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Annual General Meeting

Minutes

the Annual General Meeting of the association was held on Sunday August 02nd in the Lenah Valley Community Hall.

Attendees: Campbell Palfrey, Mike Hodge, Cheryl Lee, Trish Jay, Evelyn van Nimwegen, Dianne Fincke, Nathan Fuller, Malcolm Ward, Lucy Devereux, Wendy Cannell, Pam Whelan, Craig Mansbridge, Fay Ibbott, Daniel Kaimatsogolu, Gary Oswin, Geoff Dunlop, Ros Williams, Lisa McKay, John McKay, Beth Kennelly, Andrew Bourke, Tony Field, Maxwell Crowe. Total of 23

The President, Mike Hodge opened the meeting at 3:00 pm and called for apologies.

Apologies: Peter Jandera, Jenny Bridges

The President suggested that the minutes of last years AGM could be taken as read as they had been circulated by email and available at the meeting.

19 / 20 Minutes

Proposed Dan Kaimatsogolu, Seconded Cheryl Lee

“that the minutes be taken as read”,

the President sought any comment on the minutes, John McKay had previously identified that last years motion regarding the roster didn't have a seconder recorded, this was confirmed as Dan Kaimatsogolu, and that the meeting close time seemed too early. Campbell Palfrey noted that a discussion on which group could vote each component of the motion had taken place and that nothing had been resolved.

The motion was carried

Annual Report

The President tabled his report and moved that it be adopted, Lucy Devereux seconded this motion.

The motion was carried

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer tabled her report and spoke briefly about the income and expenses resulting in a slight increase in our balance and the lack of a presentation evening, and moved that it be adopted, Mike Hodge seconded this motion.

The motion was carried

Specific Business 3

Before moving on to the elections the President moved to Item 3 of the Specific Business noting that John McKay expressed concerns regarding the recent decision of the Tournament Committee to move to only short rosters for the coming three seasons, the fact that the decision could have been appealed and not brought to the AGM, and he spoke briefly as to why that decision had been made, largely due to declining numbers and the need to have an extended period of short rosters to properly gauge any impact, and noted that the experiences with the short roster to date in Div 01 and the X's has been good.

The President sought an indication of who was likely to speak either for or against the motion. John McKay (for), Cheryl Lee (against) and Campbell Palfrey (against), expressed a desire to speak about the motion.

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As the proposer John McKay was invited to speak for the motion.

John noted that short rosters only provide eight games and that rain may result in you playing a finals match against a team that you haven't seen, or that you may miss the finals. A longer roster provides time to recover. Short rosters can push players down and that as it was played at one venue Division 01 was different.

Cheryl Lee spoke against the motion noting that she had previously not supported short rosters but has played them successfully in other pennants and that the declining numbers require some action to be taken. Cheryl noted the impact of weather in the first 2010 short roster trial but had no recollection of the second one so perhaps it wasn't too bad. Cheryl concurred with the need for the short rosters to be given a serious run, hence the support for the three year concept.

Di Fincke spoke briefly of the unknown impact of COVID 19 and the need to try to avoid any byes where possible.

Campbell Palfrey spoke against the motion citing the declining numbers, averaging about five teams per season recently and the small, but positive increase, in the short roster numbers, including the recent return of the Sorell Tennis Club and the new players or returning that had played in the recent short rosters.

Also discussed the current Southern Tasmanian League and questioned how John can support a six week roster with a flawed home / away structure while expressing concern that an AYC 10 week roster is not long enough. John stated that he was not a supporter of the STL.

Also discussed the player pressure that occurred in 2018 and how that may be dealt with this year, expressed the view that while we have two roster options it will be difficult to encourage improved mixed teams in a long version while the stronger players are attracted to the short one. Nothing in the motion prevents a mixed team from entering in the X Divisions and a mixed team looking to enter at Christmas would only have the X option. Lisa McKay noted that the last line of the motion referring to the request to support the mixed format had been omitted.

Also noted briefly the potential for the Glenorchy Tennis Club to make some gains in the new year on the back of the pending lighting renewal project.

Pam Whelan noted the difficulty that small Clubs have in fielding long roster teams or finding long term fillins when injuries occur.

Dan Kaimatsogolu noted few washouts in recent seasons and that Taroona was unlikely to have a team pre Christmas. The COVID crisis is a good reason to have the short rosters this season. Noted that we currently have three formats.

Fay Ibbott queried the differences between the divisions

Geoff Dunlop suggested that it would be possible for a team to withdraw from the pennant completely if injuries caused a problem rather than support short rosters. Also noted that single nights would be a benefit when looking to encourage players.

Gary Oswin commented on the injury difficulties experienced by the Glenorchy Div 3 team and how that would have been overcome by having two rosters.

Trish Jay spoke about her support for the traditional team format and the issue with the shortage of men at Kingston, yearned for the 'good old days', we are just here to play tennis.

The President then asked that the motion be put

For	4	Against	16	Abstained	2
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The motion was lost.

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Election of Officers

President	Mike Hodge	Nominated Ros Williams, Seconded Di Fincke	Elected
Treasurer	Cheryl Lee	Nominated Ros Williams, Seconded Trish Jay	Elected
Secretary	Campbell Palfrey	Nominated Dan Kaimatsogolu, Seconded Beth Kennelly	Elected

Election of Tournament Committee

The President spoke of the need for the Clubs to be represented, the following either volunteered or were volunteered to represent their respective Clubs.

New Town	John McKay	Rosny	Craig Mansbridge
Glenorchy	Gary Oswin	Taroona	N/A
Geilston Bay	Max Crowe	Sorell	Nathan Fuller
Sunshine	Harry Crowe	Kingston	Evelyn van Nimwegen
Lindisfarne	Lisa McKay	St Therese's	Ros Williams

Administration Fees

The President spoke briefly of the need to pay for the services above and beyond the normal expectations of a Committee person and proposed that an amount of \$2,000.00 be allocated. Seconded by Ros Williams

Carried

Specific Business 1, 2 & 4

Increased Mixed Set: the Secretary spoke briefly to Jenny Bridges' suggestion in her absence and the desire to have a bit more tennis on the night. The discussion included trial for one roster, seeking feedback from Clubs and Players, and including this as a feature of the traditional roster only.

Voting at Meetings: Cheryl Lee spoke to her suggestion citing that individual voting was not always fair or perhaps appropriate for some decisions, that we needed to have the appropriate meeting for any issues that arise. One for further discussion.

Player Liaison Role: John McKay spoke of the need for players to be able to anonymously make suggestions to the Committee as many people have views but don't speak up. Several comments to the effect that this was the role of the current Tournament Committee members. No sense that this one needs to progress at this stage.

General Business

Annual Championships: confirmed dates as previously advised. Discussed entry fees and resolved that Championships would be free of entry fees but no supper would be provided.

The President thanked members for attending and declared the meeting closed at 4:20