

Wakehurst Social Tennis Club

Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting, held on 26th February 2023 @ 11.37am

Opening: The annual general meeting of the Wakehurst Social Tennis Club was called to order at 11:37am on Sunday the 26th of February 2023 at Wakehurst Golf Club by Danny Mavromatis.

Present: Danny Mavromatis, Lindsay Phillips, Anthony Thompson, George Sotelo, Andy Todd, Ning Stewart, Elaine Wooffindin, Chris Bird, Heather Olsen, Shane Bruce, Wendy Sullivan, Alan Howes, Roy Shackley (arrived at noon)

Apologies: Tracey Leitch, Scott Kirkland, Lisa Rush & John Foot (verbally to President)

Guests: None

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting (submitted by Danny Mavromatis on the 4th February 2023) were unanimously approved.

B. President's Report

Danny presented the President's Report. A motion to adopt the report was proposed by and unanimously approved by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix A.

C. Treasurer's Report

Ning Stewart presented the Treasurer's Report. A proposal to adopt the report was put forward and approved unanimously by those present. A copy of the report is included as Appendix B. The Financial Report is also included.

D. Election of Officers

The current committee stood down from their posts and elections were held for a committee to serve during 2023.

President: Danny Mavromatis was nominated by Ning Stewart and seconded by Wendy Sullivan. Danny was elected unanimously to serve again. Note that in terms of responsibilities for this position – Ning Stewart will liaise with Voyager as required along with Danny.

Vice President: Andy Todd was nominated by Wendy Sullivan and seconded by Lindsay Phillips. He was elected unanimously.

Secretary: George Sotelo was nominated by Lindsay Phillips and seconded by Elaine Wooffindin, elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Ning Stewart was nominated by Alan Howes and seconded by Lindsay Phillips. She was elected unanimously to continue in this role.

Assistant Treasurer: Heather Olsen was happy to be appointed unanimously.

Club Captain: Anthony Thompson agreed to continue in this role which he has held for more than a decade.

General Play Co-Ordinator: Left vacant due to reduced membership.

Sun Play Co-Ordinators: Shane Bruce and Chris Bird accepted this responsibility with Anthony having overall authority, Shane and Chris assisting as needed.

Wed Night Coordinators: Danny Mavromatis and Ning Stewart agreed to continue in the role.

Club Championship Co-Ordinator: Left vacant due to reduced membership making having championships nonviable.

Social Committee: Heather Olsen, Wendy Sullivan and Julia Kia agreed to continue.

E. Any Other Business

Club Championships: Postponed for this year until membership increases to at least 25.

Donations/Sponsorship: Wendy reported that she had negotiated with Bunnings to provide \$400 in \$20 vouchers to be used as prize money throughout the year. The sponsorship will be provided shortly in one sum.

Fees: Membership fees will be reviewed by the executive at the end of June depending on finances. It was agreed to keep casual/visitor fees at \$20 for both Sunday and Wednesday as a way to balance being able to attract new players without discouraging membership take-up. Wendy Sullivan raised the question of whether the Round Robin fee of \$5 was still necessary. The reasoning being that since we have sponsorship, a fee for prizes is unnecessary. By a vote of hands a majority decided to dispense with the fee until mid-year to see how it affects club finances. It was also agreed to relinquish Court 1 on Sundays due to low turnout. That means we now only hire 3 courts on Sunday mornings (maximum 12 players on court) and 2 courts on Wednesday nights (maximum 8 players on court).

Promotion/Relegation for RR: Not relevant at present since we will only have one playing group on 3 courts for the foreseeable future.

Play Co-ordination Guidelines: Anthony explained that he strives to balance the sets if possible and mix players of different abilities but he also needs to ensure that stronger players have some higher-level sets so that they are motivated to stay as members. It was agreed that this was a reasonable approach and the responsibility was bestowed on Anthony to strike a happy medium. Also, if the play co-ordinators are on-court, any other players sitting off should try and organise their own next set(s) to avoid wasting time and causing disruption.

Attracting New Members: Previous membership was 27, currently stands at 17 which is quite low. Heather will print out posters inviting participation and put them in public places. Wendy will offer our remaining \$10 vouchers to Bunnings staff should any be tennis players. Danny has asked the Northern Beaches Council to add our web-site to their Sports Associations page as a means of advertising our existence. It was generally agreed that we could offer one free session to any new player as a means of trying to improve club numbers.

Tennis Etiquette: Danny to send an email with the current etiquette to be followed by all players.

Close:

The date of the next annual general meeting will be nominated at the end of 2023. Danny Mavromatis adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm.

Appendix A – President’s Report (available on web-site)

Appendix B – Treasurer’s & Finance Reports (available on web-site)

Presentation of trophies to the winners of the 2022 Club Championships – not held due to COVID-19 restrictions

Mixed Doubles:

Ladies’ Doubles:

Men’s’ Doubles:

Ladies’ Singles:

Men’s’ Singles:

Presidents’ Prize: