

## EAST GIPPSLAND REGIONAL NETWORK

Operating as Tennis East Gippsland  
ABN 98 780 739 253

### MINUTES OF 2013 AGM HELD AT 73 RIVERINE STREET, BAIRNSDALE 11 SEPTEMBER 2013 COMMENCING 8 PM

- Chairperson:** John Glynn was appointed to the chair  
***Moved by Margaret Supplitt, seconded Michelle Brooker***
- In attendance:** Adam Feiner, Tennis Victoria Community Tennis Officer, Julie Glynn, Margaret Supplitt, Michelle Brooker, Linda McIntyre, David Downie
- Apologies:** Kelly Fitzgerald (provided Proxy), Robin Lowe, Nigel Carr
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of the 2012 AGM were read and received  
***Moved by Linda McIntyre, seconded David Downie***
- Business Arising:** None
- Reports:** (previously distributed)
1. Network Coordinator Report  
Discussion ensued in relation to –
- (a) Technical disparities between Tennis Victoria's new network operational rules and our Rules of Association under the new Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012  
***John Glynn to draft updated Rules of Association to incorporate the new operational rules***
  - (b) Gippsland Premier League going into recess following withdrawal of interest from Central Gippsland entities  
***Adam Feiner will liaise with both Regions to recommend the revival of GPL in October 2014***
  - (c) Need for more support of
    - o local tournaments, including Junior Masters, and Bairnsdale and Sale Junior Opens, and
    - o development of Hot Shots competitions
2. Financial Report
- Moved that both Reports be accepted by David Downie, seconded Michelle Brooker***
- Correspondence:** None
- Elections:** Under the new Tennis Victoria Regional Network operational rules, the previous office bearer positions of president, secretary and treasurer have been withdrawn, and replaced with less formal Coordinator positions

As stated in his Network Coordinator Report, John Glynn stood down from this position. In addition, Julie Glynn stood down as Business Development Coordinator (formerly Secretary)

#### Position

Network Coordinator

#### Nominations

Michelle Brooker

*Accepted, but recanted overnight*<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ***Subsequent to the meeting, Craig Radford offered a late nomination and was elected as Network Coordinator***

Teams & Events Coordinator	Linda McIntyre, Margaret Supplitt (shared position)
Business Development Coordinator	John Glynn, Julie Glynn (joint caretaker appointments until permanent replacement)
Promotion & Communication Coordinator	See below <sup>2</sup>
General Committee <sup>3</sup>	
Voting members	Tennis Victoria club affiliates
Non Voting members	Non Tennis Victoria affiliates

<sup>3</sup> ***Clubs to use prescribed Club Representative Nomination Form***

**Appointments:** Formerly titled Division Contact, it was agreed the appointments to be renamed Division Ambassadors

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominations</u></b>
Eastern Division Ambassador	Kelly Fitzgerald <i>Received by Proxy</i>
Western Division Ambassador	TBA
Country Committee Substitute Delegates	John Glynn and Julie Glynn
Inter Regional Country Championships Manager	Aidan Fitzgerald

**General Business:** Regional Postal and Email Communication <sup>2</sup>  
Discussion ensued in relation to the Promotion & Communication Coordinator position and it was suggested and unanimously agreed that the Ambassadors assume responsibility for this position, and with Coordinators assistance, seek a suitable person(s) to be authorised to manage the website and introduce Facebook.  
***John Glynn and Margaret Supplitt to liaise with Eastern and Western Division Ambassadors to coordinate the way forward***

Calendar of Events

It was the general opinion that the Ambassadors are in the best position to assume responsibility to complete the annual calendar.

Associations and clubs are encouraged to provide their own calendars to their respective Ambassadors so clashes can be minimised.

***John Glynn to liaise with Eastern and Western Division Ambassadors to coordinate the way forward***

Junior Masters Circuit (10/U, 12/U, 14/U, 16/U)

It was considered to be of paramount importance for our junior players that the Circuit which commenced in 2004 be continued, and in a round robin format, however, the Region Network did not have the capacity to physically conduct the Lead-in events in this coming season

Lead-in events were sanctioned for Sale in October, Maffra in November, Bairnsdale in December, and Lakes Entrance in February

***Clubs are encouraged to set appropriate dates in these months as soon as possible and provide these dates to Linda McIntyre and Margaret Supplitt***

It was further considered the most appropriate persons to take responsibility for the future conduct of each of the Lead-in events are our Club Professional Coaches who may choose to liaise with their Club Committee to ensure the event is conducted in the best manner

***Division Ambassadors are asked to liaise with Club Professional Coaches of the four clubs to encourage their best conduct of these events***

***John Glynn agreed to maintain the Progressive Points Standings in the upcoming season should one of the Coaches doesn't assume that responsibility***

The Lead-in events will be followed by the Masters Finals in Bairnsdale in April 2013 conducted by a person approved by the Network Committee.

2014 Tennis Victoria Junior Cups & Associations Challenge

Approved dates and venues for Junior Cups are to be circulated by Tennis Victoria shortly. It was reported the Associations Challenge has been rescheduled away from the June Queens Birthday and the approved date and venue remains under consideration

Future Region Pennant and/or Lightning Premiership

John Glynn reported that a survey of players in last season's GPL players showed that of the 46 participants, 30 would not have competed in any other Saturday local pennant had GPL not been played. This is a most concerning statistic for clubs with major ramifications in the absence of GPL this season

It was considered that Club Presidents are the most suitable persons to assume responsibility with the Network Coordinator for any possible development of such events, which should include juniors and seniors

Intra Regional Championships

Discussion raised concern that these ceased some years ago. Adam Feiner reported that some Regions are re-introducing Intra Regional Championships in their calendars, realising on the aspirational importance of such event

The meeting felt our Region Network did not have the capacity to reintroduce these Championships this season, but will keep them in mind for future seasons

***David Downie subsequently suggested he liaise with Club Presidents in due course to explore interest in such events and general Network matters for the benefit of clubs and players***

Close 10:40 pm

Confirmed as a true record.  
John Glynn  
Chair