

GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Agenda for AGM to be held 27/11/96

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Business Arising
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Competition Subcommittee Report
7. Junior Subcommittee Report
8. Ladies Midweek Report
9. Grounds & Financial Mgmt Report
10. Notices of Motion
11. Election of Officers
12. Membership Fees
13. General Business
14. Auditors
15. Patrons

NOMINATION LIST - The following nominees have been duly proposed, seconded and accepted positions as listed below:

President: Steve Gibson

Proposed by A Stuckey, seconded by M Slingsby and accepted.

Vice President: Denis Stimson

Proposed by Steve Gibson, seconded by D Stimson and accepted.

Treasurer: Karen Forrester

Proposed by Chris Cox, seconded by Pat Healey and accepted.

Committee Members:

Pat Healey - Proposed by B Light, seconded by J Skinner and accepted.

Tony Stuckey- Proposed by T Mahoney, seconded by M Roberts and accepted.

Anne Thomas - Proposed by M Slingsby, seconded by A Stuckey and accepted.

Mavis Slingsby - Proposed by A Thomas, seconded by A Stuckey and accepted.

Bryce Grossel - Proposed by M Slingsby, seconded by A Thomas and accepted.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The following Notices of Motion have been passed at the Ladies Midweek AGM and will be voted upon at our AGM to be held 27/11/96 at 7:30 pm.

2. Tennis Balls - Rule 2.1 Now Reads:

Three (3) approved balls to be provided by the home team for each match. Expenses for the match to be shared by both teams.

Amended to Read:

2.1 At least three (3) approved balls to be provided by the home team for each match. Expenses for the match to be shared by both teams.

Proposed by Pat Healy, seconded by Dale Murphy. The motion was carried; 31 in favour/ 8 opposed.

3. Starting Time

3.1 Now Reads: Starting time is 9:30 am with a fifteen (15) minute grace allowed. If after that period a team fails to have the required pair on the court, they shall forfeit the set and each subsequent set for every lapse of fifteen (15) minutes. After match has commenced a maximum of five (5) minutes only be allowed between each set after which the set will be forfeited.

Amended to Read:

3.1 Starting time is 9:30 am with a fifteen (15) minute grace allowed. If after that period a team fails to have the required pair on the court, they shall forfeit the set and each subsequent set for every lapse of fifteen (15) minutes. After match has commenced a maximum of five (5) minutes only be allowed between each set after which the set will be forfeited, or at Committee's discretion.

Proposed by Maureen Rowe, seconded by Pat Healy. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Wet Weather

7.1 Now Reads: In the event of wet weather or extreme heat, if any match does not complete 4 sets, this, or these matches will be replayed as a deferred match at the end of the round on a Wednesday.

Amended to Read:

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Proposed by Pat Healy, seconded by D Logan. Motion passed unanimously.

G. D. T.A.

Treasurer's Report

For The Year Ended 31st October, 1996.

1. Tonight I give my last report as Treasurer of G. D. T.A.

2. I have been the Treasurer of the Association for the past 4 years and have enjoyed the role very much. However over the past 2 years I have found it increasingly difficult to allocate sufficient time to perform the duties of the position at the level I would choose. In fact last year I had informed Steve that I would like to stand down. It was not possible but this year it is. I wish my successor the best and assure her of my support should it be required.

3. Although I am no longer willing to act as Treasurer I have made myself available to the Association to act on the D & F Sub-committee if required.

4. Four years ago the method of reporting the activities of the Association was changed to better reflect the two aspects of the Association's responsibilities:

1. Administration of tennis in the Gosford area.

and; 2. The business of running the Vaughan Park tennis facility (a small business).

It is important to understand the differences between the two:-

1. The administration of the Association involves Membership, Affiliation with Tennis NSW, the organisation of all competitions, the running of District Championships, the organisation of Open and Junior Tournaments, Interdistrict involvement and Junior Development programmes. i.e the promotion and development of tennis within Gosford City area. These activities would be the Association's responsibility irrespective whether or not the Vaughan Park facility was here. These Administration activities should be primarily self-funded through membership fees, competition entry fees and other specific fundraising activities organised by the Association.

2. The Vaughan Park Tennis Complex should be run as a business with all profits channelled directly back to the maintenance and upgrading of the Complex. The Courts should stand alone and not use Association funds. It must be remembered that the Association is responsible for the administration and development of Tennis within the Gosford City area not just tennis played at Vaughan Park. In theory, and I'm sure in practice, those members whose tennis is based away from Vaughan Park and who play there only occasionally would prefer that their funds be used for the development of tennis generally.

The Financial Accounts of the Association attempt to show the split. The split cannot be perfect but it is intended to give the right "flavour" to the overall result.

This year both the Association and the Courts have run at a deficit which has been funded from previous year's surpluses.

First, Administration activities:

1. A deficit of \$2813 has been recorded in comparison to a surplus of \$7276 in 1995.

2. This deficit has come about by a decrease in overall income (1996 \$49411 and 1995 \$52606) and an increase in expense level (1996 \$52,224 and 1995 \$45,330).

3. The most concerning area in the drop in overall income is the continued slow drop in Registered Members. (see details in Note 3). I believe this is a reflection of the general condition Tennis now finds itself throughout Australia. Positive marketing efforts must be made at national and local level to stop the drift away from our sport.

4. Although all expenses can be "justified" the position is not good and an attempt to keep a very tight rein on expenses should be a priority for the incoming Committee. Administration activities should always be run at a surplus to provide a continual build-up of funds for planned future development projects.

Secondly, the Courts,

1. A deficit of \$25,394 has been recorded for the year in comparison to a breakeven situation for 1995.

2. This deficit has been brought about principally by the very high cost of Repairs and Maintenance (see Note 2) and a drop in Court Hire Income (see Note 1). All other income and expenditure are generally in line with 1995.

3. A Provision for Long Service Leave has been created this year. Our current full-time Caretaker has been employed for almost 10 years and this Provision has been created to properly show the current financial liability. I recommend that an investment be made to "quarantine" funds for its payment when called. A lesser amount is shown in the Administration Financial Accounts.

4. Although the high expenses have been somewhat unavoidable over the past few years due mainly to the age of the facility I cannot see them stopping. This will make any major upgrading of the complex a very difficult proposition indeed.

5. Over the past few months the outgoing Committee has been reviewing the operations and have set in train a number of things which will need to be carefully considered by the incoming Committee.

6. It is my opinion that despite the very best intentions and efforts of the Committee and our Caretakers The running of the Complex is inefficient and not at all cost-effective. It is my opinion that the Complex is capable of providing funds for its own development. Irrespective of the future Management style of the complex, if it is to generate sufficient funds to provide major improvements to playing surfaces and the surronuds generally an all-out onslaught to maximise income and minimise expense must be undertaken.

Thank You.

M.R. Vaughan.