

**MINUTES OF THE EDWTA INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10TH OCTOBER 2023,
held at Willison Park Tennis Club at 7.30pm.**

ATTENDANCE: 18 club delegates signed the attendance sheet. 12 clubs were represented,

APOLOGIES: Fiona Ralph, Deanne O'Loughlin, Nth Balwyn TC, Chris Simpson, Beverley Czerniawski, Jane Webb, Jenny Jackson, Denise Taylor, Judith Rafferty, Di Sellenger

MINUTES: Minutes of the 2022 AGM have been circulated.
Amendment to minutes required as in the Election of Office Bearers section the following was omitted:

POSITION	NOMINEE	Club	PROPOSER
Match Centre Administrator	Caryn Vincent	Chadstone	Jenny Houston
Committee	Steph Gibson	Ardrie Park	Pam Coleman

Both of these nominees were unanimously elected

No further comments or amendments to these minutes were made.

2022 Minutes with amendment to be accepted:

Proposed: Jenny Houston, Seconded: Pam Coleman

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fiona Ralph (see attached)

Avril Betros tabled the financial statement:

Cash at Bank 31/8/23 \$6,316.34

Income \$1,830.00

Expenses \$521.60

It was noted that TV Affiliation fee of \$850 was paid after end of financial year and not included in this years accounts.

Proposed: Avril Betros

Seconded: Jenny Gorog

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jenny Houston

This report incorporates the Team Secretary and Record Secretary reports.

TEAM ENTRY

2023 has been a successful year and we now feel Covid interruptions are well behind us. Season 1 started brilliantly with 27 teams entered from 17 Clubs. This included two new teams entered in Section 2 (North Balwyn and a second team from Greythorn Park) and Nth Box Hill returned to Section 4 after one season retired! Unfortunately, RSY 1 team was a late withdrawal from Section 1.

We had 5 forfeits during Season 1, (which is higher than desired) and 2 weeks of washouts.

Season 2 was not quite as pleasing as we unfortunately lost 5 teams from the previous season and we now could only field three 7 team sections with a bye. These teams came from 15 Clubs, with no entries from Nth Balwyn and Vermont tennis clubs.

Teams seem to be managing to find enough players each week by using the Emergency pool players or finding their own emergencies and we only have had 1 forfeit to date. The EPP list was bolstered by a number of players from the Season 1 teams not entering Season 2.

There have been 2 weeks of partial washouts so far this season.

UNIVERSAL TENNIS PROFILES

Tennis Australia declared that all players entering in competitions after 1 September 2023 must have a Competitive Player Profile (a Tennis ID and a Universal Tennis Ranking). This has been a time consuming and frustrating task for us to administer, but now most of our players have completed this requirement. Anyone who doesn't have a profile cannot have their name listed in Match Centre and will show as an unspecified player. However, our Match Centre Administrator, Caryn Vincent, does enter the players name in the comments section of the match results. I am very mindful that some of our less internet savvy players are suggesting it is all too hard and they are reluctant to continue next season, which is definitely NOT what we want and the committee will assist anyone who still requires help.

BY LAWS

A small change was made to By Law 21 effective 1/9/23 which provides more flexibility for playing final matches to hopefully enable a result. This means they can be played on a day other than Wednesday or during school holidays if mutually agreeable.

TENNIS DAY

The 80th Birthday Celebration tennis day and lunch held in 2022 was so successful that we decided to hold a similar event this year. The date has been revised to Wednesday 6 December 2023 and the invites will be sent in the near future.

CONDOLENCES

We were greatly saddened that Nina Socratous from Doncaster Tennis Club passed away during the year.

EMERGENCY POOL

I would like to thank Jenny Gorog for continuing to manage the Emergency Pool this year. It is always well utilised and we really are grateful to the players who join it.

THE COMMITTEE

I sincerely thank all of the great group of ladies who have been part of our committee this year who all performed their duties exceptionally well. They are terrific to work with and always willing to assist wherever possible. During the year our very long serving Team Secretary, Pam Coleman passed over her duties to Steph Gibson who has picked up the role with gusto and great enthusiasm. I sincerely thank Pam for her many years she has tirelessly performed this role and the great training she provided to Steph in the handover and grateful that she is happy to stay on the general committee.

Jenny Houston moved that the report be accepted.
Seconded by Paula Novak

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE 2023/24

President Jenny Houston vacated the chair and invited Caryn Vincent to chair the meeting for the nominations for the committee.

All positions were declared vacant and the following nominations were received:

POSITION	NOMINEE	Club	PROPOSER
President	Jenny Houston	St Dominics	Avril Betros
Vice President			
General Secretary	Fiona Ralph	RSYLTC	Caryn Vincent
Treasurer	Fiona Ralph	RSYLTC	Jenny Houston

Match Centre Administrator	Caryn Vincent	Chadstone	Jenny Houston
Record Secretary	Avril Betros	St Dominics	Caryn Vincent
Team Secretary	Steph Gibson	Ardrie Park	Pam Coleman
EPP Secretary	Jenny Gorog	City of Camberwell	Avril Betros
Committee	Pam Coleman	Ardrie Park	Caryn Vincent
Committee	Barbara Dance	East Malvern	Avril Betros
Committee	Lisa Breeze	RSYLTC	Fiona Ralph

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the above nominees were declared elected.

The returning President Jenny Houston took the chair and thanked Caryn.

She welcomed Lisa Breeze to the committee and gave thanks to Barb Dance for helping with the grading of the lower teams, and also gave thanks to Caryn who is managing the Match Centre site.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were put forward for discussion

- If there are ever issues that players are unsure about to please call a committee member for clarification.
- Please send through match results whilst you are at the courts emailing them to edwtaresults@gmail.com Ideally also enter them directly into match centre so its less work for Caryn to do. Do not use the smallest file option as it is incredibly difficult to read.
- We really encourage everyone to log into Match Centre to view details of their next matches, look at live ladders or search on any player, see their UTR, etc
If when you log in it doesn't show your matches, then this means you have duplicate profiles which can easily be combined
- There have been a couple of concerns regarding the condition of the courts at various courts during the year
- Lunch or no lunch at the end of matches? Most very much in favour of No Lunch, just morning tea
- Facebook site and EDWTA website. Any objections to photos to let us know.
- Mary Satchell from Mayfield Park stated that one of their synthetic courts is unplayable as tree roots have grown under the court, so they use 1 synthetic court and 1 en tout cas court for Competition, which is not ideal. Jenny Houston said she would forward an email she had received from Tennis Victoria detailing state government sporting grants which possibly could be used to address this problem. Email to be sent to Joe Hassler, Mayfield Park secretary.

Jenny thanked Willison Park Tennis Club for the use of the clubhouse for the meeting.

CLOSE : The meeting closed at 8.10 pm