



Mountain District Ladies
Tennis Association Inc
Reg: 0020766V

Minutes Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14th August 2012, 7.30 p.m.

At the Gisborne Tennis Club

Meeting opened by Anna Karopoulos at 7.50 p.m.

Present

1. Julie Samson	Kyneton	Secretary
2. Heather Johnston	Macedon	Treasurer
3. Kim Bouchier	Diggers Rest	
4. Kristine Clement	Kilmore	
5. Nicki Ferrara	Romsey	
6. Andrea Alford	Romsey	
7. Sue Wight	Gisborne	
8. Heather DeMack	Hanging Rock	
9. Pam Slatowski	Gisborne	
10. Michele Fielas	Bullengarook	
11. Anne Evans	Gisborne	M & P
12. Kim Styles	Sunbury	
13. Judy Unwin	Mt Carmel	
14. Beth Girdwood	Mt Carmel	
15. Thea Fitzpatrick	Diggers Rest	M & P
16. Leonie Barker	Woodend	M & P
17. Wendy Kernan	Macedon	M & P
18. Anna Karopoulos	South Gisborne	President
19. Robyn Johnston	New Gisborne	
20. Jo Irwin	New Gisborne	
21. Ebony Miles	Melton South	
22. Danielle Borle	Melton South	Vice President
23. Rosamunde Rodgers	Macedon	Ladder Secretary
24. Jeanine Furey	South Gisborne	

Clubs Not Represented: Riddells Creek, West Melton (both of which have no current teams)

Apologies: Trish Allen (Riddells Creek), Marg Burns (Sunbury) Fixture Secretary

2. Minutes of 2011 AGM These were read by Julie Samson

Moved that they be accepted Beth Girdwood, Seconded Anne Evans Carried unanimously

3. Business Arising from Minutes of 2011 AGM

Julie Samson pointed out that the following action was taken for the 6 matters that arose in General Business:

1, Time of Publishing Fixture: Fixture is now published on-line

2. Website & Privacy: All club contacts have been made aware their names and phone-numbers are published in Fixtures and Websites. Current Treasurer and Ladder Secretary agree to have their addresses published.

3. Notice of all meetings and Publication of Minutes: Club contacts receive notice and Minutes of AGM, Special General Meetings. Grading Meetings, Executive Committee meetings are not open. The club contacts at tonight's meeting confirmed that the Club Contact details, name, phone-numbers, email addresses are correct.

4. Timing of MDLTA round-robin The secretary polled club contacts and it was agreed to trial holding the round-robin on Tuesday 14th, 2012, concurrently with a Bye for Country Week.

Relating to this trial, it was moved that since this trial was so favourably received, a bye would be held on the Tuesday of Country Week every year so that a MDLTA round-robin could take place then.

Moved: Anna Karopoulos, Seconded: Julie Samson Carried unanimously

5. On-line Tennis Scoring System: A working-party comprised of Danielle Borle, Ros Rodgers and Anna Karopoulos implemented and trialled an on-line scoring system, which was successful, and has been adopted.

6. Raising Current Team Registration Fees to cover costs of Trophies/Pennants: The secretary polled club contacts and it was agreed to raise the team fee to \$25, which has been done.

4. REPORTS

President: Anna Karopoulos read out her report which listed the many achievements of the association in the past 12 months: online scoring system, revamped website, range of fee payment methods, successful Grand Final Lunches, Most Valuable Player awards for each section, Bye for Country Week. She thanked outgoing secretary, Julie Samson, and all the current members of the Executive and Match & Permit Committee, also all the players for their support, feedback and opinions. Thanks also to Gisborne Tennis Club for hosting a round-robin competition for MDLTA. (Full President's report appended.)

Treasurer: Heather Johnstone circulated copies and read out her report (If you would like to see the full document, ask your club rep who attended the meeting.)

Balance as at 30/6/12	\$3,931.56
Total Receipts	\$11,995.34
Total Expenditure	\$12,413.86

Heather pointed out the MDLTA made a small profit of \$394 for the year. Raising the Team fees and the Forfeits has had the desired effect. Because the Auditor is away until October, Heather will get the books audited then.

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, Anna Karopoulos, Seconded Julie Samson, Carried unanimously.

Ladder Secretary: Ros Rodgers said the on-line system is working well. Main problem is home-teams not getting scores entered on time. In future, scoring system will be locked after 5 p.m. Wednesday and there will be a penalty if scores are not entered. Hard copies must be received by Friday. Don't enter scores online if using an Emergency player. (See attached Special General Meeting Minutes re changes to **By-Law 4 Matches ..4.9, 4.9.1, 4.9.2**)

Fixture Secretary: Anna expressed Marg Burn's apology for her absence due to a family emergency. Marg reported that online publication of fixtures is working well. Marg is willing to continue as Fixture Secretary

and would welcome an “apprentice” to learn how she does the job. Please approach Marg if interested in learning more.

Secretary Correspondence: Only item of correspondence requiring a decision was the invitation to join Sports Focus; meeting decided MDLTA does not need to do this.

5. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Beth Girdwood presided over the election of the following Executive Committee and Match and Permit Committee members who were all voted in unanimously:

<u>President</u>	Anna Karopoulos	<u>Vice President</u>	Leonie Barker
Nom:	Ros Rodgers	Nom:	Ros Rodgers
Sec:	Jeanine Furey	Sec:	Andrea Alford
<u>Secretary</u>	Andrea Alford	<u>Treasurer</u>	Heather Johnston
Nom:	Leonie Barker	Nom:	Anna Kaopoulos
Sec:	Ros Rodgers	Sec:	Jeanine Furey
<u>Ladder Secretary</u>	Ros Rodgers	<u>Fixture Secretary</u>	Marg Burns
Nom:	Jeanine Furey	Nom:	Heather Johnstone
Sec:	Anna Karopoulos	Sec:	Wendy Kernan

Match and Permit Committee

Marg Burns	Sunbury (Sect.4)	Nom: HeatherJ	Sec: WendyK
Danielle Borle	Melton Sth (Sect.1)	Nom: Kristine Clement	Sec: Sue Wight
Wendy Kernan	Macedon (Sect.3)	Nom: AnnaK	Sec: LeonieB
Anne Evans	Gisborne (Sect.3)	Nom: Sue Wight	Sec: Kay Hudson
Thea Fitzpatrick	D. Rest (Sect.5)	Nom: AnnaK	Sec: Julie Samson
Robyn Johnston	New Gisborne (Sect.2)	Nom: HeatherJ	Sec: LeonieB
Heather De Mack	H. Rock (Sect.5)	Nom: LB	Sec: HJ

6. GENERAL BUSINESS: Anna Karopoulos resumed the chair. No items for General Business were received by the Secretary before the meeting, however AK allowed the following items to be discussed.

6.1 Luncheon Kristine Clements asked if we could try another luncheon venue because of the food quality and slow bar-service at the last Gisborne Golf Club venue. She also pointed out that the **Most Valuable Player** awards were made towards the end of the proceedings, by which time they had had to leave.

6.2 Finals venues re courts Kristine Clements criticised the use of the New Gisborne courts last season because they were slippery and the venue is isolated from other sections.

AK said the Executive Committee would take all this feedback on board and that players should feel free to give feedback to anyone on the Executive Committee. Re the choice of courts for finals venues, contacting the Ladder Secretary is appropriate.

6.3 Unpopularity of knock-out finals: Sue Wight expressed the popularity of having three weeks of finals rather than just two, even for 6 team sections. Ros Rodgers pointed out that whether this is feasible depends on how many Tuesdays there are in the season

Motion The Executive Committee should poll clubs and ask if they would prefer 3 weeks of finals for all sections (whether 6 or 8 team sections) even if it means the season goes longer.

Moved: Sue Wight Seconded: Kristine Clement Carried unanimously

AGM Meeting closed 8.45 p.m.

Minutes of Special General Meeting

14th August 2012, 8.45 p.m. Gisborne Tennis Club

Refer to the document entitled **Notice of Special General Meeting** (appended)

BY-LAW 3 PLAYERS **3.1** Passed unanimously

3.1 currently reads:

All associated clubs must submit team entries on the official form to the Association Secretary prior to or on the day set down by the Committee.

To be replaced by:

All associated clubs must submit team entries on the official form to the *Fixture* Secretary prior to or on the day set down by the Committee. *Team registration fees and outstanding fines must be paid to the treasurer at the time of team registration, or teams will not be considered for competition.*

BY-LAW 3.8 EMERGENCIES (INCLUDING POOL PLAYERS) **3.8.3** Passed unanimously

3.8.3 currently reads:

It is the responsibility of the Ladder Secretary to bring to the attention of the Match and Permit Committee any emergency player who performs at a higher standard than the section in which she played. The Match and Permit Committee has the right to regrade such players after the completion of the match.

To be replaced by:

It is the responsibility of the Ladder Secretary to bring to the attention of the Match and Permit Committee any emergency player who performs at a higher standard than the section in which she played. The Match and Permit Committee has the right to regrade such players.

BY-LAW 3.8 EMERGENCIES (INCLUDING POOL PLAYERS) 3.8.7 For 11, Against 3, Undecided 0 – Passed

(New) 3.8.7 *A team which is unable to field 4 players for any match may call upon players from any other registered club to play with them provided those players come from a lower section. Teams in the bottom section may call on any players from their own section. A permit must be obtained from Match and Permit Committee member to satisfy the requirements of By-law 3.3.*

BY-LAW 4 MATCHES **4.9 , 4.9.1, 4.9.2** Passed unanimously

4.9 currently reads:

4.9 Results of matches must be posted on the day of the match to the Ladder Secretary and be received by 10.00am on the Friday following the match. Official scoresheets must have all information completed showing section, team names (including colour if applicable) the names of players, the particulars of each set played, emergency details (if applicable) time of start and be signed by both captains. Winning team shall be held responsible for the foregoing and by not complying must be penalised two (2) points.

To be replaced by:

4.9: *The scoresheet is the responsibility of the home team for the entering of results online on the MDLTA approved results website by 5pm on the day following the match. The home team must forward the scoresheet to the Ladder Secretary prior to 5pm on the Friday following the match. Failure to comply will result in the home team being penalised 2 match points.*

4.9.1 *When a new emergency player is used results must not be entered on the MDLTA approved website. The scoresheet must be forwarded to the Ladder Secretary by 5pm on the day following the match with all relevant details.*

4.9.2 Official scoresheets must have all information completed showing section, team names (including colour if applicable) the names of players, the particulars of each set played, emergency details (if applicable) time of start and be signed by both captains. *The home team shall be responsible for accuracy of information.*

BY-LAW 4.11 FORFEITS/PENALTIES/DISPUTES 4.11.2 (a), 4.11.2 (d), (New) 4.11.5 (e) Passed unanimously

4.11.2 (a) currently reads:

- the forfeiting team shall be fined \$20.00 by the Association.

To be replaced by:

- the forfeiting team shall be fined \$20.00 by the Association *and if not paid within 30 days of receiving a notice from the Association, a penalty of 50% will apply.*

4.11.2 (d) currently reads

- both teams must complete a score sheet with available players names and forward it in the usual way

To be replaced by:

- *the home team* must complete a scoresheet with available players names and forward it in the usual way

(New) 4.11.5 (e)

A Penalty of \$100 shall be imposed per team if a club withdraws a team after grading has been finalised by the Committee. The offending team will pay the imposed penalty and no refund of team entries will be made.

BY-LAW 5.2 HOT WEATHER 5.2.3 Passed unanimously

5.2.3 currently reads:

In the event of a total fire ban being issued prior to, or on the day of a scheduled match, play to be abandoned in area affected by the ban. Each team to receive two premiership points.

To be replaced by:

In the event of a total fire ban being issued prior to, or on the day of a scheduled match, play to be abandoned in area affected by the ban. Each team to receive *four* premiership points.

Anna thanked everyone for their attendance and co-operation.

Meeting Closed 9.25 p.m.