

MINUTES OF LADIES' MID-WEEK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 2000

Meeting opened 7:45pm

47 ladies present

Apologies: Liz Blake, Val Wilson, Fay Boyd, Helen Lea, Lisa Merritt,  
Irene Soutar, Helen Pickett, Bev Jordan, Linda Rich,  
Mary Gordon, Jeanette Younie, Rose Bendall.

Minutes from Previous Meeting read. Moved Chris Uzelac,  
Seconded Chris Blackmore

President's Report presented by Maureen Rowe (copy on file)

Treasurer's Report presented by Chris Cox-Chris explained that  
our Accounts to be audited with Main Body Accounts so our System  
will have to change. Ladies asked our Annual Turnover and is  
GST on Team Charges. (Copy of Report on file)

Moved Betty Light  
Seconded Margaret Groves.

Social Secretary's Report presented by Betty Light (Copy on File)

Mrs Helen Newmark chaired the meeting for election of Officers  
for 2000.

Patroness - Mrs Sylvia Graham

President -Mrs Maureen Rowe (Pro Temp) As no Nomination  
Pat Healy suggest Caretaker President and  
Gail Young suggest Pro Temp. All in Favour  
for Maureen to sit until position is filled  
Maureen detailed role of President. Approval  
for Casual Vacancy in Constitution.

Vice President - Mrs Chris Uzelac

Secretary - Mrs Rosie Leggat

Treasurer - Mrs Chris Cox

Competition Secretary - Mrs Liz Blake

Publicity Officer - Mrs Chris Blackmore

Social Secretary - Mrs Del Campbell

DIVISIONAL REPS

Div A. Margaret Cairns  
Div A1 Pat Healy  
Div A2 Helen Newmark, Mary McCumstie  
Div A3 Pat Butters  
Div A4 Margaret Groves, Lisa Merritt  
Div B1 Betty Light, Pat Braham, Val Wilson  
Div B2 Judy King, Marilyn Brooks  
Div B3 Joy Hughes  
Div B4

Helen welcomed all Committee

There were 5 Notices of Motion put forward of which 4 were passed

Rule 1.1 Amended passed

Rule 7.1 Amended passed and Sylvia Ramsden moved to Add 'Majority of' in Rule 7.5 Paragraph b. All in favour to accept Amendment.

Rule 14.1 Amended passed

Rule 15.1 Amend of Notice of Motion discussed but moved from floor to be referred to Main Body AGM. As change of court venue as result of decision at a Main Body Meeting. No vote counted.

Rule 15.7 Deletion of this rule passed

A full copy of each Notice of Motion is on file,

GENERAL BUSINESS: Maureen discussed bottom courts and courts 10 & 11 for work to be done.

After lengthy discussion of Rule 15.1 or any concerns suggest attend Main Body AGM held Wednesday 29th November, 2000 at 7.30pm to have your say.

Grading will be held for 2001 Mid-Week Competition on Wednesday, 31st January, 2001 and Entries close 1.00pm. Competition will commence on 7th February, 2001.

Presentation Night held 13th December, 2000-tables of 8 & 10.

Wendy Galea asked as wet matches are not replayed for this comp. why some matches are played and other venues are washed out-why not all out-mentioned just luck of the draw.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY



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24<sup>th</sup> November, 2000

Mrs Lyn Graham  
P O Box 304  
WOY WOY NSW 2256

Dear Lyn,

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2000 regarding the Annual General Meeting of the Gosford District Ladies Mid-Week Tennis Association and the matter of changes to the Monday Night Ladies Competition was tabled at our meeting on 22/11/00.

Your letter was read in full and points discussed at this meeting.

Advice of these changes was conveyed to the Ladies Mid-Week Tennis Committee verbally by members of that Committee who are also members of the Main Body Committee and it is recorded in the minutes of their meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2000. Members were advised verbally of these changes. It was also recorded in the GDTA Meeting minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2000.

In putting forward the Notice of Motion re rule 15.1 to the Ladies Mid-Week A.G.M, the ladies were attempting to clarify the decision that the Main Body Meeting had reached previously .

The GDTA Committee does not believe it has contravened the current Association Constitution or the Ladies Mid-Week rules.

Yours in Sport,

DENNIS STIMSON

Po Box 304  
Woy Woy 2256  
17 November 2000

The President  
Gosford District Tennis Association Incorporated  
Vaughan Park Tennis Courts  
GOSFORD NSW 2250

Dear Mr Stimpson,

The Annual General Meeting of the Gosford District Ladies Mid-Week Tennis Association was held on Thursday Night 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2000.

At this meeting, the President stated to the Members present that venue changes to the Monday Night Ladies Competition had been made on a direction from the main body – Gosford District Tennis Association Incorporated. Another reason given that Vaughan Park Courts be filled first for this competition were the high electricity costs associated with this night comp.

The Gosford District Ladies Mid-Week Tennis Association is a recognised affiliated body of the Gosford District Tennis Association and is bound by the rules of Constitution of the Gosford District Tennis Association Incorporated. The Ladies also operate under their own duly constituted set of rules.

The Main Body, Gosford District District Tennis Association Incorporated, can suggest to the Ladies Association that they make a change to their rules, but they cannot direct them to do so. The only way for the Ladies to change their rules is by way of Special Resolution (Notice of Motion being given in writing to members 21 days before the Ladies AGM or a General Meeting as called). 75% of the meeting attendance must be in agreement with the changes as motioned.

X If the Main Body did direct (as the Ladies AGM was led to believe) the Ladies Association to fill Vaughan Park Courts first for the Ladies Night Competition – it has been done in contravention of the Constitution. Whats more – how was it done? Verbally? In writing?

MINUTES — Meeting

On the night of the Ladies AGM several motions were put to the floor, one in particular regarding the Ladies Night Competition is set out below.

The Motion had been Moved by Maureen Rowe and Seconded by Betty Light.

M. Brooks signed and dated the Motion – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2000.

The Motion read as follows:

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15. NIGHT COMPETITION

15.1 The Night Competition is limited to courts available to run this competition, with an opening date for the receipt of entries.

First twenty six (26) teams received nominating Vaughan Park as their Home Court will be allocated courts at this venue, at Committee discretion. Only one (1) team registration to be submitted by any one (1) person. Teams received after first 26 will be placed on outside courts

AMEND TO READ

15. NIGHT COMPETITION

15.1 Delete as is, replace with:

26 teams will be allocated courts at Vaughan Park as their home courts, at Committee discretion. Teams received over the number 26 will be placed on outside courts, at Committee discretion.”

To try to ratify changes to Night Competition Rule 15.1 after the changes have already been instigated is entirely unconstitutional.

Unfortunately, although this Motion was tabled with much discussion following, it was not voted on. The President admitted that the whole matter had been handled badly and her final statement was along the lines that if people thought so strongly about this subject it would be best to attend the AGM of the Main Body on 29<sup>th</sup> November and air their views.

Pat Davis read from an extract of the Minutes of the September Meeting of the Main Body.  
The extract is as follows:-

“1/9/00  
GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion re use of Vaughan Park Courts for Night Comps.  
All Gosford top courts to be filled for night comps before using any outside courts. This also applies to L.M.W.”

The President became somewhat heated declaring that this information was becoming misinterpreted and there was indeed no move to stop the use of outside courts on a Wednesday.

In a newsletter dated 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2000, Maureen Rowe made this announcement to the Gosford Midweek Ladies.

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L.M.W. WEDNESDAY COMPETITION FOR 2001

There seems to be talk around outside complexes that next year, the teams playing in our L.M.W. Wednesday Competition from outside complexes will not be allowed to play from those venues and will be allotted courts at Vaughan Park.

**THIS IS INCORRECT**


The recent change in court venue in relation to our L.M.W. Monday competition only applied to that competition, not the L.M.W. Wednesday competition. If you have any queries, please ring one of the executive.

It was pleasing to get feedback from the ladies playing this Monday Night Comp, how great it was for all the teams to be at the one venue and catch up with ladies they had not seen for ages. We hope you all enjoy the night comp.

Maureen Rowe – President”


With regard to this current ladies night competition, there are many lady Gosford District Tennis Club Members who are unhappy with not being able to have a home court close to their place of residence or to be able to use a court that has been their district home court – some for as long as 25 years. Many ladies, because of health reasons such as bad legs, arthritis or generally just being kind to themselves prefer to play on grass courts. Vaughan Park just cannot cater to all teams who want grass courts as home courts. Some ladies, as their way of protest, because they could not use outside venues, chose not to play in the Night Comp at all this year. Women who have patronised this competition for many years made the decision not to play.

The one week home/one week away scenario has been enacted for a long period of time and to change something that has been so successful seems unprecedented and uncalled for.

 Another member asked whether or not the Main Body could direct the Wednesday Ladies not to use outside venues. The President responded “Yes”. With regard to the current Constitution and at this point in time this is incorrect.

Although the ladies President made assurances to the AGM that Wednesday outside venues will remain unaltered next year, very reliable sources inform me that it is only a matter of time and Constitutional changes before this too will be altered and all play will be from Vaughan Park in the first instance.

Your written responses as to what are the facts and what the Associations stand is on these matters would be appreciated.

 Finally, because the Ladies Committee have contravened the Constitution by making these changes to the Night Competition perhaps consideration should be given to abandoning this Night Comp and nominations called for a new Ladies Monday Night Competition using outside venues and such Night Competition to be started ASAP.

Yours in tennis



LYN GRAHAM