



SCARBOROUGH TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10 June 2023 | 3.30pm
Scarborough Tennis Club

MINUTES

Attendees: Nigel Moyes, Vicki Johnson, Graham Burnfield, Gary Jones, Steve Caddy, Grant Nockolds, Jenny Tomich, Di Nagle, Chris Menhennett, Mary Lindsay, Lucy Cregan, Jeanne Herring, Alan Herring, Karen Caddy, Toby Nicholls, Jerry Cregan, Gaye Wearne, John Cliff, Marie Cliff, Barry Stone, Alan Harwood, Barbara Lee, Pauline Marsh, Jill Howard, Kim Fare, Gemma Criddle, Philippa Long, Rick Willsmore, Conor O'Hara, Wendy Williams

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Vicki Johnson acknowledged that the meeting was being held on Whadjuk Noongar Country and paid respects to Elders past and present.

2. Appointment of Chair for 2023 AGM

Nigel Moyes advised members that under Rule 56 of the Club's Constitution, he would Chair the meeting as the serving Club Chairperson.

3. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

Troy Hancock, Wendy Eggleston, Jenna Valentin, Shane Paskett, Frank Cammilleri, Bob Menhennett, Anne Ayre, Jim Lonergan, Alyse Hicks, Liz Wessels, Bev Sharpe

The Chair advised members that Bruce Mason has covid and was therefore not in attendance but would attend for his report via phone.

4. Acceptance of 2022 AGM Minutes

Members were invited to provide any amendments to the draft minutes of the 2022 AGM. No amendment were required.

Motion:

The members present accept the minutes of the 2022 STC AGM as a true and accurate

record.

Moved: Grant Nockolds

Seconded: Barbara Lee

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Business arising from previous minutes

The Chair provided members with the following updates on matters that were raised at the 2022 AGM:

- Roster system has been revised to release short term rosters throughout the year, avoids issue of non-returning members being rostered and enables new members to contribute.
- Roster reminders are also sent out by the Captain's team which has improved volunteers attending for their duty.
- Hall hire rates have been reviewed and increased in alignment with CPI increases and costs of other City of Stirling owned venues. Average hall hire \$350 with \$400 bond, for members is \$250 with \$300 bond for a night.
- The Club has not proactively promoted hall hire since the renovation but this will be a priority for next year.
- The Committee ran an RSA course which resulted in 17 newly certified bar people, plus another 5 who completed the course independently. The Chair thanked those that have completed it and noted that we need to put the RSA posters up in the bar area.
- Currently have an application lodged for our own liquor licence which will enable us to have more control over when we choose to open the bar.
- 60th anniversary of the club will be this year, black tie event at the club and will honour life members.
- The renovation of the patio area will start in August and is predicted to take 5-6 weeks in time for the start of the grass season. The roofline will be extended to the edge of the concrete, with a 2 tiered roof to improve air flow. The Committee's plan is to be able to enclose the patio during extreme heat or wind/rain. The project is not anticipated to be too disruptive to the tennis season.

6. Tabling of Reports

a. Chairman's Report

Nigel spoke to the report that was provided to members via email ahead of the meeting. The following additional points were made:

- Nigel thanked the renovation sub-committee, members present recognized the contributions.
- Nigel thanked the Committee for their work during a challenging year which included the elected Chairperson vacating the position after 4 weeks and a huge renovation of the club.
- During the year, the Club underwent a rebrand with new Club colours. Nigel advised members that new signs were on the way for the hard court side of the Club which will have QR codes linked to court booking information and how to join the Club.
- In the coming year, the Committee's plan is to continue building memberships. The average age demographic for Scarborough is 37 so this is the part of the community we are targeting. To do this we need to consider our offering to this age bracket including having more night tennis opportunities and flexible membership categories.

- This year the Committee has focussed on improving digital communications through mailchimp to consistently inform members what's happening at the club. This has also included introducing electronic ticketing for all events, but acknowledging that not everyone is comfortable with this so there are opportunities to still purchase tickets with cash through the committee person on duty at social tennis.
- Another priority for the Club is to increase our sponsors. There are plenty of signage spaces on the courts which local businesses could be using to advertise their offering. We have a sponsors pack that makes our sponsorship offerings straight forward but needs someone to take a lead on this.
- Nigel noted that the Academy is a gateway to club members, there are plenty of people participating in group coaching sessions that would be able to join in and contribute to social play.
- Nigel noted the improvement to the hard courts as a result of upgrading the lights to LED. The next priority is to resurface the hard courts, which is especially challenging for courts 5 and 6 which have sustained damage caused by tree roots.
- Nigel noted that we really need to increase the number of hard courts the club has in order to diversify our facilities further to entice new members so the Committee is considering converting 7, 8 and 9 which are long enough for coaching and social play.
- Nigel noted that many committee members are staying on and that this benefits sustainable momentum in the club.

Motion: The members present note the 2023 STC Chairperson's report.

Moved: Graham Burnfield

Seconded: Pauline Marsh

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Treasurer's Report

Bruce Mason dialled in for this agenda item. Bruce invited questions from the members present in response to the 2023 Financial Reports. The following questions were asked:

Q1 – Grant Nockolds noted that the bar income for the last financial year were lower than the previous year which was surprising as this year the bar was not impacted by COVID-19.

A1 – This is because the bar was closed for 6 months during the renovation.

Q2 - Karen Caddy queried how much money is set aside for hard courts.

A2 – Nothing is specifically set aside but money has been identified to carry over for that purpose.

Motion: The members present note the 2023 STC Treasurer's report.

Moved: Jenny Tomich

Seconded: Jo Mullins

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Captain's Report

Gary spoke to his report. The following additional points were raised.

- The Captain's team undertook a regrade which resulted in a few changes to social gradings.
- Social numbers have improved over weekends and Tuesday continues to have strong attendance. Gary thanked Bob Bickford and Frank Camilleri for running Tuesday social play.
- Twilight moved to Thursdays to enable us to use the bar. Up to 10 courts running on some days.
- Australia Day big success with many players from other clubs. Thanks Grant and Steve.

Club Champs participation was strong. Thanks again to Grant for running the show with some great helpers across the weekends.

Pennants – lots of finals but no pennants, thank you Jenna for work as pennant supervisor.

Roster prepared month by month to enable people getting their RSAs to be assigned a bar duty and to ensure that people participating in weekend social play are also contributing to social play. Thanks Jenny and Grant.

Moved Kim 2nd Alan Harwood. Carried.

d. Junior Club Report

Rick presented his report.

Won 4 pennant flags, 14 teams competing. Most junior premierships of any club over the last 6 years. Juniors that are also participating in senior club champs and pennants, important to continue this trend to increase transitions from junior to senior club members. Important that these players continue to be supported through transition into senior pennant play as they receive a lot of support through the junior programs.

Target to have around 100 junior members, currently around 70-80.

Coaching team, very experienced and committed coaches that are improving their skills and developing as coaches.

Feedback representing the juniors, they are members of the club and should be recognized as part of the club community.

Conor asked about the Thursday night pennant hit. Rick – won't continue as a free option but may pivot into some sort of comp format.

Conor asked about pennant coaching for a higher level. Rick responded that he will look into offering something at a higher level including coaching and strategy.

Moved Grant, 2nd Steve Caddy. Carried.

7. Appointment of 2023/2024 Committee

Appointments unopposed. Nigel spoke to vacancies for Social Coordinator and Sponsorship Coordinator.

Bob and Frank will continue as Tuesday Coordinators.

Call for nominations as social coordinator - Pauline Marsh

Sponsorship coordinator – Dirk Jooste.

8. General Business

Steve suggestion to offer junior membership rate for first year or two when transitioning into adult membership playing pennants to incentivize.

Gary – Groundkeeper will close courts on first Tuesday in July (4th).
Tuesday lunch on 27th.

Thank you for court clean ups.

Steve Jones has done a lot of work to keep the weeds off the rocks, needs someone to take this on as a task.

Internal flooding, what's the update? CoS Insurance Assessor came during the week, the Club is in contact with the City to try and prevent it happening again.

Fundraising event info will be sent out this week.

Nigel thanked all attendees.

Meeting closed at 4.40