gayle and Jim their Certificate in person. Deb/Lita will hand out/post Barb & Marie's. Congratulations to everyone.

## **Office Bearers for 2022/23:**

The five (of nine) positions available for election this year were elected unopposed:

- Vice President – Chris Woods
- Treasurer – Andrew McVean
- Director 1 – Rohan Appleton
- Director 2 – Mark Stevens (replacing retiring Tony Lane)
- Director 3 – Danielle Whibley

### **Special Resolution:**

Debra Bolic proposed a Life Membership be awarded to Tony Lane.

Tony has spent over 20 years contributing in many ways to the Club. His contributions include, but not limited to: Treasurer, President, Junior Co-ordinator, manager of the Bar Fridge, creator of many of the original policies and spreadsheets - many of which are still used today, volunteering at many events, attending many meetings as our representative and the list goes on.

As per our Constitution, and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*, a vote must be held and three quarters (75%) of those present and eligible to vote must agree with the resolution for it to be passed. 100% agreed.

Of 24 eligible voters 100% agreed with this proposal and Tony Lane was duly awarded Life Membership of EMTC.

Deb presented Tony with a framed Certificate and special bottle of Shiraz.

Tony thanked everyone for their support and advised most of it has been fun. He joined the Committee in 2002 and has held various positions since then. The length of time on the committee hasn't translated into any of his tennis skills unfortunately. He was very grateful that EMTC proposed him as Stonnington Sports Volunteers of the year in 2014 and he will put this certificate with that one. Junior Competition has been his main focus recently and he is happy to pass this onto Jake/Wes and FTA who have already helped. Once he lets go of his Sat/Sun Junior commitments he is looking forward being back on court for Sunday Social.

Ralph asked Wes to say a few words about Tony. Wes said in all honesty he couldn't think of a man with more honour/integrity/dedication to this Club. Tony has been here through many ups and some downs, including some tough times personally, but he has always been here for the Club. He has worked very well with the coaching group during this time. He is an amazing man and is the lifeblood of the club. We couldn't have got to where we are today without you.

Ralph re-iterated what Wes said and added Tony's knowledge and participation has been a great help to everyone on the Committee.

### **Other Business:**

Gerry King suggested we reinstate a Club Badge as we did have them many years ago. We could number them from the start of the Life membership board for our Life Members. The 25 and 50 year Members could also receive a similar badge. Quorum agreed with this and the Committee will investigate this.

Ralph thanked Deb for everything she has done for the Club over the last 7 years. He also thanked Lita for taking on the Administration position and she is doing a fantastic job.

Gerry suggested we include a breakdown of Membership numbers/categories in the minutes of each AGM rather than it being a verbal mention. This would give a visual history for anyone looking back. We could include this in the Treasurer's Report which is attached to the minutes. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Ralph brought the meeting to a close advising we hope that in the future we will have a more diverse/all abilities range of people attend the club, and if we have all weather courts this would be more achievable.

As there was no other business **Ralph declared the meeting closed at 5.36pm**, and thanked members for taking the time to join us today and invited them to stay and enjoy drinks & nibbles to celebrate Tony's Life Membership.