



Mountain District Ladies  
Tennis Association Inc  
Reg: 0020766V

## Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 @ 7.30pm @ Gisborne Tennis Club

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1. Meeting opened by Anna Karopoulos at 7.45pm.

**Present:**

Anna Karopoulos	Sth Gisborne
Rosomunde Rodgers	Macedon
Leonie Barker	Woodend
Marg Burns	Sunbury
Heather Johnston	Macedon
Andrea Alford	Romsey
Kim Styles	Sunbury
Emma Brown	Macedon
Kristine Clement	Kilmore
Barb Pye	Bullengarook
Gail Scott	Sth Gisborne
Jenny Elston	Kyneton
Louise Conlan	Romsey
Thea Fitzpatrick	Diggers Rest
Phyllis Ierodionou	Diggers Rest
Danielle Bottams	Riddells Creek
Judy Unwin	Mt Carmel
Beth Girdwood	Mt Carmel

Anne Evans	Gisborne
Robyn Johnston	New Gisborne
Sonja Deveson	New Gisborne
Heather De Mack	Hanging Rock
Helen Sertori	Melton Sth
Trudy Miles	Melton Sth
Danielle Borle	Melton Sth

**2. Apologies:** Tracey Newnham (Romsey), Wendy Kernan (Macedon)

**3. Minutes of 2012 AGM:** Anna Karopoulos moved that Minutes be accepted.

Moved: Beth Girdwood, Seconded: Ros Rodgers

Business arising from previous AGM – Andrea Alford explained the actions taken.

1. Luncheon – The Committee asked for suggestions from players on a different venue for Grand Final Luncheon. No submissions were received on this matter. The mid-year luncheon was held Gisborne Golf Club. Players were happy with venue with Committee receiving no complaints. End of season luncheon will be held at Gisborne Golf Club.
2. Finals venues re courts – The Committee takes all feedback on this matter and are aware of the dangers of particular courts in wet weather. Courts are allocated, however, changes may be made on the day of the final if weather is not permitting play on courts allocated.
3. Unpopularity of knock-out finals – The association held a Poll Meeting with all Club Representatives on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Motion was put forward to retain current system with 12 clubs FOR and 3 clubs AGAINST. Motion carried to retain current system of finals.

**4. Correspondence:**

In – Consumer Affairs Annual Statement

Tennis Victoria – Affiliation 2014

Out – Nil

**5. President's Report:**

Anna Karopoulos read out her report which expressed the value of feedback and ideas from players/clubs making improvements to the MDLTA possible. Anna also explained the great demand on the Committee during this term with the following being achieved: Updated By-laws, complete overhaul of our Rules of Incorporation, review of fixture setting including a vote on knockout finals,

hosting of two successful Grand Final Luncheons and fundraising “Pink Day” and the introduction of trial guidelines for “Handling of Complaints”.

Anna thanked her Executive Committee and Match & Permit members for their hard work and Gisborne Tennis Club for hosting the social round robin and offering their clubrooms for various meetings. Anna also thanked all the players for their enthusiasm.

Anna thanked Heather Johnston, our outgoing Treasurer, for her wonderful support over the past two years. (Full President’s Report attached)

**6. Treasurer’s Report:**

Heather Johnston circulated the financial statement for period 01/07/13-30/06/13 and read out her report.

Balance as at 30/06/13	\$ 6,098.48
Total Receipts	\$ 11,080.51
Total Payments	\$ 8,922.09

Heather explained that this financial year we have made a profit of \$2,158.42, however, more glasses will need to be purchased costing over \$2,000.00.

The changes to the By-laws, imposing a 50% late payment penalty, forfeit fines have been paid promptly.

Heather explained that due to the MDLTA turning over less than \$250,000.00 per year, it is not necessary for the financials to be audited. The motion was moved that in the best interest of the association we still have our financials audited independently and signed off.

Moved: Heather Johnston, Seconded: Leonie Barker Carried unanimously

Heather expressed her enjoyment during her time as Treasurer, thanked all past committee members and wished the best for incoming members.

Treasurer’s Report be accepted Moved: Anna Karopoulos, Seconded: Gail Scott  
Carried unanimously (Full Treasurer’s Report attached)

**7. Ladder Secretary:**

Ros Rodgers expressed her disappointment that not all results were sent in for matches played today by deadline given. Finals venues to be worked out. Ros explained the possibility of replacing “Tennisscores” due to constant hold ups and log in problems. Ros is investigating other options.

## **8. Fixture Secretary:**

Marg Burns commented on how successful the season had been. She explained how team entry forms need to be filled in correctly as details such as phone numbers have been missing. Marg also asked clubs to name each sheet with "club and section" if emailing entries to her. e.g. Romsey Section 2. The club information sheet needs the bottom section filled in with all teams entered for that club.

Marg expressed her interest in remaining the Fixture Secretary but would appreciate and welcome an "apprentice" to assist and learn her job. Jenny Elston agreed to work with Marg as "Apprentice Fixture Secretary" with a view to take over the role in the future.

## **9. Election of Committee:**

Anna Karopoulos declared all positions vacant. Beth Girdwood presided over the election of the following Executive Committee and Match and Permit members with all being voted in unanimously:

<b>President:</b> Anna Karopoulos	Nominated: Jeanine Furey	Seconded: Andrea Alford
<b>Vice President:</b> Leonie Barker	Nominated: Heather Johnston	Seconded: Heather DeMack
<b>Secretary:</b> Andrea Alford	Nominated: Leonie Barker	Seconded: Ros Rodgers
<b>Treasurer:</b> Emma Brown	Nominated: Heather Johnston	Seconded: Anna Karopoulos
<b>Ladder Secretary:</b> Ros Rodgers	Nominated: Heather Johnston	Seconded: Anne Evans
<b>Fixture Secretary:</b> Marg Burns	Nominated: Beth Girdwood	Seconded: Andrea Alford

Note: Jenny Elston will assist Marg Burns in her role as Fixture Secretary.

## **Match & Permit Committee:**

Anne Evans	Gisborne (Sect. 3)	Nominated: Caroline Smyrk	Seconded: Leanne Boyd
Wendy Kernan	Macedon (Sect. 3)	Nominated: Anna Karopoulos	Seconded: Heather Johnston
Heather DeMack	Hanging Rock (Sec.5)	Nominated: Gloria Crozier	Seconded: Beth Girdwood
Robyn Johnston	New Gisb (Sect. 2)	Nominated: Sonja Deveson	Seconded: Heather DeMack
Marg Burns	Sunbury (Sect. 4)	Nominated: Ros Rodgers	Seconded: Leonie Barker
Thea Fitzpatrick	Diggers Rest (Sect.5)	Nominated: Beth Girdwood	Seconded: Heather Johnston
Kristine Clement	Kilmore (Sect. 1)	Nominated: Ros Rodgers	Seconded: Marg Burns

## **10. Outgoing Committee:**

Beth Girdwood thanked all outgoing Committee members and welcomed the newly appointed members. Anna Karopoulos resumed chairing the meeting.

## **11. General Business:**

### **(a) Proposed changes to model rules:**

Anna explained the intention to rescind old Model Rules and adopt new Model Rules.

38 Voting at a general meeting – members voted on (a.1) or (a.2)

(a.1) subject to subrule (3), each member Club entitled to vote has one vote. i.e. one vote per club

(a.2) Subject to subrule (3), each member of the Council present who is entitled to vote has one vote each

Anna Karopoulos pointed out that we have been voting as per (a.1) in the past and moved motion to vote in the future.

24 members for (a.1), 1 member for (a.2). Motion was moved for (a.1).

Anna to re-release change for approval at SGM.

### **(b) Proposed changes to By-laws and Regulations:**

Anna moved motion to adopt new clause 3.8.x – to be revisited and voted on at SGM

Clause 3.8.6 – to be revisited and voted on at SGM

Clause 3.8.7 – Anna moved motion to adopt modified By-law Carried unanimously

Clause 5.1.2 – Anna Moved motion to adopt modified By-law Carried unanimously

### **(c) Pink Day Report:**

Ros Rodgers thanked everyone for their participation on “Pink Day” with \$1,351.35 being raised for Breast Cancer. Ros suggested the association holds an annual fundraising day. Clubs/players will be asked for suggestions and ideas at the Grand Final Luncheon. Ros also suggested the idea of releasing an MDLTA cookbook as a means to fundraise.

### **(d) Review of Registration fees:**

Team registration fees and forfeit fees will remain the same.

### **(e) Complaints Handling Process:**

Anna Karopoulos moved motion to adopt the “MDLTA Complaints Handling Process” as per trial guidelines. Carried unanimously

**Meeting closed:** 9.43pm

