

# WAVERLEY TENNIS 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES



**Date:** 12 November 2020

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Venue:** MS Teams/ online

**Chair:** Mark Collins, President

**Minutes:** Van Ta Placidi, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:** There were 68 attendees

1. Welcome to the AGM was extended by Mark Collins. *Apologies are listed in Attachment Item 1.*
2. Minutes to the 2019 AGM were accepted by George Mitsas and seconded by Lyn Gillen.
3. President's Address and Presentation of Annual Report including 2019/2020 Mid-Week Ladies' Division Report and Financial Statement – *See President's speech in Attachment Item 3.*
4. Treasurer's Report and Acceptance of Annual Report –Financial Report was moved by the Treasurer, seconded by Russel McKimm (City of Camberwell TC) and Gail Norman (Donvale TC). Attendees voted in favour. *See Treasurer's speech in Attachment Item 4.*
5. All Officers of Tennis Association and Committee of Management were re-elected due to single nominations. Nominations for Night Competition Convener are open and will be advertised again. *See Attachment Item 5.*
6. All Officers Junior Committee Members were re-elected due to single nominations. *See Attachment Item 6.*
7. Appointment of Association Auditor Morton, Watson & Young Audit Pty Ltd. Attendees voted in favour.
8. Appointment of Honorary Solicitor Peter Kempson. Attendees voted in favour.
9. Tennis Victoria Update presented by Andrew Reynolds and Stephan Mikhail
  - It was acknowledged that this year has been a massive challenge for tennis; even so, it is an exciting time for tennis with the new developments including:
    - the Player Pathway Lead (looking at simplifying the pathways from Hot Shots, to school tennis to professional and social tennis)
    - Tennis Australia competition
    - UTR set up – Tennis Australia signed 10-year contract with UTR and have a financial share in it. This is year 3
    - Safety and Inclusion in tennis especially for young people
    - AJL starting this weekend Sunday 15 November 2020
    - Australian Ranking points will continue in 2021 and ease as UTR comes in
    - Country grass tournament will recommence in January 2021. Warnambool will offer UTR tournament
  - The latest COVID-19 updates have been released one hour ago. Clubs may need to check with their LGA about permission to use clubhouses. Competition: Juniors can have one parent on site as spectators, Senior cannot have spectators yet. Car-pooling is recommended for max of two households in one car.

- For any enquiries, Andrew and Stephan can be contacted via email: [areynolds@tennis.com.au](mailto:areynolds@tennis.com.au) [smikhail@tennis.com.au](mailto:smikhail@tennis.com.au)

10. Competition Report Update by Trevor Smyth. *See notes in Attachment Item 10.*
11. Hot Shots Match Play Update - Mark Collins encouraged club representatives to get involved in Hot Shots. *See notes in Attachment Item 11.*
12. Junior Report/ Tournaments Update. *See Lyn Gillen's speech in Attachment Item 12*
13. Tennis Victoria's Associations Junior League (AJL) presented by Brian Hovey  
We entered 8 teams in the Tennis Victoria 2019 Association Junior League (AJL), four of our teams made it through to the Grand Final with three winning. We had four children win the prestigious AJL Player of the Year Award. Overall, it was a successful season for us.

2020 Season - Teams were selected back in July 2020, with the season due to commence on the 16 August but with COVID and lockdowns in place the commencing date was moved to the 8 November 2020. The Ring of Steel and the 25km restrictions were also in place until 11:59pm on the 8 November, therefore the season starting date again had to be moved to this coming Sunday 15 November.

We have entered 8 teams and they will play 5 Home and Away rounds with Finals being played on the 20 December 2020. I am hoping that there will be some people in Waverley at that time!

Before finishing a big thank you to the following clubs: Knox City, Tally Ho, Essex Heights and Doveton, who have kindly offered their courts during this extremely difficult time and also a big thank you to Tyler Krumholz at Tennis Victoria for the tremendous amount of work he has done to get this season underway.

14. Proposal - Sub-Committee to liaise with City of Monash Council, presented by Donald Smith  
Following recent discussions, 14 of the 16 tennis clubs in the City of Monash Council local government area have so far indicated that they would like to form a co-operative sub-committee under the WDTA umbrella. The remaining 2 clubs have not yet had the chance to discuss this idea with their committees and will advise when this has been done.

The aims of this sub-committee would be to work together to assist the clubs in areas of common interest, such as:

- Where possible, being able to represent the clubs more collectively when dealing/negotiating with the City of Monash Council (e.g. 2021 lease renewals), rather than only being able to deal with them as individual clubs
- By having this group as part of WDTA, ensuring WDTA is included in all communications, meetings and forums run by the City of Monash Council
- Sharing information, ideas, expertise and best practices, so we all become stronger as a result

- Increasing the clubs' purchasing power to get better prices on balls or other tennis equipment (regardless of the brand) and court supplies (such as en-tout-cas), compared to what the clubs can achieve individually
- Sharing the cost and usage of major expenditure items, such as court grooming machines or other maintenance items for tennis courts

The governing principles of such a group would be:

- To find where issues or areas of common ground, and work together on them for everyone's benefit
- Not to make any decisions that all clubs in the City of Monash Council LGA must abide by.
- For clubs to be free to opt in or opt out of any purchase opportunity, deal, decision or negotiation as it suits them
- If opportunities exist for clubs outside the City of Monash Council LGA to benefit, to share these with other WDTA clubs

## 15. General Business

Ken Kennedy via Chat - Monash Uni TC would like to thank our neighbouring clubs in Monash and Greater Dandy that have and are continuing to help us out over the last 12 months while our new facility is (still) being built. Many thanks to Oakleigh TC, Wheelers Hill TC, Burden Park TC, Rosswood TC, Springvale North TC and especially Glen Waverley TC for making it possible for our members to stay on court over the last 12 months. We will contact all visiting teams a week before to advise of the alternate venue, and hopefully welcome you to our fantastic new facility in 2021.

Meeting concluded at 8:53pm.

Van Ta Placidi, Association Secretary

## Attachments to 2019/2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes

**Item 1.** Apologies were received Springvale South TC, Springvale North TC, Rowville TC, North Ringwood TC

### **Item 3. President's speech**

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the annual report for 2019-2020, circulated electronically to all Waverley Tennis affiliates on 28 October 2020, and I recommend to you all to have a read if you have not already done so. The report covers all activities of Waverley Tennis for 2019-2020 and includes the activities of the Waverley Tennis mid-week ladies' division, which this meeting also serves as the annual general meeting of the mid-week ladies' division. We all owe congratulations to Van and Ian and all contributors for putting together such an informative document.

I wish to highlight some important points from the annual report:

- with the onset of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic in late March, it has been a very difficult year for community sport, in particular for us, the game of tennis, both socially and competitively, hopefully we are now emerging from the end of the tunnel (with the start-up of the weekend summer season, night tennis and hot shots match play – albeit shortened versions – over this coming next week) – much frustration, strong determination and many communications have finally got us there. Sincere thanks to you all for your understanding and patience during the past eight months. I also wish to acknowledge Tennis Victoria for all its communications and updates on the state government’s rulings and regulations affecting our sport over these past months. A special thanks to all tennis club administrators (in particular club match convenors) for their dedicated support in helping to get us back in competition mode. And on behalf of all you Waverley Tennis affiliates, I wish to thank the **Waverley Tennis management team** for their tireless efforts to get us all back out onto the tennis courts and to get a restart to inter-club competition tennis, from Van, Ian, George, Trevor, down to the record secretaries, our mid-week ladies’ division officials and to all Waverley Tennis officials – all the team, well done!
- I wish to recognise and pay tribute to our lost warrior, **Len Pratt**, who passed away last Easter Sunday – Len’s contribution to Waverley Tennis in so many ways (Waverley Informer), and his contribution to tennis in general, was enormous and we will all struggle to replace him as we now move back into competition tennis. Our condolences were extended to his family at the time of his passing.
- Last year I spoke about vacancies on the **committee of management** and it is very pleasing to record that we will have four (4) members/faces joining the committee of management this year – thanks Delyth, Neil, Daniel and Donald for offering your services to Waverley Tennis in 2020/2021. We trust that you will enjoy your time with us. We are losing the services of retiring committee members Craig Kitner and Matthew Coghlan and we thank them both for their work with us. There are still plenty of opportunities for others to come forward to serve on some of our other committees (junior committee, match committee, night tennis committee, finance committee, Robinson Reserve Tennis Centre management committee and/or maintenance team, to put a name to such committees).
- I wish to highlight the contribution made to Waverley Tennis by our **principal sponsors, in particular, the Pinewood Community Bank branch (Bendigo Bank), Amer Sports Australia (Wilson) and Tension 24**. Thanks to all our other associated sponsors and advertisers, as recorded in the annual report.

It has been a very challenging time over the past eight months, hopefully the months ahead will be much smoother, and we will see all our competitions and tournaments and other activities return in record numbers in 2021.

It has been a great pleasure to have served you all as president in my 27<sup>th</sup> year in that position. I look forward to 2020/2021 with renewed expectations.

Mark Collins

#### **Item 4. See Treasurer's speech**

Hi Everyone, thanks for your attendance tonight. It is my third year as treasurer for the association and I think it is clear to say the year of 2020 has been a rollercoaster for most of us.

As most of us know, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. The outbreak and the response of Governments in dealing with the pandemic had interfered with general activity levels within the community and the economy.

Following the COVID-19 outbreak, the Waverley District Tennis association has continued its operations to remain available to affiliated clubs and members. The situation is unprecedented, and management continues to consider the potential implications of COVID-19, which may include disruptions to the availability of volunteers and changes in affiliated clubs and their members in competition.

As at the date of these financial statements presented to you, the association has forgone income received in the lockdown period extended for Victoria. This has resulted in a deficit for the 2020 financial year. However, the association has been resilient enough to withstand the 2020 financial year global pandemic and not aware of any material adverse effects on the financial statements or future results as a result.

It is evident that the association has shown reduced income and a reduction in bank balance reflects this. It is also clear that a reduction in income for the association, is most likely a reduction in income for affiliated clubs in competition.

I'll open it to the floor if anybody has questions, please feel free to provide a comment in the chat box.

I would like to propose moving forward the annual report and financial statements as they present.

Thank you,

George Mitsas

#### **Item 5. Election of Officers of Tennis Association & Committee of Management.**

The following Committee of Management nominations have been received and no elections are required. A nomination to fill the vacancies of Night Competition Convenor will be called for at the AGM.

President	Mark Collins
Vice-Presidents (2)	Marcos Ahumada, Delyth Samuel
Secretary	Van Ta Placidi
Assistant Secretary	Ian Chanter
Treasurer	George Mitsas

Match Committee Convenor	Trevor Smyth
Night Competition Convenor	<b>VACANCY</b>
Night Competition Record Secretary	Neil Armstrong
Senior Summer Record Secretary	David Kimberley
Senior Winter Record Secretary	David Kimberley
Junior Summer Record Secretary (Saturday)	Margaret Quigley
Junior Winter Record Secretary (Saturday)	Margaret Quigley
Junior Summer Record Secretary (Sunday)	Tina Feely
Junior Winter Record Secretary (Sunday)	Tina Feely
Junior Administrator	Mark Collins
Committee Members (3)	Lyn Gillen, Daniel Shell, Donald Smith

#### **Item 6. Election of Junior Committee Members**

The following nominations have been received and there are up to four (4) vacancies available. Nominations to fill the vacancies will be called for at the AGM. Committee membership ideally suited for current or previous tennis club junior convenors/ administrators.

Committee Members (10)	Mark Collins
	Lyn Gillen
	Brian Hovey
	Suzanne Lawrence
	Richard Morris
	Trevor Smyth
	<b>VACANCIES (4)</b>

#### **Item 10. Competition Report Update Notes**

**Summer season 2020/21** finally starts this weekend but many changes to draw since team entries came in due to apprehension of clubs and players to enter teams due to corona virus issues. All late changes have been loaded onto club zone. No hardcopy of handbook but updated version on website. Venue Supervisors Badges must be worn at home junior matches by nominated supervisor. Scoresheets available online or scorebooks available by contacting Trevor.

#### **Special Summer 2020/21 By-Law Variations**

2 matches to qualify for finals (normally 3).

Juniors eligible to play if turn 19 before 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (date of winter grand final).  
Late entries, forfeits, and withdrawals will not incur a fine.  
If no parent from junior team present at away venue, no fine if numbers permitted at venue exceed LGA limit.

### **Clubzone**

All clubs expected to keep their club officials details up to date. It is not the job of Waverley Tennis to do so. Any help required, contact Van or Ian. Important to include Night Convenor and Club Coach so communication reaches appropriate person.

Thank you to all our Record Secretaries, Secretary and President for all their hard work and perseverance in the setting up of the abandoned winter season and the new summer season.

Thank you to all clubs for the tremendous support of our summer season and the difficulty of organizing teams due to the continual changing circumstances.

Trevor Smyth

### **Item 11. Hot Shots Update - Mark Collins' Speech**

I believe that you are all aware of my passion for this introductory competition, in both orange ball and green ball; both for its value in getting players interested and started in the game of tennis, but also in educating their parents in the rudiments of the game.

The coronavirus COVID-19 crisis has caused a significant disruption to this very important Waverley Tennis program. Terms 2 and 3 were cancelled.

In term 1 2020, the Waverley Tennis hot shots match play program reached record numbers in terms of participating tennis clubs, team numbers and player numbers: 13 clubs, 40 teams and over 150 players.

The Waverley Tennis hot shots match play program is restarting in term 4 2020, but with reduced numbers consisting of three (3) orange ball teams and eight (8) green ball teams.

Each team will get at least three (3) matches in a shortened season, without finals.

**Nevertheless, at least we have got the competition back out onto the courts from this coming Sunday**, and it gives us something to work on in rebuilding the program in term 1 2021 when, hopefully, more of our regular participants over the past years (**since term 4 2013**) will be able to re-enter teams into the competition, which is conducted each school term and consists of five (5) Sundays and a finals day on the sixth Sunday (with BBQ and presentation of medallions and certificates to all players).

I do strongly urge all Waverley Tennis affiliated tennis clubs (junior convenors and coaches) to keenly review this competition with the intent to participate in 2021.

My thanks are extended to our retired secretary, Jim Birch, for acting as my assistant and the record secretary for the Waverley Tennis hot shots match play program - Jim is also very dedicated to the concept.

Mark Collins

## **Item 12. Junior Report & Tournament Report - Lyn Gillen's speech**

Thank you, Mark and welcome to Andrew Reynolds (Tennis Victoria) and new Club Development Officer for Metro South East at Tennis Victoria Stefan Mikhail (ex-Waverley Squad member) and club delegates.

I would like to give you a summary of my area for the 2019-20 year.

**Junior Development Squads** - We continued to operate two squads - for 10/12 year olds at Glenvale on Wednesday nights from 6.30-7.30pm under TCA coach Nectar Davos and for B Special and above at Doveton on Friday nights under TCA Coach Tophan Bulant. A number of these squad children get the opportunity to represent Waverley in one or more of Waverley's six team activities and Tennis Victoria's AJL during the year.

It is with regret that I advise the death (on 6/8/20) of Pat Wright - one of our trainers from East Burwood days when the squad trained there. Pat was a loved trainer, very reliable and played a big part in selecting teams plus took on the role of Team Manager at a number of events.

### **Tennis Victoria Events**

**2019 Frank Sedgman Cup** for 11 and under was played in Traralgon on 27 and 28 July and our team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position. 2020 event was due to be played in Bendigo on 25 and 26 July and was postponed 4 times and eventually cancelled due to COVID. Our team was already picked and disappointed that they could not compete.

**2019 Alicia Molik Cup** for 12 and under was held at Kooyong on 7 and 8 December 2019. Waverley **won** in a nail biting final by one game defeating North Suburban.

**2020 Pat Cash Cup** for 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s was held at Yarrowonga on 29 February and 1 March. Waverley **won** this event defeating Bayside 14-92 to 10-82. Special thanks to Dale Collins for her support as a Team Manager.

**2020 Wayne Arthurs Cup** for 10 and under was due to be played at Kooyong on 4 and 5 April but was cancelled due to COVID. Another disappointed team.

### **Inter-Association Events**

**29<sup>th</sup> Daphne Fancutt Shield** was held on 18 and 19 January 2020. Competing teams from North Suburban, North Eastern, Eastern Region, Peninsula and Waverley Tennis. Fancutt team from Queensland did not compete in 2020 due to the ill-health of Daphne Fancutt - sadly she died on 18 September 2020. A great lady who was one of 5 members of her immediate family to compete at Wimbledon (a world record). Fancutt team was replaced by a team from Bayside.



Play was abandoned due to weather conditions late on Sunday. Waverley had already won enough matches and was declared the winner in 2020 to make it 18 wins for Waverley in this event.

Because of the unavailability of players due to tournaments etc. the **65<sup>th</sup> Pat Pearce Shield** (hosted by North Eastern) was held at Boroondara Tennis Centre on 13/14 July 2019. Teams were reduced to 3 boys/girls in 13s and 15s age groups. Play was abandoned at 1 pm on day two due to rain and Waverley announced the winner of the event making it 5 wins in a row.

The 66<sup>th</sup> Pat Pearce Shield was due to be played at Doveton with Waverley as host on 2-4 October but had to be cancelled due to COVID. Waverley to host event in 2021 (probably October again).

### **Tennis Australia approved Tournaments**

**2020 tennisTRAIN Waverley Tennis GOLD Junior Event** was held over the Labour Day weekend in March for 12s, 14s and 16s age groups. Just managed to get completed before COVID restrictions put in place!

Newsflash - HAD A CALL TODAY FROM TENNIS VICTORIA ADVISING THAT ALL GOLD TOURNAMENTS due to be played IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH WILL BE REDUCED TO SILVER LEVEL BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF BORDER CLOSERS ETC.

**2020 Waverley Tennis GOLD AMT** - June Queen's Birthday weekend - cancelled due to COVID.

**2019 Waverley Tennis \$15K Platinum AMT** was held at Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre in September. Rain on finals day prevented the completion of the event. I approached Tennis Australia for approval to share prizemoney which was granted.

Overall, our events during the last 12 months have been affected by weather or COVID with four out of five great wins in Pat Pearce, Alicia Molik, Daphne Fancutt and Pat Cash.

### **Gillens during Lockdown**

My husband Graeme and I put together a file of all "winning Waverley Teams with photos (including names of all players) from 2005-2020 for the six different team events in which Waverley participates. Checkout our Waverley Facebook page. Our website to be updated shortly.

It was a wonderful time of reflection remembering the great kids who have represented Waverley Tennis over the years. We watch them still in their tennis journey some still playing the Circuit and the Grand Slams. The families have been a dream to work with and it has been a pleasure to get to know them.

Lyn Gillen

Van Ta Placidi  
Association Secretary