# Heathmont Tennis Club Inc.



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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Heathmont Tennis Club Inc held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017, at Heathmont Tennis Club, Corner of Canterbury & Waterloo Street, Heathmont at 4:00pm.

**1. Attendance:** David Scott, Mark Gasseling, Aidan Searle, Melanie Searle, Miles Ridler, Louise Borg, Simon Ridler, Laura Ridler, Adele Ridler.

2. Apologies: Nick Sheehan, David Fitton, Rob Peterson, Andrew Vines

3. Meeting opened: 4.15pm

#### 4. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

**MOTION:** "That the Minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted" Moved: Miles Ridler Seconded: Aidan Searle **CARRIED** 

4. Correspondence: None Tabled

**5. President Report:** Tabled by David Scott. See below.

MOTION: "That the President's report be accepted"

Moved: Mark Gasseling Seconded: Aidan Searle CARRIED

**<u>6. Treasurer Report:</u>** Tabled by Miles Ridler. See below.

Balance Sheet, Statement of Income and Expenditure, Depreciable Assets and Auditor's Report presented Miles to investigate with Auditor to remove Pavilion from Balance Sheet as its not part of the members assets but part of the lease.

**MOTION:** "That the Treasurer's report be accepted" Moved: Mark Gasseling Seconded: Aidan Searle **CARRIED** 

#### 7. Election of Office Bearers:

The following were elected for 2017-18 unopposed.

President: David Scott

Vice President: Nick Sheehan Secretary: Mark Gasseling Treasurer: Miles Ridler

Election of ordinary members: David Fitton, Aidan Searle, Andrew Vines

#### 8. General Business:

**8.1 -** Updated Modules Rules (Constitution) as recommended by the Committee.

**MOTION:** "Verify the Updated Model Rules (Constitution)" Moved: Mark Gasseling Seconded: Miles Ridler **CARRIED** 

8.2 - Proposal to create a new associate \$0 Membership

Primary focus on Coaching and Parents.

MOTION: "Committee to Formalise details and launch associate \$0 membership"

Moved: Mark Gasseling Seconded: Aidan Searle CARRIED

9. AGM 2017 closed at: 4:36PM



#### **Heathmont Tennis Club Inc.**

## **President's Report 2017**

20st August, 2017

#### **Dear Members**

Once again it has been rewarding experience for me to work with our tremendous Committee and serve the Club as President during this past year.

The Club has continued to prosper, which is demonstrated with a strong membership base, facilities which continue to improve and very healthy participation levels across all levels of competition play. Visitors to Heathmont often comment on the vibrant atmosphere at the Club, whether this be at weekend competition tennis, Sunday morning Hot Shots, or the popular post match week night barbeques. And more often than not, the atmosphere around the clubhouse plays to the backdrop of coach Rob Peterson's endless energy, coaching all levels and ages.

Heathmont's success is due to an active membership base. Whilst there is the formal governance provided by the Club Committee, the contributions of all members are vital for the Club to function. These contributions include the support of all the parents in helping out to run the junior competitions, whether this be with transport, helping organise the teams on the day, ensuring that the clubhouse is kept clean and tidy, and running the canteen. Special thanks to Meredith Beaton for her efforts over the years in running the canteen.

I would also like to personally thank all on the Committee, who are all volunteers, and put in many hours to ensure the Club functions and continues to grow and improve. Whilst our Committee has been relatively small with seven members, it has worked very well together despite the busy schedules of all. Thanks in particular to Mark Gasseling who stepped up to the role of Secretary this year and has done an outstanding job and has kept the rest of us focussed throughout the year. The Committee would love some new members, which is important to bring in new ideas and energy to run with initiatives to keep improving our Club.

In terms of improvements at the Club it has been very pleasing to see the clubhouse renovations completed with the new decking creating a lasting impression on all who visit. And when referring to lasting impressions, thanks to our Rob Peterson for the discreet "Dave's Deck" signage that recognise's Dave Fitton's efforts in working with the Maroondah Council to ensure the renovations were completed successfully.

In addition to Maroondah Council, the Club has had strong continued support from our sponsors including Baker's Delight and an ever strengthening relationship with the Ringwood branch of the Bendigo Bank. The support of our sponsors helps keep the membership fees from rising and makes tennis one of the most accessible activities for the community.

Lastly, the courts and surrounds are looking better than ever. So, if joining the Committee is not be something for you, we greatly appreciate the support at working bees throughout the year, or in any other capacity you can. We have a fantastic club, let's continue to build for the future.

Sincerely
David Scott
President, Heathmont Tennis Club Inc

### **2017 Treasurers Report**

The club has ended the year in a strong financial position with some of the key measures being:

- Achieved a net profit of \$4,772, a reduction of \$2,805 from the previous year
- This profit resulted in an increase in the value of our members equity to \$111,920
- Paid up membership as at March 31<sup>st</sup> was 159 members.

Though we achieved a lower profit this year this is still a strong result as it was achieved without the benefit of any Council Grants or income from any Bunning's BBQ fundraising activity which boosted our 2016 profit figure.

A couple of call outs from the year:

- Pledges Receive there is a significant increase in the pledges received figure on the balance sheet for this year; which is mainly made up of unpaid memberships and outstanding ball money owed to the club. There is a potential risk that the club may not recoup some of these funds, resulting in the need to incur a 'write off' and an impact on future profit figures. The committee are working hard to implement policies to reduce this issue moving forward.
- The significant reduction in the court maintenance figure this year is as a result of the large volume of work done on the courts in 2016, reducing the volume of ent tout cas required this year.
- The continued reduction in the cost of balls each year has been achieved through an increase in the volume of second hand balls we have been able to access and the associated rebates our provider gives us for these.

The focus for the next couple of years is to continue to investigate opportunities to gain access to grants to enable us to continue to improve the facilities we have, with the key focus for the next year or so being on re-establishing the automated watering system and ongoing improvement to the courts themselves.

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