

## **MINUTES**

**37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ELTHAM TENNIS CLUB INC.**

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

**HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

**In Attendance:** Jeremy Snowden, Merrin Daff, Linda Pigatto, Susan Holst, Jason Sellars, Mark Duder, Peter Rennie, Robin Kinross, Laurie Sparks, John Green, Alison Petrou, Lisa Stephens, Kathryn Gill, Georgia Taylor, Peter Jelley, Lorraine Jelley, Robyn Rowse, Mike Kelly, Neil Webster, Sue Webster, Phil Butler, Kerry Williams, John Hogan, Sue O'Callaghan, Sean Selleck, Tony Ryan, Stephen Lavender, Rebakah Naim, Thijs De Backer

### **1. WELCOME**

Meeting opened at 7:30pm and everyone was welcomed by President, Jeremy Snowden

### **2. APOLOGIES:** Bev Jackson, Steve Blundell, Kerry Wilson

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM held 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Acceptance of the Minutes:

Moved: Phil Butler; Seconded: Laurie Sparks. 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 2021-2022 was presented by the President, Jeremy Snowden.

He highlighted significant events during the year:

- Change of club coach. Steve Blundell commenced in February
- Clubhouse opened after 2 years of COVID-19. Nice to see the clubhouse full of people again.
- Official opening of the new courts
- New courts opened for Public Hire which has generated \$6000 in revenue during the last 12 months

There were no questions by members regarding the Annual Report.

Jeremy asked that someone move that the report be accepted.

Moved: Merrin Daff, Seconded: Peter Rennie

Carried

### **6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Financial Statements of the ETC for 2021-2022, as tabled in the Annual Report were presented by the Treasurer Susan Holst. Susan highlighted the following:

- Surplus for the year was just over \$23,000, which was down from last year by almost \$8,000, largely due to COVID-19 and less operating costs.
- We received a \$1,500 top up grant from the state government during the year as part of their community sport survival package.
- Membership revenue was down by just over 4% but this was made up in the court hire as mentioned by Jeremy.
- Templestowe College hired our courts in January for \$1,600
- Maintenance costs were up but that included \$1,300 worth of sand.

There were no questions by members regarding the financial statements. Susan asked that someone move that the financial statements be accepted.

Moved: Peter Rennie, Seconded: Laurie Sparks

Carried

## **7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Treasurer, Susan Holst, proposed Andrew Guthrie be re-appointed Club Auditor for 2022-2023. Seconded: Jeremy Snowden. Accepted by Andrew Guthrie.

Carried

## **8. NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Proposed by Laurie Sparks & seconded by Peter Rennie – that Sean Selleck be appointed a Life Member of the Eltham Tennis Club

Laurie detailed the exceptional services that Sean, a solicitor, and an active playing member for approximately 50 years, has provided to the club:

- For the last 35 years he has been the clubs' legal advisor whenever it has been required.
- Club Secretary 1985-1987
- Negotiated and prepared previous coach's contract agreement.
- Provided extensive legal services for the writing of the contract for new coach; handled and advised on matters to end previous coach's contract;
- Advised on many other legal matters for approximately 40 years.
- Chair of the sub-committee for the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration dinner in 2019 which was a massive job and Sean worked on it for many months.
- Wrote our current coach's contract in consultation with the coach and club to achieve an agreement fair to both parties.
- In the past year the club has needed a lot of legal assistance and Sean's support and advice was crucial in achieving a satisfactory resolution for the club.
- Currently providing legal and personal advice as a member of the Constitution review sub-committee and drafting the revised constitution.

It is clear that Sean has a deep love of the club and in part a sense of duty.

Voting took place and proposal that Sean be appointed a Life Member carried.

A memorial plaque acknowledging Sean's Life Membership will be awarded to him in the future.

Congratulations Sean

## **9. 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:

Merrin Daff – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Laurie Sparks  
Elected.

Merrin Daff took the chair for election of remaining positions.

Vice President – one nomination received:

Alison Petrou – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff  
Elected

Secretary – one nomination received:

Jason Sellars – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff  
Elected

Assistant/Membership Secretary – one nomination received:

Jarno Jansen – Nominated by Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by Merrin Daff  
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:

Jeremy Snowden – Nominated by Merrin Daff; Seconded by Laurie Sparks  
Elected

Publicity Officer – one nomination received:

Georgia Taylor – Nominated by Merrin Daff; Seconded by Jeremy Snowden  
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 by: Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by: Merrin Daff  
David Scannell – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden  
All Elected

Two more positions to be selected by the General Committee.

Ladies Subcommittee (Three positions available) – three nominations received:  
Lisa Stephens – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden  
Kathryn Gill – Nominated by: Merrin Daff; Seconded by: Jeremy Snowden  
Alison Petrou – 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 by: Jeremy Snowden; Seconded by: Merrin Daff  
Elected

There were no further nominations.

Social Subcommittee (Five positions available) – one nomination received:  
Thijs De Backer – Nominated by Merrin Daff; Seconded Jeremy Snowden  
Elected

There were no further nominations.

Merrin thanked Jeremy for all he has done in the last three years in his role of President. It was an exciting time but also a very challenging time in lots of ways. Working through the building of the new courts, overseeing selection of the new coach and of course the vagaries of COVID-19. The energy and enthusiasm Jeremy brought to the job has been fantastic and she speaks for everyone in saying a huge thank you.

She thanked Linda who has been on the committee for 14 years in various capacities starting with the Ladies sub-Committee, then many years as the Junior Manager and more recently as Secretary. She's been fantastic in every role she has held and you could always rely on her to step up when needed.

Thank you also to Robin for his work on the committee.

Merrin welcomed Thijs and Jason as new members to the committee.

## 10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion – That there be no increase to club membership subscriptions for the 2023-2024 financial year.

Single/Adult	FY23 \$160	FY24 \$160
Family	FY23 \$320	FY24 \$320
Student Concession	FY23 \$125	FY24 \$125
Junior	FY23 \$80	FY24 \$80

(Club membership subscriptions were last increased for the 2022-2023 financial year)

Proposed: Jeremy Snowden; Seconded: Linda Pigatto

There were no questions from members.

Voting proceeded. Motion carried.

## **11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

These awards are named in memory of two well-loved and valued members of the club and awarded to the team with the highest percentage at the end of the season.

### **11.1 Presentation of the Graeme Chesser Memorial Trophy**

Spring 2021 season – No competition held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Autumn 2022 season – Won by DVTA Thursday night Section 3 Red with a percentage of 130.55%.

Team members were Paul Celotti, John Hogan, Cale Smith, Jarrod Scannell and Owen Scannell.

### **11.2 Presentation of the Suezanne Kelly Memorial Trophy**

Spring 2021 season – No competition held due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Autumn 2022 season – Won by DVTA Thursday Section 1 with a percentage of 147.08%.

Team members were Kathryn Gill, Sue O'Callaghan, Jane Pearson, Margaret Pollard and Lisa Stephens.

A time will be organised when the teams can receive their awards in person.

## **12. CLOSURE OF AGM**

Merrin thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm.