

Wakehurst Tennis Club

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting,
held on the 14th February, 2016

Opening:

The annual general meeting of the Wakehurst Tennis Club was called to order at 11:45am on Sunday the 14th of February, 2016 at Wakehurst Tennis Courts by Warwick Bookallil.

Present:

Warwick Bookallil	Ning Stewart	Chris Bird
Lindsay Phillips	Stephanie Phillips	Lisa Rush
Andrew Todd	Anthony Thompson	Elaine Dudgeon
Andrew Hoile		

Guests:

Apologies:

David Weston	Alan Howes	Mike van Wyk
Ray Dummett	Julia Kia	Roger Ireland
Wendy Sullivan	Clive Davis	Michelle Stevens
Chris Buck		

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on the 8th of February, 2015 were unanimously approved.

B. President's Report

Warwick Bookallil presented the President's Report. A proposal to adopt the report was proposed by Lindsay Phillips, seconded by Stephanie Phillips 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 Elaine Dudgeon, seconded by Stephanie Phillips 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 Andrew Todd, seconded by Elaine Dudgeon 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 2016.

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 Stephanie Phillips 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, Iain Matthews and Lindsay Phillips

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

Stephanie Phillips has asked that the club ask Wakehurst Courts to clear the courts before play each day. The secretary will write a letter that the president and captain can present to the court managers.

Lindsay Phillips recommended the captain's idea of a single competition round robin each month rather than splitting into 2 groups. It was agreed that this will be the preference where possible for 2016 and onwards.

Close:

Warwick Bookallil adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm. The date of the next annual general meeting will be nominated at the end of 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Todd

Approved by: Warwick Bookallil

Appendix A - President's Report

Since I began the position of President and Treasurer in 2008 Wakehurst Tennis Club has had seven years of continuous growth. However 2015 was a much harder year. We lost a number of players who moved interstate and intrastate and Warringah Council increased the charge for Wakehurst Tennis Courts. Another factor was the number of weather affected sessions which totalled sixteen in all. In spite of these circumstances 2015 was the third highest year of the period after record years in 2013 and 2014.

For newer players, Wakehurst Tennis Club is an independent hirer of the tennis courts and is not connected with Wakehurst Tennis Management. My main wish for the club is to obtain more good standard players especially younger ones for the present and future. We have continued our entries in the Manly Daily but look for current players to recommend newcomers. We also use our alternate tennis courts at Belrose to maintain fitness and continuity when Wakehurst Tennis Courts are closed or unavailable. The number of junior tournaments at Wakehurst has about halved which is easier from our point of view, though we are enthusiastic about Junior Tennis of course.

As a social competitive tennis club we appreciate the facilities at Wakehurst Golf Club for traditional drinks and lunch after tennis on a Sunday morning. In 2015 we had the same committee as 2014. The Club Captain, Chris Bird, did an outstanding job. The Club Championships went well with a more compact time frame and input from Chris Bird of course, Melinda Gray, Ray Dummett, Anthony Thompson and Andy Todd. The Round Robins on the last Sunday of each month are important for the club and attendances have been high. The vice captains are appointed to share in the operation of club play. This is much harder than it looks with numbers needed to replace the captain and other vice captains if they are playing, injured or away. By appointment the vice captains are Ray Dummett, Anthony Thompson, Lindsay Phillips and Ning Stewart. Iain Matthews is a new appointment for Wednesday night sessions.

Andy Todd is the club secretary and expert minute take for the AGM. He is also valued as the club record keeper and historian. Alan Howes handles the direct club communications with members and regular players. He maintains the email address list and has been of great assistance to me in this area. The club is extremely well off to have two social secretaries in Julia Kia and Elaine Dudgeon. The functions they organised in 2015 had great variety including indoor bowls and dinner at the TAFE hospitality course. The main function was our end of year party at Clive Davis' lovely house at Freshwater which is well set up for live entertainment and partying. Clive, Julia and Elaine co-operated in the organisation and the night was a great success and much appreciated.

Potential competition players can apply to Wakehurst Tennis Courts at the office. As always the standard of dress and behaviour in the club is high and much admired.

All the best for tennis in 2016,

Warwick Bookallil
President

Appendix B - Captain's Report

Member numbers were down in 2015 but still a lot of good, competitive tennis was played. It seems that many members moved out of the area.

There were the usual challenges 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 2015. 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 2015 Club Championships were a great success however the numbers were down in the women's competitions. 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