

Wakehurst Tennis Club

Minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting,
held on the 2nd February, 2014

Opening:

The annual general meeting of the Wakehurst Tennis Club was called to order at 12:10pm on Sunday the 2nd of February, 2014 in Wakehurst Golf Club by Warwick Bookallil.

Present:

Warwick Bookallil	Ray Dummett	Chris Bird
Anthony Thompson	Julia Kia	Lindsay Phillips
Andrew Todd	Ning Stewart	Stephanie Phillips
Alan Howes	Roger Ireland	

Guests:

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Apologies:

David Weston	Ben Pollock	Graham Hillis
Stephen McGee		

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on the 10th of February, 2013 were unanimously approved.

B. President's Report

Warwick Bookallil presented the President's Report. A proposal to adopt the report was proposed by Stephanie Phillips, seconded by Lindsay Phillips and unanimously approved by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix A.

C. Club Captain's Report

Anthony Thompson presented the Captain's report. A proposal to adopt the report was put by Alan Howes, seconded by Andrew Todd and unanimously approved by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix B.

C. Treasurer's Report

Warwick Bookallil presented the Treasurer's report. A proposal to adopt the report was put by Lindsay Phillips, seconded by Ray Dummett and approved unanimously by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix C.

D. Election of Officers

The current committee stood down from their posts and elections were held for a committee to serve during 2014.

President and Treasurer

Warwick Bookallil was nominated by Andrew Todd and seconded by Anthony Thompson. Warwick Bookallil was elected unanimously.

Secretary

Andrew Todd was nominated by Ray Dummett and seconded by Lindsay Phillips. Andrew Todd was elected unanimously.

Captain

Chris Bird was nominated by Anthony Thompson and seconded by Ning Stewart. Chris Bird was elected unanimously.

Vice Captain

Chris and the committee have co-opted the following members to act as Vice Captains; Ning Stewart, Anthony Thompson, Ray Dummett, Graham Hillis and Lindsay Phillips

Social Secretary

Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon were nominated by Warwick Bookallil and seconded by Lindsay Phillips. Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon were elected unanimously.

E. Any Other Business

The meeting passed a motion of thanks to Anthony Thompson for his club captaincy for the last 4 years.

There was a round table discussion on limitation of time to play the Club Championships. It was generally agreed that the duration of the 2013 championships was not too long and was well balanced with the social nature of the club.

Matches will be played at the direction and discretion of the Club Captain. General principle is that if players are present and have a match to play they will be encouraged to play their game.

Stephanie Phillips nominated Warwick Bookallil for life membership as thanks for his tireless dedication to the club. This was seconded by Ray Dummett and passed unanimously.

Julia Kia raised that we should maintain a suitable level of ability for members. This is being monitored and players not up to scratch are being informed that they would be better suited to coaching at the Jaggard-Ibbarola Tennis Academy.

Close:

Warwick Bookallil adjourned the meeting at 12:55pm. The date of the next annual general meeting will be nominated at the end of 2014.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Todd

Approved by: Warwick Bookallil

Appendix A – President’s Report

2013 was a further record year for Wakehurst Tennis Club. Court hire and club membership increased substantially (see Treasurers Report for actual percentages). This increase is against a background of declining numbers of adults playing tennis in Australia since the year 2000. Newcomers who have joined the club have been welcomed and have helped to raise standards.

Wakehurst Tennis Club is an independent tennis club that is run without the direction of tennis court management. For newer players, courts are arranged in anticipation of usage but WTC is impeded by long-term bookings on Wednesday night. However booked courts have increased since the start of 2013 and extra courts are obtained when needed. However 2013 was a harder year in some ways partly because the re-laying of some synthetic grass courts took much longer because of extreme weather conditions. This temporarily cut the availability of courts.

The launch of the Jaggard-Ibarrola Tennis Academy is a challenge for the proprietors of the courts and our usage. Although booking of courts has settled down it has also been harder because of more Academy coaching. Having some two rather than three hour sessions has helped to meet some of our peak times. Increases in player numbers will lead to some limiting of numbers in the club.

I was very pleased that we had the same committee as in 2012. The Club Captain Anthony Thompson contributed highly especially in organising the draw for the Club Championships. The newly appointed vice captains Ray Dummett, Lindsay Phillips, Chris Bird and Ning Stewart helped organise the order of play. Andy Todd the Club Secretary and IT specialist has improved our website and with contributions of photography from Clive Davis. My personal thanks to Alan Howes in organising the emails to our players to let everyone know of future events, changes and also moves to Belrose Tennis Courts. This is because of unavoidable lease conditions.

Julia Kia organised many very successful social events for the club with her usual ability as Social Secretary. Also Elaine Dudgeon arranged a lovely Winter Dinner at the International College of Hospitality at Manly. The club enjoyed the hospitality at Clive Davis’ generous house party early in 2013.

All the best for tennis in 2014,
Warwick Bookallil, President.

Appendix B – Captain’s Report

2013 was another great year of competition and social play at Wakehurst Tennis Club. The membership standard remains strong and our numbers have swelled thanks again to the fantastic efforts of our dedicated President, Warwick Bookallil.

The end of month round robins continued to be keenly attended, usually requiring a split into two divisions. Thanks go to all members for endeavouring to arrive promptly, and thanks to Alan for the regular reminder emails. A special thanks to the vice captain committee of Ray, Chris, Lindsay and Ning for running proceedings in my absence. Thanks also to our guest organiser Julie for running round JJ. And of course, special thanks to Warwick Bookallil for organising new balls for the matches, and purchasing the prizes.

The 2013 Club Championships were a great success, completed I think in reasonable time given a much larger number of entrants and matches and the inevitable holiday and rain disruptions. Thank you to all entrants and congratulations again to the winners. It was good to see some greater diversity in the surname mix of champions, ending the multi-year domination of the Philips’. This itself is a clear reflection of the rising standards of play in the membership (but probably also the absence of James!). Thank you to Ray for your assistance in running the championships and special thanks for once again organising the winners’ trophies.

A big thanks goes to Ray, Chris, Lindsay & Ning for organising social play sets in my absence or lateness, particularly on Wednesday nights. Finally I also must of course thank our Club President and Treasurer, Warwick Bookallil, for his exemplary efforts in the administration and organisation of the Club. Your work to attract & retain members, arrange the court bookings, supply new balls, provide round robin prizes, and manage the finances of the Club have been outstanding and highly appreciated.

Anthony Thompson

Club Captain