

Wakehurst Tennis Club

Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting,
held on the 12th February, 2017

Opening:

The annual general meeting of the Wakehurst Tennis Club was called to order at 12:20pm on Sunday the 12th of February, 2017 at Wakehurst Golf Club by Warwick Bookallil.

Present:

Warwick Bookallil	Alan Howes	Chris Bird
Chris Buck	Wendy Sullivan	Michelle Stevens
Andrew Todd	Anthony Thompson	Elaine Dudgeon

Guests:

Apologies:

David Weston	Lindsay Phillips	Stephanie Phillips
Ray Dummett	Julia Kia	

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on the 14th of February, 2016 were unanimously approved.

B. President's Report

Warwick Bookallil presented the President's Report. A proposal to adopt the report was proposed by Alan Howes, seconded by Anthony Thompson 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 Anthony Thompson, seconded by Andrew Todd 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 Alan Howes, seconded by Chris Buck 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 2017.

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 Chris Buck and seconded by Warwick Bookallil. Andrew Todd was elected unanimously.

Captain

Lindsay Phillips was nominated by Warwick Bookallil and seconded by Chris Bird. Lindsay Phillips was elected unanimously.

Vice Captain

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

Social Secretary

Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon were appointed by Warwick Bookallil.

Communications Officer

Alan Howes was appointed by Warwick Bookallil.

F. Any Other Business

Chris Buck asked about the club strategy for player numbers and events. The meeting discussed that there is always a need for new players to replace those moving away or suffering injuries. Alan Howes asked if there was an optimum level of players and Warwick Bookallil responded that an ideal participation is 15 players on a Wednesday and 25 on a Sunday.

The attendees discussed if there are alternative ways to supplement income such as raffles. There was general agreement to spend some time in 2017 to think about fee structures.

Andrew Todd raised that having the annual general meeting in February is problematic with hot weather leading to a reduction in attendance over the last couple of years. Chris Buck mentioned that at other clubs the AGM is often accompanied by an event such as a barbecue or finals day.

Warwick Bookallil indicated that after 9 years as President and Treasurer he is considering relinquishing these roles at the next AGM. The remaining committee members will work on a transition plan with Warwick over the next 12 months.

Close:

Warwick Bookallil adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm. The date of the next annual general meeting will be nominated at the end of 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Todd

Approved by: Warwick Bookallil

Appendix A - President's Report

2016 was affected by many factors. These included a record number of weather affected sessions both rain and heat. Also players were unavailable for many reasons including long term injuries. In spite of these situations 2016 was still the fourth highest year in the last nine years. For newer players, Wakehurst Tennis Club is an independent hirer of Wakehurst Tennis Courts and is not directly connected with Wakehurst Tennis management.

We still need younger and good standard players to prepare for the future. We have continued our entries in the Manly Daily but Tennis has more competing interests than ever. The number of Tennis Australia and Wakehurst Junior Championships has declined from the numbers a few years ago. As most of you know these Tennis Australia tournaments are written into the lease for Wakehurst Tennis. Wakehurst Tennis has ten courts and can usually accommodate us on these occasions as well. If this is not possible we go to our alternate courts at Belrose.

As a social competitive Tennis Club we do appreciate the Wakehurst Golf Club for traditional drinks/lunch after tennis.

In 2016 we had the same committee as 2015. The Club Captain, Chris Bird, organised the high standard running of the Club Championships in spite of the usual hurdles of weather, injuries and periods where players were away. The Club Vice Captains, Ray Dummett, Anthony Thompson, Lindsay Phillips, Ning Stewart and Iain Matthews did their job of organising the play well. This is a much harder job than it looks and is essential. We have the long standing Club Secretary Andy Todd taking the minutes and is much appreciated for our internet records and other work. Alan Howes handles the direct Club Communications and keeps the email list in good order. This is of great assistance in running the Club.

The Club is extremely fortunate to have two Social Secretaries in Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon. The best function was the End of Year dinner held at Stella Blu at Dee Why that was well attended.

Potential competition players should apply to the Wakehurst Tennis Partners who will organise this aspect.

As always the high standard of behaviour and dress in the Club is much appreciated.

All the best for tennis in 2017,

Warwick Bookallil
President

Appendix B - Captain's Report

It was another year of good, competitive tennis.

There was the usual challenge of estimating player numbers, booking courts and organising change of venue when required, which was often at last minute notice. A special thanks to Warwick from all the members for his huge effort during the year.

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

The end of month round robins were popular again in 2016. 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.

Numbers were also a little down in the 2016 Club Championships. Even after rained out days, injuries, holidays, etc. we managed to finish the championships as scheduled. Thanks to Warwick for his help with organising matches which required many emails and phone calls. Thanks to Ray for your assistance in running the championships and organising the winners' trophies. Thanks to all entrants and congratulations again to the winners.

Chris Bird
Club Captain