

MINUTES OF GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 24TH NOVEMBER, 1999

APOLOGIES: Gail Young, Kay Armstrong, Chris Cox, Stephanie Bowler, Kerry Moon\

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Moved Gloria Healey, seconded Marie Frost

BUSINESS ARISING: Photo of Tony Stuckey and Plaque has been put on the wall in this room as a memento of Tony.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dennis Stimpson thanked all those who have served on the various committee's and helped to run various events.

Status of the Association is still very high, but there are concerns that we need another 20 people with time to give to help run things for the Association. We have a number of people doing a few hours and a number doing long hours for the Association.

We would like to thank Jamie Byrnes for chairing the Junior Committee, but they need new blood. Anne Thomas has done a great job running the Night Competitions, but we need at least 2 people doing this task. We could lose our Saturday Competition Secretary, the Junior Badge this year is in need of assistance, but we do thank those who have helped with the Junior Badge this year. This has been growing and we want it to continue to grow in the future.

The increasing involvement of Steve Gibson at Tennis NSW, who is a Director, no longer allows him the time to give to us to the degree he has previously. Matthew Roberts is still doing an immense amount of work for this Association and we thank him very much for this.

We have an increasing fixture list and it is in our interests to continue to increase this whenever possible. The Nationals, which we have again in January, we may also possibly have for another 2 years. It is possible that in February/March we will be running a Men's Satellite Tournament here and the list goes on. It is because we have the hard courts, we are being asked to host these events.

The other main point is the lease for the complex is still not signed. We received a letter in September requesting payments to the Council's Solicitor. It also mentioned the non-existence of a letter from Council to their Solicitor in April last year. Council have now found this letter which required certain amendments to the lease to be made. We had a letter in August last year requesting payment of monies to sign the lease and in the following 12 months this has not happened. We are not prepared to sign the lease when we have not seen the document, our Solicitor has advised us we should not do so.

The RTA ran the sewer for the Band Hall into our line and because of the lease we are required to have separate title and Council is saying the work required will cost \$17,000 and has to be paid by the Band Hall and the Association. We are both refusing to pay this amount of money.

Council advised that until this work was carried out and paid for by both the Band Hall and Association, nothing further could proceed on the lease.

A couple of weeks ago Dennis was handed a letter of two lines from the Council Solicitor saying that as there was no reply to their letter of 1/9/99, could we please nominate a date on which we would vacate the premises. On the Monday Dennis went to the Council Offices and spoke to the Property Manager, Roland Sodher and Wayne Browning, who apologised for this letter and said they did not give this direction to their Solicitor. We are awaiting retraction of that letter and a copy of the amended lease which is to be forwarded to our Solicitor. The Band Hall signed their lease 2 years ago but are still waiting for Council to sign it.

We are currently getting quotes to do some work on the 8 courts at the bottom complex. We have had another 8 courts cleaned. The fencing is being repaired and made higher on the courts along the back. The Umpires stands are being repaired. The driveway needs to be worked on to drain the water away.

Noel Healey asked why we had to go through Council as in the past we went through the Lands Department. We commenced these proceedings in 1995 and it seems to be "bogged" down with the Council's Solicitor. They have a problem that we are getting the money for the sub-lease, but this was discussed with them years ago. Nearly \$2,000 has been added to our fees when nothing has happened. We paid \$500.00 up front, which was the normal amount until finalised. Conservation and Water own the land, but it is administered by Council. We have an agreement between CALM, Council and ourselves for a 20 year lease. The RTA were responsible for re-building the Band Hall because they moved it for the road works.

Dennis thanked Megan Healey for doing the book-work for us, it is a very big job and we need a replacement Treasurer for 2000.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Presented and moved by Megan Healey
Seconded Steve Gibson

We made some \$30,000 upgrades this past year.

Steve Gibson was concerned we are down on Team Registration when our numbers are up. We have 2 comps about to commence and these figures would not be included. L.M.W. has a cheque for close to \$1,700 for team registration fees also to be paid.

Janet Radcliffe asked about the advertising figure of \$5,738. Last year we made a decision to, over a 10 month period, remit an amount of \$500 per month to the Centre which is shown as advertising and promotion. We also make a contribution of \$60.00 per week to the Centre which is paid to assist with Matthew's fees as he does work to assist the Association. All tournaments are now advertised and this has assisted with the increase in competitions.

The \$500 fee was paid from July to April this year then ceased, and we have now re-commenced a figure of \$250.00 per month for 6 months for advertising and promotion.

Robyn Davis asked about Property, Plant and Equipment. Megan advised the Auditor has asked us to do an asset list.

Inter-District – we paid some \$3,000 for T shirts and still have half of these to use next year. We have tried to cut costs for inter-district and have managed to do so this year.

The lights on courts 3 and 4 have been re-placed and lights on other courts have been uo-graded. Next year we will probably have to replace another 2 courts until all courts are brought up to as new. Rod reported that all lights are now working. Courts 7 and 8 will only last another couple of months and we will need to spend another \$5,000 in the next couple of months.

COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT - Copy on file.

The format for team registration fee was changed, we are trying to benefit teams with a lesser number of players and hope it will stop "phantom" players being nominated on the form to assist a team to remain in a certain grade.

Championships in September were very successful again this year. Matthew was the Tournament Director with assistance from Pat and other Committee. Stephanie Bowler was the ladies Winner and Dane Fernandez won the Men's Open.

JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT – Copy on file (presented by Matthew Roberts).

This has been a very tough year for the Junior Committee, but it has also been a very satisfying year.

Steve advised the School's Gala Day was recognised by Tennis NSW and we thank Matthew for his efforts here.

L.M.W. REPORT: Copy on file , together with Auditor's Report (presented by Maureen Rowe)

NOTICES OF MOTION: Copy of all Notices of Motion on file.

15 presented - 6 withdrawn, 1 adjourned, 6 carried and 2 defeated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

It was moved Maureen Rowe, seconded Gloria Healey that Steve Gibson be the Returning Officer.

PRESIDENT: DENNIS STIMPSON - moved Pat Healy, seconded Anne Thomas

VICE PRESIDENT: PAT HEALY - moved Betty Light, seconded Bev Jordan

SECRETARY: MAUREEN ROWE - moved Rosie Leggat, seconded Pat Healy

TREASURER: (Megan Healey has offered to continue to do the bookwork until we
Can obtain the services of a Treasurer)

COMMITTEE: JAMIE BYRNES - moved Matthew Roberts, seconded Rod Rosenfield
STEVE GIBSON - moved Rod Rosenfield, seconded Maureen Rowe
ANNE THOMAS - moved Pat Healy, seconded Robyn Davis
BRYCE GROSSEL - moved Anne Thomas, seconded Jamie Byrnes
CHRIS COX - moved Betty Light, seconded Marie Frost
LYNNE BUCHANAN - moved Pat Healy, seconded Anne Thomas

MEMBERS FEES:

Some discussion was held re these fees as we have to take into consideration the GST which comes into effect in July, 2000.

The following fees were moved Robyn Davis, seconded Janie Byrnes and passed -

ADULT	-	\$22.50 + \$12.50 (Player Registration)	=	\$35.00
JUNIOR	-	\$12.50 + 7.50	=	\$20.00
SENIOR	-	\$22.50 + 7.50	=	\$30.00

PATRONS: The Mayor , Local Member and Federal Member - moved Jamie Byrnes, seconded Megan Healy,

AUDITOR: Bracey Davidson - moved Megan Healy, seconded Steven Gibson

GENERAL BUSINESS:

This year we lost several of our present and past members. We pay tribute to Barbara Sherringham, Bob Campell and Sue Harrison.

Dennis advised we are about to invite the other centres in this area to become members of Tennis NSW. This will increase the numbers for Tennis NSW and give us a bigger voting block and will allow those players to have insurance when playing. It will also give us access to their names, phone numbers and addresses and it seems they will take up the offer. The Membership Form is being organised in a different colour which will be completed and returned with a cheque to Tennis NSW so that we do not put these figures through our books.

Steve commented that when the different Committee's were making their reports there was one name which came up continually and that was Pat Healy, and we thank her for her tremendous effort and the time she puts into our Association.

Rod asked to be able to give a Centre report in future. We feel the monthly meeting between the Committee of Management and the Centre is working very well even though the lease has not been signed.

There was comment made about Matthew's allowance, he does make a very big difference to both the Centre and the Association and gives a lot of his own time.

Thanks to Steve for the assistance with setting up the website - www.tenniscentre.com.au

Discussion was held re the \$2.00 membership fee. This would stay, but players would have to pay their fee for Tennis NSW as they are not covered by insurance.

Meeting closed 11.55 p.m.