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Annual General Meeting Minutes (131st AGM 4th as Inc. body) Sunday 28th October 2018

President Ralph Muir-Morris opened the meeting at 5.10pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Attendance: 33 members signed the Register (original signed page in filing cabinet with these minutes): David Adin, Rohan Appleton, Ine Andersen, Debra Bolic, Robin Borchard, Sarah Bullen, Tony Byrne, Colman Cohan, Rajat Dang, Trish Dennis, Kathleen Egan, Andy Eger, June Eger, Janos Fodor, Alisha Fulker, Valerie Grigoletto, Diane Hamilton, Wes Horskins, Tony Lane, Michael Lee, Paul Lidgerwood, Jiayun Lu, Parag Manihar, Ralph Muir-Morris, Katharine Mullins, Paul Tyrer, KC Wong, Chris Woods, Marina Woods, Clive Wright, Liling Xie, Ian Yorke, Alan Young.

Apologies: Andrew McVean, Glenn Mescher, Mitch Hsu, Sarah Preston, Jill & Allen Broad, Sue Taylor, David Spittle, Christine Garth, Rob Mescher, Jenny Turner, Lindsay Markham, Rod Barnes, Ian Reade, Clive Edmonds.

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:

It was proposed that the Minutes of the AGM, held Sunday 29th October 2017, were a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Chris Woods Seconded: Tony Lane

CARRIED

President's Report:

Ralph advised he wouldn't read his whole speech, which can be found in the '2018 President's Court Talk' report. Instead he spoke about the 2017/18 year as strengthening our relationship with Stonnington Council and continuing with the smooth running of the Club.

He spoke further on our Clubhouse and us encouraging Stonnington to get moving on upgrading our facilities. He and Alisha recently attended a meeting re the controversial Chadstone Netball/basketball facility and the \$40M+ that may be spent there. It is a pity they can't also allocate 'a couple of million' to provide a successful club like ours with a new Clubhouse. He also touched on the great work by Rohan & Paul spearheading a recent meeting with our Ward Councillors and how this is a big step in the right direction.

Ralph made special mention of Paul Lidgerwood and his fantastic work on the Committee and how sorry we are to see him leaving the Committee. He did fantastic work getting our Sponsors on board, along with many other things that have helped get the club noticed.

He spoke about Robin and the work he has done here over the years and how he now needs to back off on most areas (other than cleaning & courts). The Club will need to have more Working Bees to keep on top of general maintenance, and we will most likely need to contract a 'handyman'. Anyone who can help please let Deb know.

Ralph welcomed Parag to the Committee and thanked him for nominating to work with us.

We had a stall at the Lloyd St Primary School Community Fair yesterday to promote both the Club and the 'Fun Female Cardio Tennis program' we are running shortly (using a Grant obtained from Tennis Vic & State Govt). We had a couple of families sign up, and made ourselves know there.

Night Comp is still thriving and there is probably only room for one more team on a Thursday. Tony (ably assisted by Tom) does an amazing job with the Juniors. Thanks to Rohan for his work with the Seniors & Maintenance, and Andrew & Glenn with their finance & business knowledge. Alisha continues to work on getting females back into tennis. Ralph also thanked Deb, and Katharine, for their tireless work keeping the place running.

Treasurer's Report:

Deb presented the Treasurer's report, on Andrew's behalf, including a short written report (copy attached) along with the audited 2018 Financial Report. They reported even though we made a small loss this year the Club is still strong financially. There weren't any questions from the floor regarding the report, and members were reminded they can email Deb in the office if they have any queries.

*Debra MOVED that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2017/18 be accepted.
Seconded: Marina Woods CARRIED*

Debra recommended we accept Scott Partners \$1560 + GST Auditor's Quote for the 2019 Audit.
The quorum agreed with this recommendation. CARRIED

25 Years' Membership:

We have four member reaching this special milestone in 2018: Christine Garth, Mark Gani, Robert Mescher and Selma Ruddick.

Unfortunately, all recipients were unable to attend the AGM to receive their Certificate. They will collect it from Deb in the office when able.

Sponsorship:

Ralph spoke briefly regarding our sponsors Bank of Melbourne & Penfold Audi, who have supported us again this year, albeit in a smaller dollar capacity. A big thanks again to Paul, committee members, and our wonderful EMTC members for making this possible. For sponsorships to continue we need our members to utilise their services, which helps strengthen the relationships.

Office Bearers for 2018/19:

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

- Vice President - Chris Woods
- Treasurer - Andrew McVean
- Director 1 - Rohan Appleton
- Director 2 - Tony Lane
- Director 3 - Parag Manihar

AGM Court Talk:

The annual 2017/18 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 would like a copy posted to them please let Deb know.

Other Business:

Paul T - questioned where we are with the new Clubhouse. Rohan advised from our meeting with Council (as per Court Talk) we are definitely on top of their Agenda. They are aware of us, and our size, so we need to continue with communication and meetings with them. As Ralph said previously, Stonnington are still very caught up in the Chadstone Netball battle.

Rohan also spoke re the Car Park and how we have been continually trying to get it sealed. There is still the ongoing issue with ownership and Vic Roads/Stonnington. Ralph advised Michael O'Brien (local State MP) has promised to get it done if he is elected in the upcoming election.

Colman C suggested we have the Financial Report available to members one week prior to the AGM so members can prepare any questions they may have prior to the AGM. He understands that CAV rules specify the Financials do not need to be presented before the AGM. It was agreed we are not prevented from making them available a week before. Deb advised there is a long process from end of FY year to signing off (including Committee approving / Accountant checking and putting in required format / Auditor carrying out the audit / Committee signing off on final document / printing ready for AGM). This could be adjusted by making the Committee meeting two weeks prior to AGM, ensuring final signing is done and there is time for printing & distribution.

Sarah B asked if EMTC could have a bike rack installed as often there are a number of bikes left laying dangerously around the entry of the Club. Paul L advised Council will usually provide these free as they encourage healthy exercise like bicycling. All agreed this is a great idea and Deb will follow this up.

As there was no other business **Ralph declared the meeting closed at 5.50pm**, and invited members to stay for complimentary drinks and nibbles.