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## Annual General Meeting Minutes (129<sup>th</sup> AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> as Inc. body) Sunday 16 October 2016

President Ralph Muir-Morris opened the meeting at 5.30pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Attendance:** 27 members signed the Register (original 19 page signed list in filing cabinet with these minutes): Rohan Appleton, Debra Bolic, Robin Borchard, Anthony Byrnes, Colman Cohan, Andy Eger, June Eger, Ian Fuelscher, Barry Gaudion, Valerie Grigoletto, Diane Hamilton, Wes Horskins, Mitch Hsu, Julie Kealey, Tony Lane, Paul Lidgerwood, Jiayun Lu, Andrew McVean, Glenn Mescher, Ralph Muir-Morris, Sarah Preston, Ian Reade, Geoff Rutherford, Ron Van Bommel, Chris Woods, Marina, Woods, Clive Wright.

**Apologies:** Mary King, Sue Taylor, Barry Brennan, Ron Milledge, Anthony Oakes, Clive Edmonds, Kathleen Egan.

### **Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:**

It was proposed that the Minutes of the AGM, held Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015, were a true and correct record of that meeting.

*Proposed: Chris Woods*

*Seconded: Tony Lane*

*CARRIED*

No business arose from those minutes.

### **President's Report:**

Ralph read a shorter version of his '2016 President's Court Talk' report. The full President's Report is:

*This year we are seeing reward for the efforts of all involved with EMTC. We have taken large strides towards the future. In an era where many Tennis Clubs are on the downturn, we are thriving. There are many people to thank for our continued development. The first group are the Committee, who continue to make my life easy as President and have shown what can be done with sustained effort. We are now a better organised, and better run, Club thanks in large part to Deb. She has got her head around all things EMTC and it's hard to imagine how we coped before. We have so much going on that we now need assistance for Deb. She does too much "Voluntary Work" as part of the Committee, and while everyone appreciates it, this is not sustainable.*

*Ian continues to be a "National Treasure" for us with the Juniors. We have the Pied Piper in our midst and I know all the families will join me in thanking him. For the Seniors, Rohan and Chris continue to grow our competitions. If I could take over another club tomorrow, I would. The demand for Courts is the result of increasing numbers of Teams playing. Thanks also to Peter Car and Alan Young for their efforts.*

*Paul's efforts with sponsorship have been brilliant. This is now a significant part of our income, and given there was nothing before he started, we can only sing his praises. We run the biggest Community Club in Victoria and managing the Finances is critical to our future success. Financial Management and Governance is also crucial. In the background Julie continues to deliver on our Business Strategy. Our success with Council and Sponsors have come through her work.*

*I would also like to acknowledge the commercial expertise and advice the Committee has at its disposal with Glenn, Chris and Andrew. They are always there to guide and assist the rest of us in our endeavours. The day to day running of a Club, with the court surface we have, is significant. We are very fortunate to have the services of our, live in Engineer, Robin. He has shown the capacity to turn his hand to most things. The fact that Helen and Robin are about, makes the Club safer, and more accessible. Thanks go to Clive for being willing to offer advice and help as needed.*

*I want to acknowledge the reappointment of Chris, Andrew, Rohan, Julie and Paul to the Committee. As mentioned, we are very fortunate to have them.*

*The New Lights Project is underway. Lots of planning and preparation to be done. This is the third significant project for us, now the Surfaces have been renewed and the Constitution is in place. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and input.*

### Treasurer's Report:

Deb presented a written report (copy attached) on behalf of Treasurer Andrew along with the audited 2016 Financial Report. Andrew has only been in the job since April 16 and as Deb has handled most of the work to the end of June 16 it was decided she would present. A couple of questions were asked re items on the Financials and Deb answered them satisfactorily. Tony Lane pointed out that sponsorship has helped with the bottom line and therefore allowed us to do a number of jobs we may not have otherwise been able to do.

*On Andrew's behalf Deb MOVED that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2015/16 be accepted.*

*Seconded: Tony Lane*

**CARRIED**

Deb presented two Auditor's Quotes for the 2017 Audit:

Chenoweth Accounting \$2300 +GST,

and Scott Partners \$1500 +GST.

*Barry Gaudion MOVED that we accept the Scott Partners quote.*

*Seconded: Di Hamilton*

**CARRIED**

### 25 Years' Membership:

We have two members reach this amazing milestone in 2016: Clive Wright and Anthony Oakes. Ralph said a few words about Clive - he has been an active member of the club and although he can't play to his previous ability due to injury Clive has continued to come to the Club and is always willing to help out where needed, he has a lovely nature both on and off the court and we hope to see him here for many years to come. Ralph presented Clive's certificate and Clive thanked the group.

Unfortunately Anthony had a prior commitment and was unable to attend so Deb will post his certificate.

### Sponsorship:

Paul asked if anyone had any questions regarding our current sponsors. A few members had queries about who they were and how we can engage them at the Club. Paul advised we are now in the process of negotiating a further 12 month partnership. The initial partnership/sponsorship proposals were compelling due to our Club size, standing in Tennis Victoria and general professionalism. The next 12 months is more difficult as the sponsors will look at how they have benefited over the last year. Bank of Melbourne is a great partner for us to continue with as we have already had a number of referrals (special thanks to Chris, Wes and Glenn) but we need more members to mention the Club and have a conversation regarding their mortgage. This shows the partnership is working for both the bank and EMTC. Julie is working with Marshall White and Ralph with Audi Penfold. It is important that we work together. Paul/Ralph/Julie asked that in members general conversation with family/friends if finances/home sales/car purchase arises mention the EMTC sponsors.

### Office Bearers for 2016/17:

The five (of nine) positions available for election this year were unopposed:

- Vice President - Chris Woods
- Treasurer - Andrew McVean
- Director 1 - Rohan Appleton
- Director 2 - Julie Kealey
- Director 3 - Paul Lidgerwood

### AGM Court Talk:

The annual 2015/16 printed "AGM Court Talk" is available for members to take home today. Copies will be left in the Clubhouse and it will be available on our website next week. If anyone wants a copy posted please let Deb know.

Valerie G wished to thank the committee for all their efforts this year.

As there was no other business **Ralph declared the meeting closed at 6.05pm.**