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Annual General Meeting Minutes (130th AGM 3rd as Inc. body) Sunday 29th October 2017

President Ralph Muir-Morris opened the meeting at 5.35pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Attendance: 22 members signed the Register (original signed page in filing cabinet with these minutes): Rohan Appleton, Debra Bolic, Robin Borchard, Andy Eger, June Eger, Diane Hamilton, Wes Horskins Julie Kealey, Tony Lane, Jiayun Lu, Andrew McVean, Glenn Mescher, Ralph Muir-Morris, Sarah Preston, Ian Reade, Ron Van Bommel, Simon Rawson, Jenny Turner, KC Wong, Helen Markham, Katharine Mullins, Alan Young.

Apologies: David Spittle, Yoshi Gilbert, Valerie Grigoletto, Kathleen Egan, Mitch Hsu, Colman Cohan, Paul Lidgerwood, Geoff Rutherford, Rod Barnes, Chris Woods.

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:

It was proposed that the Minutes of the AGM, held Sunday 16th October 2016, were a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Ralph Muir-Morris

Seconded: Di Hamilton

CARRIED

President's Report:

Ralph advised he wouldn't read his whole speech, which can be found in the '2017 President's Court Talk' report. Instead he spoke about the 2016/17 year as 'being recognised', by Tennis Australia & Tennis Victoria with our Newcombe Medal win; Stonnington Council with our light project and the relationship we are building with them; our sponsors and how we promote them etc.

The full President's Report is:

The year seems to have raced by, and we have continued to build on our progress. The work of the Committee, and many of you, has seen many successful activities and outcomes. It is rather nice to be part of Australia's "Most Successful Club". Those of us who play Night Tennis are thrilled to have the new lights. We will retrofit Courts 7 - 10 when the technology allows. This should be relatively inexpensive. As I look around, we have high quality courts and lights; we have a new Constitution and a Solar heated pool. We continue to be busy with maintenance, we are running more events than before, and yet our Financials are in good shape.

Paul's efforts with Sponsors, has had a significant impact on our Club's financial capability. We all owe him a debt of thanks. I would also like to thank the members who have changed to the local Bank of Melbourne (Malvern or Chadstone) and earned the Club some money. Thanks to those who have chosen Rae and her team at Marshall White to sell their house. Anyone who bought an Audi from Penfold, or is having theirs serviced around the corner. Don't forget East Malvern Physio, either.

The tennis competitions are really going well. Chris has worked extremely hard to create so many night teams, we are out of room on a Tuesday night, and busy the other nights. Thanks to Peter Car for helping him with that. Rohan has continued his fine work with Weekend Seniors, ably assisted by Alan. Paul, Chris and Andrew should also be mentioned for the Club Championships. This was a non-event two years ago and now we have a wonderful event for anyone to enter.

From a business perspective, Julie, Glenn and Andrew continue to ensure we are run professionally now, and into the future. Having their depth and breadth of experience is a blessing. The creation of the Strategic Plan was a significant factor with Sponsorship, working with Council and the Newcombe medal.

The quiet achiever on the Committee is Tony. He had the daunting task of taking over from Ian. Ian was a legend at our club when it came to the Juniors. Tony has fitted in seamlessly and is continuing the wonderful work that Ian started. He is also one of the Club's legends. Tony's experience is also a crucial addition to the Committee.

We have found Deb an able assistant in Katharine. If you haven't met her yet, be sure to say "Hello". She has been a great addition to the team. Deb still does too much "Volunteer" work, but I think it has improved. This is a busy time for them with fees to chase up and the membership database to update. We are busier than ever with competition teams and fees and beers need to be accounted for.

This year has also been about managing the paperwork of running a Voluntary Organisation. Like everyone else, we are focussing on keeping our Children safe. There is a lot of Compliance work, potentially. It means that we all need to be vigilant about communicating positively with everyone at the Club, on and off the Court. It is OK to occasionally, have a stern word with yourself (Yes I'm guilty). It is not OK to have a stern word with anyone else, particularly with the under 18's. If anyone has any concerns, please contact myself or any other Committee Member.

A great year on reflection, with plenty more to do. I am grateful to all who have helped, and am looking forward to doing more with all of you.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Andrew presented a short written report (copy attached) along with the audited 2017 Financial Report. He reported the Club is very 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.

Andrew MOVED that the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2016/17 be accepted.

Seconded: Simon Rawson

CARRIED

Andrew recommended we accept Scott Partners \$1530 + GST Auditor's Quote for the 2018 Audit.

The quorum agreed with this recommendation.

CARRIED

Junior Competition: Ralph asked Tony Lane to say a few words regarding his return to Junior Competition. Tony has been a very active member of the Club for many years, including stints as Junior Co-ordinator, President & Treasurer. We are very lucky to have him back in the Junior Co-ordinator role.

Tony said he is pleased to be back in the job and is very lucky to have Deb & Katharine in the office helping out, along with Tom Lidgerwood on Sundays. We have 13 Sunday teams for the Summer season, which presents a challenge with court allocation, but all is running smoothly thanks to the great team.

25 Years' Membership:

We have one member reaching this amazing milestone in 2017: June Eger.

Ralph said a few words about June - she has been an active member of the club, along with her husband Andy (also a "25 Years Club" member). June has been a regular at Friday & Sunday Social, along with attending most of the functions at EMTC. Ralph presented June's certificate.

Sponsorship:

Ralph spoke briefly regarding our sponsors, who have supported us again this year. A big thanks to Paul, committee members, and our wonderful EMTC members for making this possible. The fact that members are utilising their services helps strengthen the relationship.

Office Bearers for 2017/18:

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

- President - Ralph Muir-Morris
- Secretary - Debra Bolic
- Director 4 - Tony Lane
- Director 5 - Glenn Mescher

AGM Court Talk:

The annual 2016/17 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.

Other Business:

A member asked about the timeline for a new Clubhouse. Ralph/Rohan advised that realistically we are 5-10 years away from the completion of a new building. The Malvern Knights clubhouse upgrade was 'officially' approved five years ago and the physical work has just started. Also, the Chadstone Bowls Club/new Netball Facility issue has been front & centre at the moment. Ralph spoke about our relationship with Stonnington Council and how we are working with the new Councillors to reach our goal. We have a very strong working relationship with the Council employees who manage these areas, and we will continue to build on this.

As there was no other business Ralph declared the meeting closed at 5.51pm.