

**Notice is hereby given of the 116th Annual General Meeting of
Members of the Association**

Meeting: Tennis West Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date & Time: Thursday, 31 October 2019 at 6.30pm

Venue: Bayswater Tennis Club, Murray St Bayswater

AGENDA

1. Attendance

2. Apologies

3. Welcome

4. Confirmation of Proxies

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5. Confirmation of Minutes -- Minutes of Meeting held 25 October 2018

6. Matters Arising

7. Special Business

7.1 Annual Report – President/CEO Joint Report

7.2 Financial Report -- see 2018/19 Audited Financial Statements

7.3 Election of Officers

7.3.1 Directors (x3)

7.4 Life Membership – Bill Price

Motion: That Bill Price Be awarded Life Membership of Tennis West for his service to the organisation.

Moved: Ray Collins Seconded: Wayne Firms

(NB: The constitution requires three quarters of those present and entitled vote, to vote in favour thereof.)

8. Appointment of Auditor

9. Closure

MINUTES 2018 TENNIS WEST AGM

115th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Of Western Australian Tennis Association

Held Thursday 25 October 2018
At the State Tennis Centre

The AGM opened at 7. 15pm.

Welcome was made by President Wayne Firms who advised that the meeting had yet to meet quorum numbers so we would wait until this number had been met before we started.

The meeting was officially opened at 7.40pm where the President expressed his disappointment at having to “ring around” in order to fulfil a quorum for the meeting, especially with regards to the effort that goes into conducting a Meeting and the fact that we had eight quality nominees for the Board position election.

1 Attendance

Wayne Firms (Chair/TW President)

Warren Harding (TW Vice President)

6 Directors

25 Delegates (as per Register)

TW Staff Members Michael Roberts (CEO/Minute Taker), Elle Mazza, Brooke Koenig, Paul Oldfield, Paula Gates, Brett Marshall, Graeme Hall, Nola Fenner, Kay-Leigh Nicholas

2 Apologies

As listed per the register including Narelle Finch (Director), Ian Meares (Director), Tennis Seniors, Royal Kings Park TC, Floreat TC, Donnybrook TC, Mundaring TC, Brunswick TC and Barry Sanders (Life Member).

3 Welcome

The President welcomed and thanked those Club representatives that were in attendance. He welcomed Josh Schubert from KPMG who was representing the Association’s Auditors. He also welcomed Board members Warren Harding, Ray Collins, Jan Truscott, Carl Black, Bill Price and Karen Jessop as well as the Tennis West staff that were present in the room.

5 Confirmation of 2017 AGM Minutes

It was moved by Jen Collins (Central Zone) **“That the AGM minutes of 26 October 2017 are adopted as a true and accurate record.”**

Seconded P. French (Nedlands TC)

MOTION CARRIED

Confirmation of 2018 SGM Minutes

It was moved by Jen Collins (Central Zone) **“That the SGM minutes of 11 September 2018 are adopted as a true and accurate record.”**

Seconded D. Giacomini (Bullcreek TC)

MOTION CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

Nil

7 **Special Business**

6.1 **Annual Report – President/CEO (Joint Report) – W. Firms/M. Roberts**

A joint 2017/18 report was presented by President W. Firms and by CEO M. Roberts which highlighted some of the key achievements of the past year and the vision for TW:

W Firms raised the following:

- From financial, governance, management and operational perspectives I can report to the members that Tennis West is in good order. We continue to strive to have more people playing tennis, better facilities, manage the largest league competition in Australia along with our tournaments and junior development programs.
- The main focus was to build trust with our stakeholders and for them to use TW as a resource to modernize their clubs with a view to growing the game. Indications are that this have been achieved.
- We are moving into an important phase with decisions to be made around the State Tennis Centre, composition & structure of the Board, structure of the Zones and Tennis Australia's new participation Strategy which will be disclosed and rolled out in the coming weeks/months. An important milestone was achieved in the adoption of a new, modern Constitution in September this year.
- We welcome the investment by Tennis Australia through it Grassroots Investment Program (GRiP) whereby we have 4 additional roles directly linked to Clubs and Participation, each of these will assist us to contribute to the more people playing more often goal.
- We are working closer with the Tennis Seniors whereby we aligned with them to run the State Championships this year and had a large increase in participants. We look forward to this relationship growing as we join to conduct the National Seniors Carnival in Busselton in 2020
- We had a surplus of \$687,428, in excess of \$500,000 is attributed to the capitalization of infrastructure from a Government Grant for improvements at the STC Financial Reports

CEO Michael Roberts provided a summary of the key pillars of the Strategic Plan

- **Key Objective One "Places to Play"**
 - On-line court booking program "Book A Court" was continuing to be rolled out. This program highlights the key initiative of making the tennis courts more accessible to the public. We will continue to push this aspect to our clubs and councils.
 - The Strategic Facilities Plan was launched and is being communicated to clubs and local councils across the State. This document has provided us with a clear understanding of the challenges we face with regards to location of facilities and the types of courts we have. There is a direction that we need to ensure we are lobbying to build new facilities in areas of high population growth as well as having more courts that are lit. It is pleasing that we have received many favourable comments regarding the play from local government.
 - For the second year we sent out the 'Affiliate Survey'. The responses from the clubs was fantastic as we received feedback that as an organisation we have improved in certain areas. There are still areas such as communication, affiliation benefits and marketing assistance that we will focus on improving to assist our clubs.
- **Key Objective Two Participation**
 - The continued success in of the National Schools Partnership Program is pleasing with 280 WA schools signed to partner with tennis, and the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots program. This was delivered to nearly 45,000 school children.
 - We are starting to see a shift in the offerings of many of our clubs as they adapt with the needs of players to have non structured, flexible programs. Many clubs have started to increase their social tennis offerings and are seeing positive results.
 - Tennis Australia's new Participation Strategy will be rolled out shortly. This will focus on three key areas: Adult Social Play, Retention of Children, Better Clubs and Coaches. How this impacts Western Australia will be known in the coming months.
- **Key Objective Three Coaches**

- Rob Kennedy commenced as Coach Development Manager and has had a great impact on the relationship that the coaches have with Tennis West.
- Starting to receive positive feedback from coaching businesses regarding our aligned services from Schools through to High Performance.
- There are currently 268 coach members in Western Australia.
- **Key Objective Four Performance**
 - A very strong year for Tristan Schoolkate who has just reached a career high ranking, inside the top 100 Junior ITF rankings.
 - A strong focus of the program this year was the off court workshops that provided guidance in areas such as nutrition, sports psychology, tournament preparation and hearing from a professional athlete like Alicia Molik.
 - The focus on players under the age of 15 has paid off with National singles champions in Jessie Culley and Zach Viiala winning the Claycourt Nations.
- **Key Objective Five Tournaments and Competitions**
 - TW League competition continues to be the pinnacle of the National competitions calendar and considered the best in the country with close to 7,000 participants. It is the largest centrally run competition in Australia.
 - Our Affiliate survey highlighted this is a key affiliation benefit and is an important piece in players joining clubs. We recognize this and understand the importance of communication and administration of the Leagues.
- **Key Objective Six Mastercard Hopman Cup:**
 - Once again the event broke attendance records as we saw Roger Federer return to Perth. 106,424 people attended the event for its 30th year.
 - We must do more to convert the nearly 70% of attendees into tennis players.
 - Our schools team used the event to undertake a “30 Schools in 30 Days” trophy tour that was well received and meant over 4,200 school children got to see the trophy and the event’s new mascot, Hoppy.
 - 58 clubs were part of the Have A Hit on Us campaign that saw every attendee able to redeem 1 hours free court hire at these clubs.
- **Strategic Priority the State Tennis Centre:**
 - A key milestone of settling the longstanding dispute with the PTA was reached this year. The outcome was that Tennis West received \$2.5M that is to be used for infrastructure at the State Tennis Centre.
 - Also as part of this settlement an amount of \$370k that was previously received for compensation for sacrificing land has had all of its requirements lifted and will be treated as revenue.
 - The Business Case that has been commissioned by the State Government to identify the best location for a State Tennis Centre is nearing completion. After starting with a long list of potential sites there are three: current site, Burswood Park (across the road) and Robertson Park have all been evaluated. It is hoped the Plan will be finalized by the end of the year and the Board will endorse the Plan soon after.

Wayne thanked Michael for his report and added the following notes of acknowledgment:

- Tennis Australia for their great relationship and ongoing support. They are also now more open to listening to the Member Associations and to change.
- Tennis West Board, we thank them for their passion, dedication and hard work. Narelle Finch, Jan Truscott, Karen Jessop, Bill Price, Carl Black, was a Board appointed Director, whilst Warren, Ray, Ian and myself have another year to go.
- Fiona Clark our Board Secretary who gives up her time to take the minutes of our meetings.
- All our various sub-committee members, Grant Vernon and Jacqui Jashari who are our independent members of the Nominations Committee and Tim Sullivan who has joined the Audit & Investment Committee.
- Volunteers at affiliated clubs and the number of club committees willing to embrace the need for change. Terrific things have happened and are happening in club land.
 - Bayswater have just opened their new Clubhouse
 - Reabold, innovating with the introduction of Paddle Courts
 - City Beach have just undertaken a Strategic planning day and are looking to change the ways they operate
 - Busselton are establishing a new club
 - Fremantle- shared clubhouse
 - Albany-looking at club amalgamation
 - East Fremantle-planning clubhouse improvements

- Tennis Officials perform a thankless role but crucial to the successful running of tournaments. Especially Jill Sheridan who oversees this group here in Western Australia.
- Our Great partners in:
 - State Government through the Department of Sport, Recreation, Local Government and Communities.
 - Healthway
 - Darcy Slater Foundation
 - CBH
 - Women in Tennis Committee led by Trish Ross. The support they provide young female players to train and travel is tremendous
- Finally to Michael and the Tennis West staff and the TA staff that work in WA, they give so much to grow the sport and are strongly committed to supporting the clubs, coaches and players.

There is a real buzz of positivity around about tennis, councils, politicians, Peter Vlahos even highlighted this at the recent awards night, recent studies have indicated that playing tennis (racket sports) leads to a longer and healthier life, what a great selling point. It really is a fantastic time to be in tennis we have much to look forward to in the short term along with a great summer of tennis ahead of us.

It is a great privilege to be leading this organization.

B Embleton (City Beach TC) raised a point that while he acknowledged the Strategic Facilities Plan called for some change around the make up of courts in WA he stressed that grasscourts were vitally important in keeping people in the game and pointed to the fact that City Beach had players in their 90's still actively planning due to the reduced impact of grass on the body.

It was moved by T. Glass (Reabold TC) **"That the 2017/18 President's & CEO's Report, as tabled, be adopted."**
Seconded A Livesey (Dalkeith TC)

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Financial Report

As tabled. There were no questions.

It was moved by J. McLennan (Higgins Park TC) **"That the Financial report, as tabled, be adopted"**
Seconded D. Giacomini (Bullcreek TC)

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Election of Officers

Nominee profiles for the Director positions had been e-circulated to members.

6.3.1 Directors

There were 8 nominations for three vacant positions. Delegates were required to mark the ballot paper with their preferred three candidates. Josh Schubert from KPMG filled the role of returning officer.

Congratulations were extended to Brett Patten (3 year term), Rod Van (2 year term) and Jan Truscott (2 year term) who were elected to the Board. The President thanked the unsuccessful candidates and paid tribute to Karen Jessop for her commitment to the Board for the past few years and to Bill Price who had served on the tennis West Board for 17 years.

A note of thanks was recorded for the work of the Nominations Committee under the direction of Warren Harding.

8 Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by T. Bick (North Beach TC) **"That KPMG be approved as the Tennis West Auditors for 2017/18."**
Seconded: J. Genovese (Sorrento TC)

MOTION CARRIED

9 Closure

Prior to closing the President made note of the passing of Arthur Marshall who had played such an important role in the development of tennis in Western Australia for decades, through coaching, club development and also fund raising.



Signed as a true and correct record.

_____ (Date)

_____ (President/Chairperson)