



The Old Woolstore A.Y.C. Tennis Association

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June 2015

President: Mike Hodge

Secretary: Beth Wisniewski

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MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27th June 2016

Present.

Beth Kennelly, John McKay, Lisa McKay, Mike Hodge, Sandy Hodge, Daniel Kaimatsoglu, Harry Crowe, Maxwell Crowe, Steve Thomas, David Frost, Gail Palmer, John Fletcher, Campbell Palfrey, Dianne Fincke, Luke Lehmann, Fay Ibbott, Ros Williams, Peter Hobday and Walter Apps.

The meeting was opened at 7-30pm by Mike Hodge and members were welcomed to the 2016 AYC Annual General Meeting.

Item 1. Apologies:

Lisa Bowerman, Pip Morrison and Trish Jay.

Item 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last AGM were made available on www.tennis.tas.com.au/ayc and the link to this site was emailed to all Club committee members. Recipients were asked to forward the email to other Club members.

A motion that the minutes be accepted was moved by Dianne Fincke and seconded by Lisa McKay. The motion was **carried**.

Item 3. Business Arising from previous minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

Item 4. Adoption of Annual Report

Copies of the Annual Report for 2015/16 were made available prior and at the meeting.

Peter Hobday noted that Lindisfarne had been left off the list of clubs. Mike apologised for oversight.

Ros Williams made mention that St Therese's Tennis club was no longer located at Amy Street Moonah.

Mike Hodge advised these amendments would be made before a copy of the annual report was made available on the website following the meeting.



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A motion to adopt the Annual Report was moved by Mike Hodge and seconded by Steve Thomas
The motion was **carried**.

Item 5. Adoption of the Treasurer’s Report

The AYC bank account shows a healthy balance a little less than last year. Admin support was one of the higher expenses this year due to the high support needed with the change from Competition Planner to League manager. The end of season dinner was once again subsidised by \$20 each player. A motion to adopt the Treasurer’s Report was moved by Mike Hodge and seconded by Campbell Palfrey. The motion was **carried**.

Item 6. Election of Office Bearers

Position	Nomination	Moved by	Seconded by	Result
President	Mike Hodge	Beth Kennelly	Lisa McKay	Elected unopposed
Secretary	Beth Wisniewski	Mike Hodge	Lisa McKay	Elected unopposed
Treasurer	Mike Hodge	Lisa Mckay	Beth Kennelly	Elected unopposed

Item 7. Election of Match & Tournament Committee

Nomination	Moved by	Seconded by	Result
Dianne Fincke	Beth Kennelly	Mike Hodge	Elected unopposed
John Fletcher	Beth Kennelly	Mike Hodge	Elected unopposed
Lisa Mckay	Mike Hodge	Beth Kennelly	Elected unopposed
Stephen Thomas	Mike Hodge	Beth Kennelly	Elected unopposed
Maxwell Crowe	Mike Hodge	Beth Kennelly	Elected unopposed
Dan Kaimatsoglu	Beth Kennelly	Mike Hodge	Elected unopposed
Walter Apps	Beth Kennelly	Mike Hodge	Elected unopposed

It was agreed that further club delegates can be added to the committee in line with AYC rules.
Noted that Ros Williams to remain the contact for St Therese’s but not a committee member

Item 8. Determination of Administration Fees

Secretarial Fee set at \$2000.00. Moved by Mike Hodge Seconded Dianne Fincke.
Any claims for payment to be agreed to by the Committee following any committee member performing duties over and above their role. . The motion was **carried**.



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Item 9. Proposed motions/rule changes

Proposed changes to the AYC Rules for 2016 from *Club or person or AYC Committee*:

Current Rule showing Section	Proposed Change
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Part 1 – PRELIMINARY 2. In these rules	Part 1 – PRELIMINARY 2. In these rules
Club Administrator , means the person nominated by the Club to enter results of home matches on Tennisscores.net	Club Administrator , means the person nominated by the Club to enter results of home matches into scoring system nominated by AYC Committee.

Part 1 – PRELIMINARY 2. In these rules	Part 1 – PRELIMINARY 2. In these rules
Roster Book means the booklet in which the roster is published;	Web Site means the web site (www.tennis.com.au/ayc) in which the roster is published;

PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION AYC gradings 9. (1) The association is to publish AYC grading (a) before a pennant begins in. (i) The Annual Grading List	PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION AYC gradings 9. (1) The association is to publish AYC grading (a) before a pennant begins in. (i) The Annual Grading List



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Delegates	Delegates
11. (3) any team not represented at a Delegates Meeting forfeits 50 points	<i>Take out all together !!!</i>
<i>Reasoning; seems unreasonable and has never been enforced</i>	

PART 3 – REGISTRATION OF TEAMS	PART 3 – REGISTRATION OF TEAMS
Teams	Teams
14. (1)	14. (1)
A team must consist of at least 4 players. Gender requirements may be specified for particular divisions which will be decided by the Tournament Committee and communicated to Club representatives by 1 August.	A team must consist of at least 4 players. Gender requirements may be specified for particular divisions which will be decided by the Tournament Committee and communicated to Club representatives by a date specified by the Tournament Committee.
SETS	SETS
23.	23.
	Procedures for a 10 Point Tie Break game
	(1) Numerical scoring is used in a 10 point tie-break game.
	(2) A 10 point tie-break game is won by the team that first wins 10 points, provided that the team leads by a margin of 2 points.
	(3) The 10 point tie-break game decides the winner of that rubber.



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Points score	Points score
<p>28. (1) A team is to receive –</p> <p>(a) 25 points for each set the team wins; and</p> <p>(b) One point for each game the team wins in any set the team loses.</p> <p>(2) (a) A 6 person team having a bye receives 112.5 points.</p> <p>(b) A 4 person team having a bye receives 87.5 points.</p>	<p>28. (1) A team is to receive –</p> <p>(a) 2 points for each rubber won</p> <p>(b) 4 points for team winning on night; count back on rubbers, sets, games - if a draw then winning points shared.</p> <p>(2) (a) A team having a bye receives half of the available points.</p>

Score Sheets	Score Sheets
<p>29.</p> <p>(3)</p>	<p>29.</p> <p>(3)</p>
<p>b) Checking results on Tennisscores.net and notify the Division Administrator within 3 weeks if any alterations need to be made.</p>	<p>b) Checking results on scoring system nominated by AYC Committee and notify the Division Administrator within 3 weeks if any alterations need to be made.</p>

Score Sheets	Score Sheets
<p>29.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>29.</p> <p>4</p>
<p>The Club Administrator is responsible for entering scores of all the home team's results on Tennisscores.net by 4pm on the Sunday after the match.</p>	<p>The Club Administrator is responsible for entering scores of all the home team's results on scoring system nominated by AYC Committee by 4pm on the Sunday after the match.</p>



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Score Sheets	Score Sheets
29.	29.
(5)	(5)
(c) Advancing Tennisscores.net ready to enter matches by 6pm on Monday.	(c) Advancing scoring system nominated by AYC Committee ready to enter matches by 6pm on Monday.

Score Sheets	Score Sheets
29.	29.
(6) If the Secretary has not received the score sheet of the match within the specified time, the team failing to submit the form may lose its points for the match.	<i>Take out all together</i>

Reasoning; not relevant in 21st century of IT technology

Forfeiture	Forfeiture
<p>30 (1) A team winning a match on a forfeit receives 225 points.</p> <p>(2) A team forfeiting a match on 3 or more occasions may be excluded from the pennant by the Tournament Committee.</p> <p>(3) If a team is excluded from the pennant, all points received by opposing teams in matches against that team in the rounds in which the forfeits took place are forfeited.</p> <p>(4) A team winning a set on a forfeit receives 25 points for that set.</p> <p>(5) A team forfeiting a set under these rules does not receive any points for that set.</p> <p>(6) New Rule</p>	<p>30 (1) A team winning a match on a forfeit receives all available points.</p> <p>(2) A team forfeiting a match on 3 or more occasions may be excluded from the pennant by the Tournament Committee.</p> <p>(3) If a team is excluded from the pennant, all points received by opposing teams in matches against that team in the rounds in which the forfeits took place are forfeited.</p> <p>(4) A team winning a set on a forfeit receives all available points for that set.</p> <p>(5) <i>A team forfeiting a set under these rules does not receive any points for that set.</i></p> <p>(6) A team unable to complete a set due to retirement / injury shall receive points available for games completed.</p>

Reasoning; clarify retirement/ injury situations



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PART 5- FINALS Players in finals matches	PART 5- FINALS Players in finals matches
<i>New Rule</i>	(7) A nominated player in a team who qualifies for the finals cannot fill in for the same or lower division that they are nominated in.
<i>Reasoning; clarify this situation in finals</i>	

All rule changes were sent out to clubs prior to the AGM – there was no feedback to the above proposals from clubs before the AGM.

All rules were discussed and feedback from the floor was encouraged. The following rules were passed unanimously by the floor without further changes;

PART 1- PRELIMINARY
2. **Club Administrator**

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY
2 **Roster Book**

PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION
AYC Gradings
9.(1)
(ii) the roster book

PART 2 – THE ASSOCIATION
Delegates
11. (3)

PART 3 – REGISTRATION OF TEAMS
Teams
14. (1)

Sets
23. (new addition)
procedures for a 10 Point Tie Break Game

Score sheets
29 (3)
(b)

Score sheets
29 (4)

Score sheets
29. (6)



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Forfeiture

- 30 (1)
- (4)
- (6)

The following rules were resubmitted by the floor at the AGM after discussion of the wording. They were passed unanimously by the floor after resubmission on the night.

Points score	Points score
28. (1) A team is to receive – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 25 points for each set the team wins; and (b) One point for each game the team wins in any set the team loses. (2) (a) A 6 person team having a bye receives 112.5 points. (b) A 4 person team having a bye receives 87.5 points.	28. (1) The Committee will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) determine the scoring system at the commencement of each pennant. (b) publish on the website and notify club delegates the scoring system prior to the season commencement. (2) (a) A team having a bye receives half of the available points.

Score Sheets	Score Sheets
29. (5)	29. (5)
(c) Advancing Tennisscores.net ready to enter matches by 6pm on Monday.	(c) Advancing scoring system nominated by AYC Committee ready to enter matches by 6pm on Monday.
<i>Delete rule altogether – considered unnecessary by the floor at the 2016 AGM</i>	

PART 5- FINALS Players in finals matches	PART 5- FINALS Players in finals matches
<i>New Rule</i>	(7) A nominated player in a team who qualifies to play as in rule 1 cannot fill in for the same or lower division than they are nominated in.
<i>Reasoning; clarify this situation in finals</i>	



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Item 10. Determination of Pennant Dates & Fees

- a) **Registration Fee Closing date** for pennant entries Mike Hodge proposed for one pennant \$20 and for two pennants \$10 each – seconded by Beth Kennelly
Motion passed
- b) **Closing date** for Pennant entries – Friday Aug the 12th
- c) **Dates for grading nights** – Thursday the 28th July at Glenorchy and Tuesday the 2nd August at Geilston Bay 7.00pm for 7.30 start
- d) **Date for Captains meeting** – Monday the 5th of September – venue to be determined.
- e) **Dates for Championships** – Mixed; Tues 6th Sept. at Glenorchy - Ladies Doubles; Thurs 8th Sept at Rosny and Mens Doubles; Thurs 8th Sept at Geilston Bay

Item 11. General Business

Division One

Mike Hodge put forward the notion of playing Division One as a non-gender specific division – that club's nominate their best four players to play in Division One – this notion was put forward to strengthen the numbers and grades of division one.

After open discussion from the floor it was agreed to activate this notion and see what the range of players clubs nominated. The idea to be reviewed once player names and grades were submitted.

League Manager

Mike Hodge put forward the notion of the AYC Scoring system to be returned to "Tennis Scores". This was proposed because of the many problems encountered during the season using "Tennis League" especially after it was rolled over from "Comp Planner" it became difficult to allow Captains' access to enter scores – many scoring anomalies occurred and the Stats were difficult to access.

Proposal opened up for discussion from the floor; Pros and Cons for each scoring system outlined below

Tennis League: **Pros** – no fee, Tas Tennis sanctioned, Tas Tennis available for IT support, processes being fine-tuned by Tennis League IT operators, system higher quality, already in use by AYC pennant easy to roll over information from last season.

Cons – prematurely rolled out, high administration needed by Mike Hodge during season 2015/16, Stats difficult to access, AYC pennant not exclusive in 2015/16

Tennis Scores: **Pros** – Administration simpler, has been used in previous seasons, quite a few AYC administrators familiar with processes, being constantly updated by Tennis Scores IT operators.

Cons: involves a player cost, not technically as advanced, not supported by Tas Tennis, can't roll information over from previous season.

Mike proposed that he would have further discussions with Campbell Palfrey and reps from Tennis Scores and Tennis Leagues and the AYC committee. The AYC committee would decide which scoring system would be more appropriate for season 2016/17.



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Split Pennant

Campbell Palfrey and Daniel Kaimatsoglu representing Geilston Bay and Tarooma respectively queried why the AYC Committee does not consider proposing to clubs to run a split pennant. They felt that their club members would be more attracted to playing in a shorter 10 week pennant rather than the longer 20 week one being proposed at the moment

After open discussion from the floor it was decided that the AYC Committee would put two notions out to clubs about running two shorter pennants and making Division One non-gender specific. Club delegates are required to report back to committee of their club's standing on both at the delegates meeting on July the 20th.

Hi Players and Clubs

At the AYC AGM on Monday the 27th of June - two notions were put forward and discussed by the attendees. The AYC committee would like clubs to discuss these at club level and provide feed-back to their delegates for discussion at the next AYC Committee meeting on the 20th of July.

The first notion being that Div One becomes a non-gender division and played on lines of ability - The committee proposes that club's put forward their four strongest players to make up their Div One team.

The second notion is for splitting the pennant into two shorter ones. One Pre-Christmas and One Post-Christmas. Attendees felt that players from their clubs would find this a more attractive option for participation than one long 20 week roster.

The AYC Committee felt it fairer if these notions were put out to the wider club community and they will be guided by the feedback they receive from Clubs via their delegates.

*Kind regards
AYC Com.*

Executive Decisions

Peter Hobdale raised the issue that in the rules quite a few decisions were ultimately left to the discretion of the AYC executive; being that Mike Hodge holding both the position of President and Treasurer lessened the platform of decision makers. Mike Hodge assured the floor that even though the rules stipulated this, more often than not the whole AYC Committee made the decisions and this was made easier with the communication advancement via emails.

Dinner Numbers

Steve Thomas proposed the idea of inviting the 4 top contenders for the most consistent players for each division to the dinner. To generate more interest and boost numbers at the dinner. Lisa McKay also noted that if the AYC ran with two pennants this would also potentially boost numbers.

St Therese's Evacuation

Ros Williams made mention that St Therese's Tennis Club had evacuated their premises at Amy Street Moonah during season 2015/16. She has provided an anecdote of the situation for the benefit of the AGM minutes.

AYC Memories for St Therese's Tennis Club

The year 2015 was a particularly sad year for members of the St Therese's Tennis Club in Amy Street Moonah. A suitable lease arrangement could not be negotiated with our new landlord, so we had to vacate our premises after 65 years.



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St Therese's Tennis Club was one of the first now existing clubs to enter a team in the AYC in 1968. The club has always been well represented and in 1994 we had 10 teams playing in this competition and have won over 30 pennants during that time.

St Therese's members who have represented their club on the AYC Committee are Ray Thompson, Verlie Kitchener, Gwen Meredith, Sue Davie, Ros Williams, Paul Kitchener, Fay Ibbott and Geoffrey Dunlop.

In order to try to keep our club together we have now hired courts at the Domain Tennis Centre to continue our social tennis. We are very hopeful of entering teams once again in AYC, even though our membership has been somewhat depleted.

New committee to meet on Wednesday the 20th of July at Mike Hodge's office 6.00pm

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.