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Annual General Meeting Minutes 5TH AGM (as Inc. body) Sunday 10 November 2019

President Ralph Muir-Morris opened the meeting at 5.04pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Attendance: 22 members signed the Register (original signed page in filing cabinet with these minutes): Jack Appleton, Rohan Appleton, Debra Bolic, Robin Borchard, Sarah Bullen, Terry Croft, Rajat Dang, Kathleen Egan, Andy Eger, June Eger, Alisha Fulker, Valerie Grigoletto, Diane Hamilton, Bronwyn Hardisty, Jiayun Lu, Parag Manihar, Andrew McVean, Glenn Mescher, Sarah Preston, Ralph Muir-Morris, Paul Tyrer, Chris Woods.

Apologies: Jill & Allen Broad, Wes & Lucette Horskins, Tony Lane, Katharine Voudouris, Ian Reade, Rod Barnes (Ralph read an email from Colman Cohan, who has resigned this year).

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes:

It was proposed that the Minutes of the AGM, held Sunday 28th October 2018, were a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed: Alisha Fulker

Seconded: Sarah Bullen

CARRIED

President's Report:

Ralph promised he wouldn't read his whole speech, which can be found in the '2019 President's Court Talk' report. Deb apologised for not having this completed today, but will have it available in next week or so (it needs to be finished and proof-read).

Ralph spoke briefly about what was in his spiel, including:

Competition: We are very busy with night/weekend/junior competition. We are nearly at capacity in all levels (over capacity on Tuesday nights) and this is testament to how well this is organised via the Co-ordinators and Admin Office.

Facilities: He spoke about the age of everything at the Club and how it was a never-ending battle to keep things working. At the moment the sprinkler system is in need of a major overhaul as many parts are rusted/breaking too often, and not covering the courts effectively. This will be expensive, but worth it for the courts in the long run.

Club Championships: Another successful Club Champs were held in September and it is great to be able to present the Open Perpetual Trophy to Jack Appleton (who was the 2017 Junior Open Champ). Ralph read out winners of all the other grades (who are listed in Court Talk).

Thank you to:

Ralph started with Tony Lane, who spends many, many, voluntary hours keeping the Junior Competition going strongly.

Deb for her tireless work, including 'if anyone has a question re anything at the Club Deb is the first one to ask and usually answer'.

Andrew & Deb for managing our finances. We have managed to keep our balance sheet mostly in the black, but have still been able to do many things around the Club. We are looking at more sponsorship to help with finances. Chris for helping Peter Car with Night Comp.

Rohan, Robin & Deb for keeping the never-ending maintenance, and courts, going.

Alisha for her work on the Committee over the last 3 years, and welcome to Sarah who is coming into the vacant position.

Glenn for all his help behind the scenes, drawing from his fantastic business knowledge over many years.

Ralph spoke about how busy everyone's life is these days, and gone are the times where many members had spare time to volunteer around the Club.

Ralph spoke about the new Tennis Australia initiative - 'Open Court Sessions', with the slogan 'Get Your Racquet On'. They are trying something new, a fun way to get people back into tennis. We have signed on for this and it will be run on Friday nights, starting last week of Jan2020. Ralph & Sarah are in charge of this and will keep you informed.

Ralph spoke about the many and varied Government/TA/TV Grants/Initiatives that are available, and Parag is getting involved in the application process for them. There is one available re safety and we will look at applying for that.

He talked about EMTC being a 'line item' in the Stonnington Council Budget for the first time ever. We think it is for general maintenance but it means they are looking at us. This hopefully means a new clubhouse, most likely in the next 4-5 years (still a very long process).

Ralph reiterated that this is his last term as President (or on the Committee) and so we will be looking for someone else to take over. It is also Deb's last year as a Secretary. This is due to the Constitution rules re length of time as a committee member. (Deb will still be able to hold the Admin Officer position, but not be on the Committee.)

Treasurer's Report:

Andrew presented the Treasurer's report (copy attached), along with the audited 2019 Financial Report. He reported we made a small trading profit this year and the Club is still strong financially. Andrew spoke about some of the differences in Income/Expenses, including balls purchased/sold. As per last year's AGM suggestion we posted the financial Annual Report on our website 2-3 weeks prior to this meeting. There weren't any questions from the floor regarding the Annual 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 2018/19 be accepted.
Seconded: Valerie Grigoletto 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 one member reaching this special milestone in 2019: Margaret Sibte. Unfortunately, Margaret was unable to attend the AGM to receive her Certificate. Deb will present it to Margaret at the Club.

Office Bearers for 201/20:

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

- President - Ralph Muir-Morris
- Secretary - Debra Bolic
- Director 4 - Sarah Bullen (new)
- Director 5 - Glenn Mescher

AGM Court Talk:

The annual 2018/19 printed "AGM Court Talk" will shortly be available for members to take home. Copies will be left in the Clubhouse and it will be available on our website in the next week or so. If anyone would like a copy posted to them please let Deb know.

Other Business:

Deb spoke regarding the Club's new Emergency Action Plan & Risk Management Policy. These are currently being developed by Deb and the Committee and will be made available to all members when complete. This is part of the ongoing regulations required by State & Local Government. Deb also reminded members about our Incident & Injury Registers (on top of bar fridge) and 3 x "Evacuation Diagrams" provided by Stonnington Council (Kitchen under first aid box / noticeboard at Clubhouse entry / next to Ladies toilet inside).

Rohan asked how Wes was going and Deb advised he was going well. The quorum sends him best wishes for a speedy recovery.

As there was no other business **Ralph declared the meeting closed at 5.40pm**, and invited members to stay for complimentary drinks and nibbles.