

## **Wakehurst Tennis Club**

Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting,  
held on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

### **Opening:**

The annual general meeting of the Wakehurst Tennis Club was called to order at 12:10pm on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014 in Wakehurst Golf Club by Warwick Bookallil.

### **Present:**

Warwick Bookallil	Ning Stewart	Chris Bird
Stephen McGee	David Weston	Mike van Wyk
Andrew Todd	Anthony Thompson	Elaine Dudgeon

### **Guests:**

Vanessa De Conti

### **Apologies:**

Lindsay Phillips	Stephanie Phillips	Alan Howes
Ray Dummett	Julia Kia	Roger Ireland

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2014 were unanimously approved.

### **B. President's Report**

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

### **C. Club Captain's Report**

Chris Bird presented the Captain's report. A proposal to adopt the report was put by David Weston, seconded by Stephen McGee and unanimously approved by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix B.

### **D. Treasurer's Report**

Warwick Bookallil presented the Treasurer's report. A proposal to adopt the report was put by Chris Bird, seconded by Mike van Wyk and approved unanimously by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix C.

## **E. Election of Officers**

The current committee stood down from their posts and elections were held for a committee to serve during 2015.

### **President and Treasurer**

Warwick Bookallil was nominated by Andrew Todd and seconded by Ning Stewart. Warwick Bookallil was elected unanimously.

### **Secretary**

Andrew Todd was nominated by Chris Bird and seconded by Ning Stewart. Andrew Todd was elected unanimously.

### **Captain**

Chris Bird was nominated by Warwick Bookallil 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, and Lindsay Phillips

### **Social Secretary**

Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon were appointed by Warwick Bookallil.

## **F. Any Other Business**

There was a round table discussion on the timing and duration of the Club Championships. It was generally agreed that the duration of the 2014 championships was too long due to a variety of reasons including inclement weather and player injuries. There was a general agreement that there should be some kind of time limit for each round. Chris Bird will convene a sub-committee to examine how to best carry out the championships in a timely manner.

Anthony Thompson mentioned that it might be a good idea to change the format of the monthly round robin to the new fast 4 tennis format. Chris Bird will investigate the format and may make appropriate changes to upcoming round robin competitions.

### **Close:**

Warwick Bookallil adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm. The date of the next annual general meeting will be nominated at the end of 2015.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Todd

Approved by: Warwick Bookallil

## **Appendix A - President's Report**

Wakehurst Tennis Club had a record year in 2014, exceeding 2013 which substantially improved over 2012. This was in spite of twelve tennis sessions being washed out by rain and three changes of lease holders at Wakehurst Couvret Tennis Courts.

Wakehurst Tennis Club is an independent hirer of tennis courts and is not connected with Wakehurst management directly. The numbers of adult tennis players in Australia have declined since the year 2000. However we have had to withdraw the weekly entry in the Manly Daily mentioning the as the club is almost full. Of course if players are recommended by current player and are up to a sufficient standard they will be considered for entry to the club.

After long negotiations courts have been block booked on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning sessions which makes it easier to organise play. Extra courts can usually be obtained if justified by the attendance. I hope the situation with the current lease holders and the withdrawal of Northern Beaches Tennis will make our position easier. However because of our prestigious tennis centre they will still have to host Tennis Australia and Tennis NSW tournaments.

We are still able to use our alternate courts at Belrose when necessary. The peaceful Belrose Tennis Courts have the advantage of only paying for the courts that we use and we can always go back to the Wakehurst Golf Club for our traditional drinks and lunch.

In 2014 we have had almost the same committee as previous years. The main change has been to have Chris Bird as Captain. He is the third of three great captains over the last twelve years. This is a demanding position as he is responsible for the overall running of play at the club and organising the Club Championships. Chris has been outstanding in the role in his first year.

The Vice Captains are appointed to share in the operation of tennis at the Club. In 2014 these were Ray Dummett, Anthony Thompson, Lindsay Phillips and Ning Stewart. They all performed very well in this role.

Andy Todd is our long standing Secretary and is responsible for maintaining our Club web site and records up to a high standard. Alan Howes handles club communications with appropriate comments and has been of great personal assistance to me.

We are lucky to have two keen Social Secretaries who have organised a number of different functions which have appealed to all tastes. They are Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon who co-ordinate with each other.

I am very pleased to have such great back up in the Club and thank all the players who have attended the various tennis sessions and events. As usual the standard of dress and manners is very high and is appreciated.

All the best for tennis in 2015,

**Warwick Bookallil**  
**President**

## **Appendix B - Captain's Report**

2014 was another good year for the club as numbers have increased again and there were more records broken this year - I'm sure our Club President and Treasurer, Warwick Bookallil will expand on these statistics.

There were the usual challenges of estimating player numbers, booking courts and organising changes of venue when required, which was often at last minute notice. Then there was the additional challenge of dealing with the centre management during their structural changes and then a total change of centre management late in the year. This was handled exceptionally by Warwick.

A special thanks to Warwick from all of the members for his huge efforts during the year. Warwick personally had a 100% attendance record even when he was not playing for a long period due to a shoulder injury. A personal thanks to Warwick for his support and direction in my first year as Club Captain.

Thanks to Ray, Anthony, Lindsay and Ning for helping to organise social play on Sunday mornings and to Ning and Ian on Wednesday nights and of course, Warwick whenever needed.

The end of month round robins were popular again in 2014. Thanks to all members for endeavouring to arrive promptly as this makes the organisation a lot less stressful. Thanks to Alan for the regular reminder emails. Thanks to the vice captain committee of Ray, Anthony, Lindsay and Ning for the help with running proceedings.

The 2014 Club Championships were a great success. We did miss a few regular competitions due to injury but still had good numbers. The completion date (the last week of 2014) was later than anticipated due to more than average rain days and player injuries. Thanks to Warwick for his help with organising matches which required many emails and phone calls. Thanks to Ray for his assistance in running the championships and for organising the winners trophies. Thanks to all entrants and congratulations again to the winners.

**Chris Bird**  
**Club Captain**