

## **Annual General Meeting**

### **Sorrento Tennis Club**

**29 July 2017**

Meeting opened by Anthony De Silva at 5.30 pm

**Present:** Those listed on the attached attendance sheet. Number present: 15

This is sufficient for a quorum (current eligible membership at 30 June 2017 is 205, 15 members comprises 7% so it is enough for a quorum which requires a minimum of 5%).

**Apologies:** Suzanne Lucas, Richard Sampson, Peter Smith, Ben Cribb, Katy Turnock, Linda Campbell

#### **Minutes of last AGM:**

The minutes were ratified as correct. Moved by John Genovese. Seconded by Kathy Grocock. Accepted.

#### **President's Report**

Anthony De Silva welcomed everyone and gave his President's report, as attached at Appendix A.

Questions: Dianne Broome pointed out that thanks are also owed to Linda Roberts who regularly assists her in the crèche on Tuesday mornings- thank you Linda.

John Genovese thanked Anthony De Silva for his time and effort as president over the 2016/17 year.

The report was approved. Moved by Carol Darby. Seconded by Kathy Grocock. Accepted.

#### **Financial Reports**

Copies of the financial statements (Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet) were circulated to the members. The financials are currently being audited, but the audit is not yet complete at this time. A formal audit report will be tabled when the audit is completed.

#### Questions:

Move to accept the financial statements, subject to a satisfactory audit report: Moved by Chris Limb. Seconded by Lynn Knell. Accepted.

#### **Coach report**

Coach Richard Sampson submitted his report as per Appendix B- this was delivered by David Buckoski.

#### **Thanks to outgoing executive**

The president thanked all the outgoing committee members for their efforts over the past year. All positions declared vacant and open for nominations.

**Nominations for new committee members and election of new committee:**

The following nominations and elections were completed:

**Committee Positions:**

Position	Nomination	Moved by	Seconded	Elected
President	Anthony De Silva	John Genovese	David Buckoski	unopposed
Vice president	John Genovese	Kathy Grocock	David Buckoski	unopposed
Secretary	Barbara Troncone	Kathy Grocock	John Genovese	unopposed
Club captain	Ben Cribb	Barbara Troncone	John Genovese	unopposed
Ladies captain	Suzanne Lucas	Carol Darby	Kathy Grocock	unopposed
Junior coordinator	David Buckoski	John Genovese	Barbara Troncone	unopposed
Social Director	Alex Williams	John Genovese	Joel Moss	unopposed
Treasurer	David Le	John Genovese	Joel Moss	unopposed

**Other positions:**

Position	Nomination	Moved by	Seconded	Accepted
Bar Manager	John Genovese	Barbara Troncone	Lynne Knell	unopposed
Tennis West Coordinator	Joel Moss & John Genovese	Barbara Troncone	David Buckoski	unopposed
Independent Auditor *	Ann Gordon	John Genovese	Barbara Troncone	unopposed

\* The auditor was unable to conduct the end of financial year audit prior to the AGM but will do so at the earliest possible time.

**Sub-committees:**

Sub-committee	Nomination	Moved by	Seconded	Elected
Financial	-	-	-	-
Club Captain (Ben Cribb)	John Genovese Joel Moss David Buckoski Carlo Piva	Barbara Troncone	Carol Darby	unopposed
Ladies Captain	<i>For social:</i> Roz Udall Dot Pearman Margaret Martin Carol Darby	Anna Thrumble	Barbara Troncone	unopposed

Sub-committee	Nomination	Moved by	Seconded	Elected
	Janelle Stewart	Anna Thrumble	Ros Udall	
	Irene Bailey			
	<i>For pennants:</i>			
	(TW Coordinator mid-week ladies)			
	Katy Turnock			
	Barbara Troncone			
	Chris Tapley			
	Kathy Grocock			
Junior Captain	John Genovese Carlo Piva Richard Sampson	John Genovese	Anna Thrumble	unopposed
Social Events	-	-	-	-
Grounds (John Genovese)	Richard Sampson	John Genovese	David Buckoski	unopposed
Bar	Anna Thrumble Barbara Troncone All RSA holders	John Genovese	David Buckoski	unopposed
Northern Districts	Joel Moss	Barbara Troncone	David Buckoski	unopposed

It was noted that the committee members can later select further sub-committee members where additional help is required.

### **Welcome to the new Committee**

The new committee was officially welcomed. The first meeting will be held at the club at 7.30 pm on Monday, 14 August 2017.

### **General Business**

Dianne Broome noted that the wheelchair that she had earlier provided to the club has now been repaired and is in working order and wanted clarification as to whether it is still needed. The consensus was that it would be useful to have it but it needs to be sored somewhere appropriate where is not in the way but it can be easily accessed as required.

### **Other Business**

Some general discussion was held about the impending clubroom renovation plans which will take place from April to October 2018. The major areas impacted are the bar and storage rooms, the players' area and some minor changes in the bathrooms. The works will cause some disruption with access to the clubrooms being limited strictly to areas that are not under renovation and there will be no access to the bar, bar storerooms, players' area, kitchen and bathrooms for some time, but some temporary storage and toilets will be made available. Members will be kept informed of the full details as and when they become available.

Meeting closed at - 6.23 pm. Declared closed by Anthony De Silva.

## Appendix A

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2016-2017

#### Introduction

It has been another successful club year and I would like to thank all executive committee members, the office manager, tennis coach, bar staff, kitchen and busy bee helpers and other staff and volunteers for their contributions in making it a success.

Many thanks go to Anna Thrumble for all her hard work in keeping the club going during the year and for regularly updating our facebook account. Thanks also to Jenny Scott who came from Moora to run the club kitchen during the 2 big tournaments in the past year.

I would like to welcome two new staff members, Jessica Baltovich and Alex Williams who have joined our club since the last AGM. Jess is doing a great job organizing the Saturday Social and Alex does the Tuesday night social.

I would like to personally thank all club members and their families for their help and good sportsmanship, camaraderie and club spirit throughout the past year. Thanks also to our sponsors, particularly the City of Joondalup, Sports Surfaces and Tennis Only for their continuing support of our major tournaments and activities.

I would also like to pay tribute to **Hedley Vaughan**, who recently died of a heart attack, for his long and enthusiastic contribution to our club. These included organizing the NDTA teams at our club and updated our honour boards and club signs and participating in most of our club functions. He also contributed much to the sport of tennis in the northern suburbs through his organizational role in the Northern Districts Association over the last 25 years. He will be fondly remembered.

#### CSRFF Grant & Club Finances

Our club finances show a significant yearly loss due to expenditure of \$54,000 as our one third contribution to the 2016 CSRFF Grant. This grant was used for fence repairs, court resurfacing and court shelter replacement. Hopefully, these improvements will see the courts and fences in good order for many years to come. Many thanks to the State Government and the City of Joondalup for contributing the remainder of the grant mother.

The installation of our 9 kW Solar Panels in 2015 has significantly reduced our huge power bill, with a saving of about \$6,000 a year. Unfortunately, our staff wages have increased as the decline in club volunteers has necessitated the employment of paid staff to undertake some work formally done by volunteers. In future, we will need to keep a tight control of spending and increase revenue from the bar, hall hire, sponsorship and other secondary sources to return our finances to a healthy state.

#### Volunteer Awards

Congratulations to **Margaret Martin** and **Dianne Broome** on their award last year, of Life Membership of our club for their great contributions over many years. Dianne Broome served in the committee for many years, she has run the Tuesday morning crèche as a volunteer for the last 10 years and helped in many other capacities. Margaret Martin has been involved as a volunteer for over 20 years, helping with organization of mid-week ladies' social and with many other club functions. Well done ladies, you have been a great asset to the club and well deserve the award.

Congratulations also to **Kathy Grocock**, winner of the 2017 Club Member of the Year Award. Kathy has been a staunch club member and hardworking volunteer for over 30 years. She has been a member the executive committee and numerous sub-committees and always helped with purchase of electrical goods for the club at discount prices. Well done to Kathy, she truly deserves the award.

### **Membership**

Our club membership is slightly up on the last financial year (315 from 301) and hopefully this is an area we could still improve on in future. We need to be innovative in providing interesting activities for juniors and adults that will attract and retain them as members. Any ideas and assistance to improve these activities are welcome.

### **Club Fees**

The committee has reviewed the fee structure for this new financial year and made slight adjustments for the CPI increase. We have also decided to remove the nomination fee for new members in line with other clubs. Club membership fees are due at the beginning of July and all members who renew prior to the end of July go into the draw for a \$200 money prize.

### **Proposed Upgrade of Clubhouse in 2018**

The City of Joondalup agreed last year to put aside a sum of \$600,000 for the upgrade our Clubhouse to commence in 2018. The committee is currently negotiating the details and the project will start in April 2018. There may be considerable disruption to club activities and all members, coaches, staff and visitors are asked to be patient and assist where possible.

Improvements will include rendering of brickwork, painting, tiling and renovation of change rooms, bar, storerooms and lighting.

### **Changes to Club Constitution required by New Association Incorporations Act.**

The Committee will be reviewing the changes to the Club Constitution recommended by David Mottolini and may hold a Special General Meeting to vote on the changes. Members will be advised in due course of the proposed changes and there will be opportunity for them to comment before the vote is held.

### **Pennants**

We had several successful junior and adult pennant teams in the winter competition in 2016 and in summer 2016-2017 competitions. The participation rate in pennant competitions was slightly down on last year with 11 junior teams and 20 adult teams taking part in the 2016-17 summer competition. 1 winter and 5 summer junior teams won their pennant finals and 2 winter and 3 summer adult teams won their pennant finals. Congratulations to all the pennant players for their efforts and good sportsmanship and congratulations in particular to all the winning pennant teams.

### **Tournaments**

Our club successfully ran the City of Joondalup Junior State Hardcourt in July 2017 and the Junior Development Series #3 Tournament in August 2016. These tournaments returned a healthy profit which has helped to offset some of the club's running costs. My personal thanks go to Jenny Scott and all the volunteers who were involved and helped make these tournaments a great success. Also a particular thanks to our Tournament Sponsors, City of Joondalup, Tennis Only and Sports Surfaces for their continuing financial support.

We will also be running a Mixed Doubles Tournament on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017 and hope to make this a permanent fixture in our calendar of events.

These tournaments are very important for the club's financial viability, for our junior development and the prestige and future of the club. The contribution of volunteers in keeping the club in top shape and helping with the running of tournaments is always much valued and appreciated.

### **Social Tennis and Club Champs**

Adult social has been well attended in the past year, however, Junior Saturday social has ended due to lack of participation. Our adult players have also appreciated our monthly social tournaments and the numbers at Saturday and mid-week social have been fairly steady. We hope to restart the Junior Saturday Social with a launch in October this year.

The junior and adult club championship events were run together over two weekends in March/April 2017 and entry numbers were low resulting in cancellation of many events. There were no entries in the Ladies' Open Singles or Doubles events. Congratulations to Richard Sampson who won the Men's Open singles Events for a record 6 times.

### **Honour Board Update**

A new honour board, generously donated by our club patron, Mel O'Neil, has been erected to show the names of Vice-President, Social Organiser and Club Member of the Year from 2006 onwards. The other honour boards have also been updated.

### **Social Functions**

We had a great year with a number of well organized and successful social functions. These events included the well attended Quiz Night, Open Day activities, Anzac Day (Norm Knell Memorial Breakfast) and the Annual Club Dinner. My special thanks go to all the volunteers for their great efforts.

### **Club Coach**

Richard is doing an excellent job in developing our juniors and providing activities for our members. He has many excellent coaching programs and is recognized as one of the leading coaches in the state. My thanks go to Richard for organizing and helping with supervision of junior pennant play, for running regular HotShots Tournaments, helping with the Club Championships and Junior State Tournaments and helping with the maintenance of the club and grounds. He is a great asset to the club.

### **Club Sponsorship in 2017**

Many thanks to the following club sponsors:

City of Joondalup, \$2,500 for the Junior State Tournament in July 2017

Sport Surfaces, \$1000 for Junior State Tournament in July 2017

Tennis Only, \$1000 for Junior State Tournament in July 2017

Peard & Associates \$800

### **Changes to Car Parking Area**

The City of Joondalup have changed the parking area to include 8 bays reserved for permit holders from the Sorrento Tennis Club. Unfortunately, several members, court hirers and visitors have received fines of \$60 for parking in these bays outside normal hours. The Council appears to be unwilling to change the parking signs to indicate the times that the parking restrictions apply. So non-permit holders beware.

### **Future**

Hopefully the renovations to our club will result in a more attractive club to new members and increased income from use of bar and function room. We have a great club and hope that all our

members take pride in it and help to keep it that way. Any suggestions to improve our facilities or streamline our operations are always welcome.

### **Club Management**

The committee is considering delegating more administrative duties to our paid office manager to ease the burden on committee members. This is subject to the office manager having the experience, time and willingness to do this work. The club is also employing a person to do court hire, reception duties and cleaning between the hours of 3.30 and 6 pm Monday to Friday. At other times, the coach or his assistants do the court hire and take enquiries. Other persons are also employed to organize the adult social on Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings and junior pennant supervising on Sunday mornings. A handyman is also employed on a casual basis to do various maintenance jobs when volunteers are not available.

### **Other future improvements planned for the club**

Upgrade monitored alarm system to a wireless one

Install air conditioning in the function room

Install thermal insulation in ceilings of clubhouse

Repave pergola area and footpath on west side of clubhouse to replace wonky paving slabs

Improve court drainage

New outdoor seats and more shade for spectators on grassed areas

Some of the proposed improvements listed above may be funded by future grants but others may need to be funded by the club and possibly delayed until we have the necessary funds.

Many thanks again and best wishes to all

Anthony de Silva

President, Sorrento Tennis Club

July 2017

## Appendix B

### COACH REPORT

The 2016/17 year saw some positive changes in the coaching program, with significant growth within the Hot Shots classes as well as in the Hot Shots comps.

This is thanks to our great team of coaches that have been building into the kids term after term, resulting in many of our junior base players now playing tennis all year round.

Currently, we have 305 players enrolled in the program which is a 5% growth on this same time last year. One of the focuses has been on building up a new group of 8-11yr olds and entering them into the pennant system. We now have 3 orange ball development squads & 2 green ball development squads which consist of our 'next generation' of players.

#### Pennants

Pennant numbers have unfortunately been on a decline over the past 2 years. It's difficult to know exactly why, however we have had a large group of juniors now sign up for men's & ladies pennants- which is a good sign that we are keeping these kids in the game into senior teams.

This summer we anticipate to have an increase in orange, green & yellow ball teams which should be consistent with the growth we've had in the hot shots program.

#### Coaches

Many of our coaches have had time away the past 12 months, however we still have a strong team consisting of myself, Carlo, David, Scott, Ben, Ashleigh & Connall Axon, who has commenced coaching with us the past year and is doing a fantastic job. We are lucky to have such a great group of enthusiastic coaches that are making a difference and genuinely care about the players they are coaching.

#### Schools

In the last year we have also started running lessons at a few new schools: Hawker Park Primary, Craigie Heights Primary & now St Stephens Primary- taking the total to 12 schools we now run lessons at. This is a really important part of the business for the club as it offers us an avenue to get kids down to the club.

#### Achievements/Awards

We have had some strong juniors still committed to playing tournaments- Jovana Zabrdac, Mitchell Shearwood, Paris Henson, Josia Ferreira, Chloe Davidson, Nathan Herbert, Archie Russell & Daniel & Adam Miller to mention. Archie Russell has emerged as one to watch, winning the Brixton St 10 & under tournament!

4 players won the MVP award for the whole competition over summer 16/17: Jovana Zabrdac, Curtis Weeding, Adam Miller & Jett Stackpole. Great effort. We also won 4 pennant shields: orange ball, boys 16 div 2, boys 14 div 4 & the girls 16 div 1.

#### Other Events

The last year also saw Wimbledon Day, Family Fun Nights & the City of Joondalup inter school primary completion, which are all on again next year. We are applying for funding this year to grow the inter-school comp which is held here in December.

#### Moving Forward

The next year will be interesting times with the renovations taking place. Before this takes place, this summer we are focusing on adding to our program/ club's program:

- Saturday social tennis (September)
- High school tennis squad
- Grow Cardio Tennis for Mums from schools
- Re-start the singles match play nights
- Increase pennant team numbers for the coming summer season

Big thanks to everyone involved with the program over the past year, mainly to the coaches & to the club for it's continued support. Sorrento Tennis Club & Instyle Tennis look forward to strengthening the club together in the future.

Kind Regards,

Richard Sampson

