



**MINUTES OF AGM FOR NORTHCOTE LAW TENNIS CLUB HELD AT
NORTHCOTE TENNIS CLUBROOMS
ON
SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2018 AT 3.00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

Brent Warren, Alison Van Wjk, Mark Taplin, Catherine White, Paul Willi, Noleine Tyler-Davies, Marian Koerselman, Shirley Stevens, Andrea Neil, Brendan Neil, Chris Marshall, John Chesney, Deanne Alter, Sharlene Bergin, Marilyn Hitchcock, Bill Webb, Marion Webb, Kasper Van Wijk, Andrew Spence, Megan Shoebridge, Leigh Elliot, Christine Reidy, Ivor Fong, Jenny Fong

APOLOGIES:

Peter and Anne Sutherland, Miriama and Felix Seitz, Michelle Warren

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:

Brent Warren opened the meeting at 3.00 pm, welcoming and thanking Life Members (Noleine Tyler -Davies, John Chesney, Shirley Stevens, Mark Taplin, Chris Marshall, Bill and Marion Webb), Club Members and Committee Members attending the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Brent paid thanks to Noleine Tyler-Davies for her acceptance to carry on as Club Patron and for her support to the club. He thanked Brett Norris as the Honorary Solicitor and Shane Zhao honorary auditor. He thanked all the volunteers for the club, including team captains, people who have worked on club maintenance issues.

Brent mentioned that in his opinion, the club is in a healthy state, senior membership numbers are similar to last year, whilst junior numbers were well up on the previous year. This was in the face of evidence showing that tennis participation had dropped 43% over the past 10 years across the country, for various reasons. It is more important than ever to ensure we have a welcoming club with first class facilities and members who are willing to volunteer their time to ensure its success. We would be foolish to think that the club will continue to be immune from any drop off in the future, however we are better placed than many other clubs in the region. Children have a wide choice of activities to choose from these days and we are fortunate that we have such a large number of juniors who have chosen Northcote as their club of choice.

There were 29 teams playing in interclub this year, the most out of all the North Shore clubs, 21 of which finished in the top half of their grade. There were 32 junior teams and midweek Ladies have a big list of players. Chelsea Cup women came second while the men came 3rd which was a great achievement.

Brent mentioned the implementation of a club App during the year as a huge benefit to the club for communication purposes and thanked Leigh Elliott for her time and commitment to getting the new format up and running.

The replacement of the court lights with LED technology will be a big project for the committee this year, which it is hoped will be funded by way of a grant. The wheels are already in motion for this. Replacing the existing lights will result in big savings for power and replacement costs which are currently very high when replacing a bulb. The other project is the resurfacing of the club carpark



which is under the jurisdiction of Auckland Council. This will be done in conjunction with sorting out the drainage issues in that area.

Copies of last year's minutes of the AGM were made available at the meeting. It was moved that these be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mark Taplin

Seconded: Noleine Tyler-Davies

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Brett Noonan presented a summary of the statement of accounts. He referred to the Statement of Receipts and payments and explained that this was the same as a cashflow statement, rather than a profit and loss.

There was nothing extraordinary about the results this year, other than the timing of payments to the club coach and Tennis North Harbour which this year occurred prior to the 31 March cut off, as opposed to the prior year where they occurred after 31 March.

Fundraising was up this year as a result of the Quiz Night which was held to contribute to the cost of painting the roof (\$7,000). Capital purchases were well done, the only item being a super soaker.

Closing cash was just under \$100,000 compared to \$110,000 in the year before. Subscriptions were slightly up on the previous year. Bar income was up on the back of good support during the year, and John Chesney was thanked for his hard work.

Repairs and Maintenance was up this year – roof painting and changing court light bulbs which are expensive. Brett stated that the club will need to contribute towards the cost of the court light replacements, in the order of five to ten thousand dollars but that has yet to be decided.

Brett paid thanks to Christine Reidy for all her help over the past season in relation to the accounts.

The club's auditor Shane Zhao has audited the accounts and they have been signed off. Copies of the annual statements were available for everyone to read. It was moved that these be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Chris Marshall

Seconded: Marilyn Hitchcock

REPORTS:

Brent advised that the Annual Report was sent out to members via email which gave some good detail around the clubs activities and achievements during the period.

He invited comments or questions from the floor; there were none.

It was moved that the Annual Report be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mark Taplin

Seconded: John Chesney

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Brent thanked the outgoing committee in their individual capacity of their roles, and in particular thanked Alison and Bevan van Wyk for their contribution over the years to the role of Club Secretary and maintenance officer.



Brent then stood down as President. He then called for nominations for Club President.

Brett Noonan then stated that there was a nomination put forward for Brent Warren, nominated by Grant Borrie and seconded by Christine Reidy. A vote was held and the nomination was unanimously carried.

ELECTED 2018/2019 OFFICERS

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded by	
President	Brent Warren	Grant Borrie	Christine Reidy	CARRIED
Treasurer	Brett Noonan	Brent Warren	Andrew Spence	CARRIED
Secretary	Kirsty Speedy	Brent Warren	Deanne Alter	CARRIED
Social Convenor	Leanne Dore	Brent Warren	Andrew Spence	CARRIED
Publicity/Marketing	Leigh Elliott	Christine Reidy	Ross Pett	CARRIED
Club Captain	Kasper van Wijk	Grant Borrie	Ross Pett	CARRIED
Club Captain	Andrew Spence	Grant Borrie	Ross Pett	CARRIED
Midweek Convenor	Andrea Neill	Leanne Cailliau	Louise Hodson	CARRIED
Work/Maintenance	Peter Slijp	Brent Warren	Deanne Alter	CARRIED
Junior Convenor	Sharlene Bergin	Deanne Alter	Brent Warren	CARRIED

PATRON Noleine Tyler-Davies

HONORARY SOLICITOR Brett Norris

HONORARY AUDITOR Shane Zhao

OPENING DAY:

Opening Day has not been set as yet however it will in late August – members will be advised by the new committee

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2018/19:

Brent Warren proposed that (following discussion by the committee) subscriptions for the 2018/2019 season should remain the same and this was agreed.

The due date for subscriptions was set at 1 September 2018 and the late penalty fee to be imposed from 1 October 2018.

A question was raised by Noleine Tyler-Davies requesting clarification on the fee paid by mid-week restricted members. Shirley Stevens recalled that the subscription was originally for those players restricted to playing club day on a Thursday, however there are a lot of ladies who want to play on another day of the week, not just Thursday. Brent stated that he was not concerned about which day of the week they played on. It was suggested this could be policed by Midweek Ladies who could monitor the situation. Brent stated that the rules would be changed to reflect that this subscription type would apply to any day of the week rather than just Thursdays.

Shirley Stevens raised the issue of members who are not members of the club but who pay \$150 per year to play. Brent replied that this subscription was passed back in 2012. It was put in place to allow club captains to fill places in the higher teams. There was an imbalance of men and women players this year and we were able to source women players to fill the vacancies which would not have otherwise not allowed the other team players to play in their preferred grade. There were not enough women members willing to play in the higher grades. This year the majority of them



played in one team and three of them were rotated around. The definition of the subscription was that it only for summer interclub and one practice per week. Even if they only play one match, they pay \$150. Brent stated that there was little in the way of downside for the club from this arrangement, both financially and competition wise.

There was some debate of how many players were in fact playing under this subscription. Brent advised that outside of those playing Chelsea Cup for the club there were 10 members this season. Andrew Spence covered the reasons for utilising these outside players, in particular the benefits in competition terms. There was a lack of women players wanting to play in the higher grades, which disadvantaged the men players who wanted to play higher up. This was a convenient way of solving this issue. It was noted all top teams played on the same Saturday which didn't help the situation. Brent stated that the rules would be changed to reflect that this subscription type would apply to any one nominated day of the week rather than just Thursdays.

Marian Koerselman raised a point regarding the enforcing of late payment fees for those players who payed late. If they didn't pay then they can't play. Brett Noonan replied that he and Christine (in particular) actively chase late payments either by sending out emails or by direct contact. It is difficult to police people who don't pay on time but still carry on playing. The situation however has improved markedly over the last two-three years and collection rates in the September are in fact very high and there were few late payers by the end of the season. The comment was noted and the issue will be dealt with during this year's subscription period.

Brent then moved the motion that the Subscriptions for the 2018/19 year be kept at the same level as this year. The motion was passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Marilyn Hitchcock raised a concern about the recent public parking in our carpark, taking up spaces used by members. Was there any rules or ways of deterring the public from doing this. Brent replied that we can raise it with the Council as part of the carpark refurbishment. It may be due to the current road works going on in Lake Road. Otherwise there was little the club could do as it is public land. Marilyn also noted concerns about drainage in the area and the build up of water. This was acknowledged and it was agreed the committee will champion this as part of the carpark redevelopment.
2. John Chesney gave formal notice that he would stand down from operating the bar on 31 March 2019, having performed the job for 25 years. He noted that over that time he had seen the bar profits go from \$400 up to around \$11,500 in recent years, a great achievement. It has helped to keep the subs down. John was applauded by everyone for his contribution to the club.
3. Noleine Tyler-Davies noted that she was very happy about progress regarding placement of photos on the club wall.
4. Sharlene Bergin raised an question about installing shade sales or some sort of shelter near the back courts for players and others eg. on the side seating This could be done by way of a grant. The committee will consider this.
5. Ivor Fong was concerned about the hollow at the base of court 2. The committee will contact Tiger Turf to look at this and hopefully rectify.

MEETING CLOSED at 3.40pm.