



## WOMEN'S MIDWEEK GRASSCOURT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2022 AT TENNIS WORLD ADELAIDE – 1:30PM

#### ATTENDEES

Member Name	Club	Member Name	Club
Linda Wood	Xavier	Sally Noble	Tranmere
Dawn Hurley	Reade Park	Ann Barnes	Kensington
Carole Johnson	Reade Park	Lois Hill	Millswood
Julie Stennett	Woodville	Gill Scott	Reade Park
Maree Crichtor	Kensington	Merridy Menzies	Woodville
Joanna Lydeamore	MDTC	Chris Flynn	MDTC
Janet Daws	Millswood	Jeff Inglis	Seniors
Carol Davis	Tranmere	Nicki Crawford	Sturt
Debra Laginestra	MDTC	Linda Carter	Reade Park
Mardi Pedler	Kensington	Della Rowley	Kensington
Joanne Rudd	Kensington	Carol Conley	Millswood
Natalie Kowalski	Tranmere	Genevieve Dawson	Reade Park

#### APOLOGIES

Anne Holmes, June Heath, Jane Greening, Tricia Rabbitt, Jane Linn

#### OPENING AND WELCOME

President, Janet Daws, opened the meeting at 1.30 pm and welcomed the Executive Committee, Club Representatives, and all attendees, with special mention to Jeff Inglis representing Seniors.

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 12th August 2021 were presented.

*C. Davis moved that the Minutes of the WMGTA AGM 2020/2021 be accepted, J. Daws seconded.*

#### WMGTA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2021/2022

Thank you to June Heath for continuing in her role as Patron. June's support and advice is invaluable. To the Executive Committee – Recorder, Carol Davis, Secretary, Jo Lydeamore, Treasurer, Carol Conley and Vice President, Chris Flynn, and the Club Representatives. Thank you for your continuing support and hard work. Volunteers are not appreciated enough. Another thank you to Genevieve Dawson for her work on our Association website and Lindsay Davis for Auditing the books.

In a 12 month trial the association allowed a Men's team to participate in Division 1. The team, Seniors took out the Premiership. The inclusion of this team was to try and create a more balanced Division 1 competition. Out of 17 rounds scheduled on the program we had 2 washouts in rounds 1 and 3.

The Tennis SA online scoring system, League Manager was fully used. There was still plenty of 'behind the scenes' work by Carol Davis. A big thank you Carol!



WMGTA held the Grand Finals at Kensington Gardens Tennis Club. For the second year we held the Grand Final Lunch and Presentations at The Feather's Hotel. Our Treasurer, Carol Conley organised the lunch. I think we were all disappointed with The Feathers and will look for another venue for the coming season. Thank you, Carol, for your time and effort in co ordinating this event. Also, Carol Davis for her efforts with the GF shields, wine, socks, vouchers for the Doris Boyce Trophy winner & runner up.

WMGTA nominated Jo Lydeamore for a 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 year term on the Tennis SA Board and Jo was successful in being re-elected. This does mean that having Jo on the board we have a 'voice' for Women's Midweek and Lawn associations. Well done, Jo.

Wishing you all an enjoyable 2022/2022 season.

Janet Daws – President

*J. Daws moved that the President's Report be accepted, C. Davis seconded.*

### **TREASURER'S REPORT 2021/2022**

The Association made a net loss **on a cash basis** of \$254.08 this year. However, if fees had been received in the year, they were due, there would be a Net Profit for the year ended 30/6/22 of \$15.92.

Thank you to the clubs who paid their nomination fees promptly. No nomination fees were received from Millswood because they had already paid their nomination fees (\$135, 3 teams) in the previous financial year. The nomination fees received from Woodville (\$45, 1 team) was owing from the previous financial year. Sturt (\$135, 3 teams) and Woodville (\$45, 1 team) did not pay their nomination fees. The two outstanding invoices were followed up and have now been paid and will appear in next year's Income. Instead of emailing invoices to Club delegates, I would prefer to obtain Treasurer's emails to send directly.

We held our End of Season/Presentation lunch again at the Feathers Hotel on Grand Final Day (@ \$30pp). We paid for 84 people but only 76 people attended, due to some last minute Covid cancellations. The Association made a small loss of \$150 on this event as we paid for 4 Life Members and Debbie Sterrey (from Tennis SA) to attend. From feedback received, even though a lovely venue, all agreed that the lunch was not value for money this year and we are looking at other options for next year's lunch.

Unfortunately, our Patron, June Heath, was unable to attend the lunch due to ill health. We sent a gift hamper to June and wished her all the best for a speedy recovery.

We transferred \$950 from our Westpac cheque account into the Term Deposit account. We will receive a higher interest rate now that our balance is over \$5,000.

I suggest the Club nomination fees rise by \$5 to \$50 per team, to cover expected price increases in trophies/prizes, Tennis SA affiliation fees, printing/stationery etc.

Thank you to the Management Committee and all the club delegates for volunteering their time and offering their feedback towards running the Association. Thank you also to Lindsay Davis for kindly auditing our accounts each year (at no charge).

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming season.

**Carol Conley – Treasurer**

*C. Conley moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, N. Crawford seconded.*



## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021/2022**

Thank you to the WMGTA committee and to our club delegates. In addition to what has been described by Janet and Carol, I would like to update you briefly on something we have been working towards for the past 3 years. The Women's Midweek Grasscourt Tennis Association is now better recognised and represented within Tennis SA now that our 250 members are accurately counted through League Manager. We now receive 2 votes for any matters that are voted on at Tennis SA such as elections and significant investments.

Thank you to all the club captains and other club members who have persevered with Match Centre and League Manager to help make this happen.

Finally, it was fantastic to have Tennis SA CEO, Debbie Sterrey at our end of season lunch in April at the Feathers. This is another strong sign that our association, lawn tennis and in particular, women's tennis is appreciated and supported by Tennis SA.

The Grading Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 1:30pm.

### **Joanna Lydeamore – Secretary**

*J. Lydeamore moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, seconded C. Flynn*

## **RECORDER'S REPORT 2021 / 2022**

The 2021/2022 season had 38 teams, one more than last year after the inclusion of a Men's 'Seniors' team into Division 1.

Division 1 had 6 teams  
Division 2 had 10 teams  
Division 3 had 8 teams  
Division 4 had 8 teams  
Division 5 had 6 teams

The inclusion of the Men's Seniors Team avoided byes in Division 1 this season.

The 2021/2022 year was scheduled to be a 17 match season.

The 1st and 3rd rounds were washed out. No matches were lost to heat or Covid this season.

I again take this opportunity to seek support for allowing the Grading Committee to have 6 or 8 teams per Division and grade teams for a more even competition. This will also make programming easier.

### **Results**

The final results for the 2021/2022 season were as follows:

Division 1 Seniors 5 sets 50 games to Reade Park Blue 1 set 27 games  
Division 2 Memorial Drive Blue 4 sets 50 games to Memorial Drive Red 2 sets 41 games  
Division 3 Reade Park Gold 4 sets 42 games to Tranmere 2 sets 39 games  
Division 4 Tranmere Gold 5 sets 46 games to Millswood 1 set 29 games  
Division 5 Reade Park Gold 5 sets 51 games to Memorial Drive 1 sets 21 games



## Awards

The Doris Boyce trophy is awarded to the most consistent player each year (subject to having played at least 75% of the season's matches).

Doris Boyce Trophy – Ann Rieger (Tranmere, Division 3)

Runner-Up – Elaine Marsland (Tranmere, Division 3)

Most Consistent Team - Tranmere (Division 3)

Best Player per Division

Division 1	Akiko Piszczuk	Memorial Drive Red
Division 2	Debra Laginestra	Memorial Drive Blue
Division 3	Ann Rieger	Tranmere
Division 4	Sue Cronin	Millswood
Division 5	Mary Jarvis	Reade Park Gold

Congratulations to all winners along with each and every player for a good season.

Scoresheets and Premiership Tables

Clubs supplied email addresses for a representative from each Team so that Premiership Tables could be emailed out at regular intervals. The Premiership Table was also available via the WMGTA website.

Thanks to Genevieve Dawson for her continued involvement updating the website.

This season's results were input directly by Team Captains into Tennis SA's 'League Manager.' A few people struggled to access League Manager, enter results, add new players and change playing order at times, but most queries were resolved by contacting me. Again, I noted a few people were not checking scoresheets before approving the results. As with all computer systems, people inevitably experience a few problems and some frustrations. However, I congratulate all Team Captains on their efforts and perseverance with the system.

## Summary

Scheduling an even 6 or 8-team competition across all Divisions is the major challenge again.

We strive to provide players with the best competition possible, whilst accommodating teams' preferences when sensible to do so. We hope this will contribute to the ongoing success of an enjoyable and competitive midweek ladies' competition.

I would like to thank the Executive, the Committee and Team Captains for their assistance throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

## Carol Davis – Recorder

*C. Davis moved that the Recorder's report be accepted, seconded by M. Menzies.*



## ELECTIONS

Nominations for Club President were taken by Chris Flynn as Janet Daws, President vacated the chair.

## COMMITTEE

President	Janet Daws nominated and was elected
Vice President	Christine Flynn nominated and was elected
Secretary	Joanna Lydeamore nominated and was elected
Treasurer	Carol Conley nominated and was elected
Recorder	Carol Davis nominated and was elected
Patron	June Heath will continue as Patron

## CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Reade Park	Linda Carter nominated and was elected
Kensington Gardens	Mardi Pedler nominated and was elected
Millswood	Lois Hill nominated and was elected
Sturt	Nicki Crawford nominated and was elected
Tranmere	Natalie Kowalski nominated and was elected
Xavier	Linda Wood nominated and was elected
Woodville	Merridy Menzies nominated and was elected
Memorial Drive	Debra Laginestra nominated and was elected

## SEASON DATES FOR 2022/2023

TENNIS			
Thursdays	20 October 2022	15 December 2022	9 Weeks
	2 February 2023	16 March 2023	7 Weeks
	<b>Semi Finals</b>	23 March 2023	
	<b>Grand Final</b>	30 March 2023	

## CORRESPONDENCE

a. Correspondence relating to the inclusion of men in Division 1 is described below.

### OTHER BUSINESS

#### a. Weekly Lunches

The general consensus was to continue as is where players may bring their own lunch and share coffee and tea with the opposition team. Members would like to maintain the social aspect after games.

#### b. UTRs

Members were not in favour of having to register a competitive player profile (UTR). It is highly administrative, not needed for our grading purposes and some of our players don't have computers to undertake this. Most believe it only relates to people wanting to play competition where grading is complicated/competitive, specifically tournaments. Members do not want to be sent advertising materials or information on tournaments. The following questions were raised. What happens for fill-in players? What are the issues if our players don't sign up? J Lydeamore to provide feedback to Luke Doughty from Tennis SA.

#### c. Inclusion of Men in Division 1

Linda Carter sent a survey out to clubs prior to the AGM and received responses from Xavier, Memorial Drive and the Reade Park teams. Currently, three Reade Park teams are nominating for

Div 1 in the upcoming season and one MDTC women's team as there is not a full second women's team. Memorial Drive also believes it could create a second men's team.

A motion was passed to allow two men's teams to play in Division 1 again as a trial. The vote was 8 for and 4 against. One team will be based at Kensington or Tranmere; and one team at Memorial Drive.

Memorial Drive will endeavour to fill both Division 1 sides with women. If this is achieved, Jeff Inglis said there would only be one (all) men's team. This would mean 6 teams in Division 1 (two from Memorial Drive (all women); three from Reade Park (all women); 1 Seniors team (all men).

Linda Carter said 7 teams were acceptable after the committee decided that 2 men's teams were approved.

A motion was passed that any men's teams must have their home games on grass.

It was agreed that the Men's standard should be monitored. Chris Flynn will check men's UTR and suggested that teams could not include two men with the same UTR.

A review of Division 1 will be undertaken at the Grading Committee meeting.

**d. Man as #1 in Women's Div 1 Team**

It was proposed for a man to be able to play in a women's Div 1 team to strengthen the team. This motion was not passed with 4 voting for and 8 voting against.

**e. Other Business**

Dawn Hurley was disappointed there were no photos of winners for the last two years. Requested banners be given to teams. Discussed but agreed banners were too costly. Carol said she will endeavour to organise photos next season.

The meeting closed at 3.25pm

**REMINDER:** Grading Meeting - Thursday, 22 September 2022, Tennis World Adelaide, Chelmsford Ave, Millswood at 1.30pm.