

MINUTES
36th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ELTHAM TENNIS CLUB INC.
MONDAY AUGUST 16, 2021
Held Remotely Via ZOOM

In Attendance: Jeremy Snowden, Merrin Daff, Linda Pigatto, David Smith, Peter Jelley, Lorraine Jelley, Lisa Stephens, Rebekah Naim, Sue Webster, Neil Webster, Robin Kinross, Mike Kelly, Georgia Taylor, Jarno Jansen, Sean Selleck, Laurie Sparks, Phil Butler, Ritesh Mittal, Gaye Walder, John Green, Stephen Lavender, Andrew Guthrie, Susan Holst, Craig Holst, Darren Squires, Thijs De Backer, Grant Miles, Warren Seaman, Andrew Daff, John French, Kathryn Gill

1. WELCOME

Meeting opened at 7:35pm and everyone was welcomed by President, Jeremy Snowden

2. APOLOGIES: Bev Jackson

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM held 10TH August 2020

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Moved: Merrin Daff; Seconded: Phil Butler. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

5. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report on the activities of the Eltham Tennis Club during 2020-2021 was presented by the President, Jeremy Snowden.

He highlighted significant events during the year:

- Impact of COVID-19
- The construction of the new courts
- Implementation of the Book-A-Court system
- Membership numbers back over 400

There were no questions by members regarding the Annual Report. Jeremy asked that someone move that the report be accepted.

Moved: Andrew Guthrie, Seconded: Gaye Walder.

Carried

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Statements of the ETC for 2020-2021, as tabled in the Annual Report were presented by the Treasurer David Smith. David highlighted the following:

- Bigger surplus as result of COVID-19 due to reduction of operating costs, managing to retain members and \$4000 credit received from Yarra Valley Water.
- We were down 20% on membership revenue due to 25% refund of membership fee.
- There was a reduction in competition fees
- 80% of revenue comes from membership and competition fees.
- If we manage our expenditure over the next twelve months we should break even or have a small surplus.
- Our expenditure will go up as a result of the three new courts.
- Tennis Vic annual affiliation fee has increased from \$1670 to \$4355 as the additional three courts has placed us in a new category. A 30% rebate was received for our 2021-2022 fee.

There was a question from Peter Jelley as to whether the club has seen a 75% saving as a result of all courts using LED lights. David stated difficult to say what saving has been as not used much in last year but definitely not 75% at this point.

David asked that someone move that the financial statements be accepted.

Moved: Andrew Guthrie, Seconded: Jeremy Snowden.

Carried

7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

The Treasurer, David Smith, proposed Andrew Guthrie be re-appointed Club Auditor for 2021-2022. Seconded: Jeremy Snowden. Accepted by Andrew Guthrie.

Carried

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The President declared all positions on the Committee vacant.

Linda Pigatto took the chair for election of President.

President – one nomination received:

Jeremy Snowden – Nominated by Merrin Daff; Seconded by Linda Pigatto
Elected.

Jeremy Snowden took the chair for election of remaining positions.

Vice President – one nomination received:

Merrin Daff – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Linda Pigatto
Elected

Secretary – one nomination received:

Linda Pigatto – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Assistant/Membership Secretary – one late nomination received:

Jarno Jansen – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Jeremy asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations.
Jarno elected

Treasurer – one nomination received:

Susan Holst – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Junior Manager – one nomination received:

Mark Duder – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Clubhouse Officer – one nomination received:

Gaye Walder – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Publicity Officer – one late nomination received:

Robin Kinross – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Jeremy asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations.
Robin elected

Ball Officer – one nomination received:

Peter Rennie – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Court Hire Officer – one nomination received:

Ritesh Mittal – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff
Elected

Selection Subcommittee (Three positions available) – three nominations received:

John Green – Nominated by: Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by: Merrin Daff;
Laurie Sparks – Nominated self; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden
David Scannell – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden
All Elected

Two more positions to be nominated by the General Committee.

Ladies Subcommittee (Three positions available) – three nominations received:

Alison Petrou – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden
Kathryn Gill – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden
Lisa Stephens – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden
All Elected

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Maintenance Subcommittee (Three positions available) – one nomination received:

Laurie Sparks – Nominated self; Seconded by: Andrew Guthrie
Elected

Jeremy asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations.

Social Subcommittee (Five positions available) – no nominations received prior to meeting. Jeremy asked if anyone wish to nominate for the sub-committee.

Georgia Taylor – Nominated self; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden.
Elected.

No further nominations.

Jeremy thanked David Smith, for all his work and amazing contribution to the position of Treasurer over the last fifteen years.

9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

9.1 Motion 1 - That the joining fee previously \$50 per single and \$100 per family be set at \$0.

Proposed: Gaye Walder; Seconded: Peter Rennie

Jeremy asked if there were any questions from members before voting on Motion 1. Voting proceeded. Majority of members present voted in favour of Motion 1.

9.2 Motion 2 – That club membership subscriptions be increased to the following rates effective 1st July 2022 for the 2022-2023 financial year.

\$160 single/adult (up from \$149)

\$320 family (up from \$298)

\$125 student concession (up from \$123)

\$80 junior (up from \$76)

Proposed: Jeremy Snowden; Seconded: John Green

Jeremy stated that club membership subscriptions were last increased for the 2019-2020 financial year. He asked if there were any questions from members before voting on Motion 2.

Voting proceeded. Majority of members present voted in favour of Motion 2.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Presentation of the Graeme Chesser Memorial Trophy

Spring 2020 season – No competition held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Autumn 2021 season – Won by: NENTG Tuesday Vets Section 2 with a percentage of 163.9%. Team members were Mike Kelly, Chris Gheller Stephen Lavender, Ritesh Mittal and Jeremy Snowden.

10.2 Presentation of the Suezanne Kelly Memorial Trophy

Spring 2020 season – No competition held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Autumn 2021 season – Won by: DVTA Thursday Section 1 with a percentage of 134.9%. Team members were Kathryn Gill, Helen Gordon, Sue O'Callaghan, Margaret Pollard, Lisa Stephens and Deidre Clark.

11. CLOSURE OF AGM

In closing Jeremy thanked all the outgoing committee for their work during what had not been a normal year and that he looked forward to working with the incoming committee

Robin Kinross thanked Jeremy for his leadership and the excellent job he has carried out as President.

Andrew Guthrie congratulated David Smith on his 15 years as Treasurer of the club and said it had been a privilege to work with him.

Meeting closed at 8:10 pm.