

Minutes of AGM WGP Tennis Sunday 3rd July 2022

Meeting commenced 2.03pm with 34 Club Members in attendance , thus satisfying the quorum minimum of 25 members.

1. Apologies

Ken McLeod, Lynda Murdoch, Rob Shields, Mandy Herd, Neil Mayo, Cheryl Barrett, Bryan Barrett, Peter Lyness, Trish Eygermans.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Proposed to be accepted: Alf Sayer Seconded: Paul Spence

3. President's report

Proposed to be accepted as circulated: Alf Sayer Seconded: Brendon Forbes

Brendon Forbes also noted his thanks to Alf and the committee for steering the Club through a particularly difficult time over the Covid period

4. Managers' Reports – (all circulated to members in AGM pack prior to meeting)

a) **Club Captain – Steven Lay** . Interclub started in January with 11 teams entered from the club. Men's doubles Team 2 won their grade. Chelsea Cup team came 2nd. Good recent turnouts for Ladies and Mens Day, and for Club Champs competition.

b) **Junior Managers – Simon Yock.**

Explained to the meeting about the Junior programme, with notes as follows:

This season there was a desire to make the Junior Programme self-sufficient in terms of funding instead of being subsidised by the club and grants. Fees were raised from 2021 levels of \$180 for 1-2 sessions/week, to \$200 for one session or \$280 for 2 sessions this season.

The programme was fully subscribed at this new fee level with a waiting list. 180 Juniors were enrolled, ratio of 6:1 children per coach. There were fewer Junior Interclub teams, but results were better with Boys 15A winning their grade.

Junior Club Champs were a huge success with 90 Entries into a tournament-type competition, starting at 5 year olds. Thanks to Coaches, Junior parents and sponsors.

Programmes did run through the Covid period, with the Club supporting the coaches to adhere to Government guidelines.

Enrolmy software a big success in helping admin/management of Juniors, and also used for the coaches winter programme.

c. **Midweek - Francee Thornton.**

Covid- interrupted season, only played half season. Three Tuesday interclub teams, diminishing turnout on social Mondays and Wednesdays due to Covid.

d. **Social - Sarah Mayo.**

No social events due to Covid, but have restarted now. Looking forward to 70th Jubilee in November this year.

e. Bar - Simon Crampton.

Simon reported on bar takings and gross profit which stood at \$10,915 and was a decrease on previous year of only \$1,145. A commendable recovery given the length of time the bar was closed owing to covid restrictions.

f. Maintenance - Alf reported on Bryan's behalf.

Roof is going to require some maintenance soon, have therefore set aside some money in the forthcoming budget . We will strive to get some grant money before we commence any works. Internet connection for the clubhouse was upgraded.

Proposed that all managers reports be accepted: Alf Sayer Seconded: Malcolm Lewthwaite

5. Financials – Jacqui Ironside.

Jacqui presented the financials for the year. Club in good position, prudent expenditure over Covid times, but good balance.

Questions raised by Rob Gill re usefulness of current Donation system, given that fewer people carry cash. Is there a cashless alternative? Club Committee to consider viability and need of alternate options.

Proposed to be accepted: Alf Sayer Seconded : Wayne Walker

6. Approval of Annual Plan – Alf Sayer

Alf emphasised that a top priority is to recruit more senior members, since no recruitment activities in last two years, and senior membership has dropped over the 2 year Covid period by about 17%.

Proposed: Alf Sayer Seconded: Francee Thornton

Approval of Budget – Jacqui Ironside.

Jacqui noted following points:

Junior subscriptions to match coaching costs.

Repair & Maintenance \$6,750 identified in budget for likely roof repairs.

Operating surplus \$6,291

Proposed expenditure of \$10,000 on potential further deck development along with inclusion of access ramp.

Proposed to be accepted: Wayne Walker Seconded: Sandy Spence

7. Election of New Officers:

Alf Sayer President

Ady Croad Exec Member

Sarah Mayo Exec Member

All incumbents were standing again, and sole nominations - therefore elected unopposed.

8. General Business / resolutions / AOB:

The President drew attention to two topics, namely:

Wednesday and Sunday senior social sessions.

No change is envisaged to the format re age of younger member who can play at these 2 designated Senior Social sessions. Members have to be 16 years of age (or older!) to participate.

This stance aligns with Tennis Northern rules 16+ years and over for senior interclub.

This topic was reviewed as recently as 18 months ago by the committee. These traditional Senior sessions are viewed as part of the DNA of the club and any change to this operational stance would be unpopular.

Members should thus be re-assured that Wednesdays and Sundays continue as normal.

Update on 2 extra court decision.

Alf introduced 4 visitors , 3 current members of local Hibiscus and Bays Board namely: Gary Brown (Chairperson), Leanne Willis; Andy Dunn, and Sam (standing for Election this year).

Alf went on to explain that the long awaited Local Parks Management plan draft paper is now out and the Board are considering their response to the content.

The delayed publication of this report had hampered the Council Officers giving any response to the Local Boards request (October 2021) that they provide the timeline involved in seeking a renegotiation of our tennis club's leasehold footprint.

Additionally, it is now in the public domain that the specific project impacting Edith Hopper Park is a Penlink mitigation initiative, (need to fund other environmental work), that proposes removal of the concreted "stream/drain" and return it to a natural stream with native plantings.

This of course is very similar to the stream surrounding two flanks of our tennis courts. As the affected part is the area adjacent only to the netball courts and football pitch , this 'project' should not impact our application for space for 2 extra courts.

The Local Board is scheduled to hold a Business Meeting on 21st July . Alf will be speaking once again, and Wayne indirectly contributing, to the Board's deliberations on the merits of our case now that both these reports, and supposed obstacles, are now out in the open.

From our perspective, it is of course hoped the board will vote to support our desire to grant an expansion of our lease footprint, and instruct those responsible within the Council to do just that!

We will see. It seems to be a pivotal moment in our 12 year quest to get extra space, but the outcome is not guaranteed.

In response, Gary Brown spoke to the meeting and expressed his disappointment that the tennis club has waited 12 years for some resolution, and assured WGP Tennis of support of board members who were present at the meeting,

Auckland Council as ever push for multi-sport facilities. Gary doesn't think that this will work. Gary wants to promote North Harbour Netball to be much busier – therefore there will not be room for tennis at their complex, therefore they will push for us to have our own facilities.

Auckland Council doesn't want further regional infrastructure expenditure for next 15 years, Board hoping to overrule this and point out that residents from new areas (Millwater, Milldale, Arran Hills, plus housing intensification throughout the area) are using these currently available facilities, therefore these need to be expanded to cope, hence support for more court space for us.

Brendon spoke re facts and figures that he presented during his tenure supporting our application. Alf explained the Local Board and Council Officers were in possession of the more recent Visitor Solutions feasibility study report. This conveyed in detail the need for extra facilities to meet population growth .

Wayne put in vote of thanks for attendance for the Local Board members to giving their time on a Sunday.

Meeting Closed 2.53pm

Alf Sayer

President WGP Tennis Club