



## MINUTES OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TENNIS SENIORS AUSTRALIA

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Mermaid Waters Hotel, Cr Markeri St and Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters, Qld, at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

### 1 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The president welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that the meeting was being recorded to assist the secretary in composing the minutes.

### 2 PRESENT

TSA EXECUTIVE: President, Denis Colette.  
Vice-president, Brian Dew.  
Secretary, Tom Hancy.  
Treasurer, Barbara Mathews.  
Committee Member, Bruce Osborne.

#### DELEGATES:

ACT: Pat Moloney, Peter Breugelmanns, Gail Jones.  
NSW: Enid Besant-Ryan, Robyn Castle, Arthur Olsen, Mick Bruton.  
NT: John and Thelma Britton.  
QLD: Alan Hocking, Coral Vickers, Graham Brown, Michael Russell, John S. Walker.  
SA: John Butterworth, Dennis Haupt, Sue Hand, Louis Kemenyvary.  
TAS: Benn Rafferty, Graham Holloway.  
VIC: Paul Kleverlaan, Judy Collins, Heather Barwick, Keith Lavington.  
WA: Gary Booth, Kevin Fletcher, Rhonda Fletcher, Rob Ockerby.

VISITORS: Beverley Evans (NZ), Arthur Newnham, John Michell, Linda Pengelly, Gillian Farrell, Bruce Burns, Paula Butterworth, Helen Schriver.

3 **APOLOGIES** were received from Gail Bates, Carol Campling, Sandra Petterson, Phil Wraight and Bill Cromer.

### 4 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES; 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting.**

The minutes were accepted as being a true record on the motion of Rob Ockerby and Enid Besant-Ryan.

## **5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Pat Moloney asked if the executive had addressed the issue of the completion of the scorecard and the method of scoring the Teams event. Bruce Osborne indicated that some changes had been made to the completion of the scorecard but essentially the scoring method is unchanged. The secretary indicated that the amended regulations and the amended scorecards had been forwarded to all divisions and published on the website.

Pat also asked if there were changes to the grades for sanctioned ITF tournaments. Bruce indicated that the TSQ State Championships had been upgraded to a grade 2 and that there were no other changes to the grades of other ITF sanctioned tournaments. The secretary indicated that the list is published on the website and the information sent to all Divisions.

## **6 EXECUTIVE REPORT**

Tom Hancy indicated that the report was printed in the booklet and displayed on the website and that he would make direct reference to only a few points.

Tom acknowledged the help and financial assistance of Tennis Australia and reported that, contrary to what a lot of members think, in the last calendar year Tennis Australia had provided over \$89,000 to TSA. Recently, included in this amount was a total of \$22,000 reward payment for players who were members of winning Cups teams and/or individual events at the ITF World Championships in Perth.

Tom indicated that TSWA was to be congratulated for the help in producing an outstanding event at the ITF World Teams and Individual Championships. It finished with a profit of \$50,000 plus and demonstrated that, with hard work and good sponsorship, that there was money to be made in conducting the Super-Seniors World Championships. Mention was also made of the understanding of the ITF is to provide a clearer and a more favourable contract for the host nation.

Tom further reported that TSA had been able to help in shaping the opinions at the ITF on a range of issues. These included the amendments to the seeding regulation, the requirement to provide a Sports medicine Trainer and the delay in the necessity to have a White Badge Referee at all tournaments. Tom indicated that all discussions with the ITF were friendly, cooperative, pleasant and fruitful where each party showed a willingness to listen and understand the thinking and problems associated with the issues.

## **7 ANNUAL FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

The Treasurer, Barbara Mathews, spoke to the audited Annual Financial Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2009. A number of questions were raised with respect to the continuing payment of the GST by TSA and the recording of accruals.

On the motion of Alan Hocking and Graham Brown, it was moved that TSA deregister for the GST and that this be organized immediately. Questions were directed to Michael Russell, a qualified accountant, who responded by indicating he would need to examine the accounts over a period of time before making a judgment. The motion by Hocking and Brown was withdrawn on the understanding that the executive seek further professional advice with respect to this issue.

Further, it was moved by Alan Hocking and seconded by Graham Brown, that the accounts be amended to show the accruals with the inclusion of the outstanding account from the ITF for sanctioned tournament fees and that the balance sheet be amended accordingly. The motion was carried.

The financial statements, with the foregoing amendment, were accepted on the motion of Graham Holloway and Gary Booth.

#### **AFFILIATION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

There was debate which advocated an increase in affiliation and membership fees in line with the consumer index. However, on the motion of Gary Booth and Kevin Fletcher, the affiliation fees of \$110 and the annual membership fee of \$13.20 for the year 2009/2010 are to remain unchanged.

#### **HONORARIA**

On the motion of Robyn Castle and Enid Besant-Ryan it was agreed that the honoraria for TSA's Secretary and Treasurer are to remain unchanged at \$7,000 for the Secretary and \$1,200 for the Treasurer.

### **8 ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The secretary indicated that there was one nomination for each of the positions with the incumbent being the only nomination for each position of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Member. Consequently, the president announced that the following were declared elected: President, Denis Colette; Vice-President, Brian Dew; Secretary, Tom Hancy; Treasurer, Barbara Mathews; and Committee Member, Bruce Osborne.

### **9 APPOINTMENT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The secretary reported that the executive had discussed and made the following appointments to the 16 members of the four panels as follows:  
Senior Women; Lyn Mortimer (Qld), Narelle Follington (NSW), Brenda Foster (NSW) and one other to be appointed by the executive, preferably from TSSA or TSWA.  
Super-Senior Women: Nola Collins (Vic), Marilyn Davis (Qld), Kerry Ballard (NSW), and Wendy Weir (WA).  
Senior Men: Andrew Rae (Vic), Martin Richards (SA), Paul Kleverlaan (Vic) and Mike Ford (Qld).  
Super-Senior Men: Bob Howes (Vic), Alan Gooch (WA), Neville Langford (Qld) and Dennis Haupt (SA).

### **10 APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR**

On the motion of Barbara Mathews and Peter Breugelmanns it was agreed that the present auditor be appointed for the coming year.

### **11 APPOINTMENT OF PATRON**

On the motion of Tom Hancy and John Britton it was agreed to appoint Geoffrey Pollard as patron of TSA.

### **12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **TSA's RELATIONSHIP WITH TENNIS AUSTRALIA**

Denis Colette (President) briefly outlined our current relationship with Tennis Australia. He indicated we are moving towards a Seniors being a financial member of a Member Association and would pay only the fee of \$13.20 to play our tournaments. Denis indicated that we are at a stage where we have to decide if we are still willing to spend the large share of our funds on overseas teams. Further, he indicated that we are awaiting the suggestions of Robin O'Neill as to how he envisages our relationship with TA and whether the MAs are prepared to establish a similar relationship with their State TS to that enjoyed between TSQ with TQ.

## **REPORT OF DAVID STOBART, TA'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ITF SENIORS COMMITTEE**

David made mention of the decision to delay the introduction of the requirement for White Badge Referees and indicated the concern of the TSA secretary with the introduction of fines for late arrival of results of sanctioned ITF tournament at the ITF. Tom indicated his concerns of the ITF introducing punitive fines on tournament director volunteers, particularly those seven TDs who work and who may have difficulty getting results in on time. Tom feels that the ITF should use education and encouragement to get greater cooperation from TDs. Furthermore, although every effort will be made to get results in on time, the executive of TSA will protest any fine imposed for late arrival of results.

Tom asked David to explain further the introduction of the Ipin and whether entry into tournaments will require an ITF pin. David indicated that **A PIN WILL BE NECESSARY AND THIS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 2011**. David further indicated that the ITF will be conducting an education program throughout the year to fully explain the necessity of all players having a pin.

In addition, Tom asked David the extent of the deletion of the clothing requirements referred to in his report. David confirmed that these requirements have been removed.

### **STATEMENT BY ROB OCKERBY**

In the middle of David's report, Rob Ockerby made statements about the World Championships in Perth. He enumerated the many problems that TSWA experienced in dealing with the ITF in the organizing of the Team and Individual events. He expressed the opinion that there was no need for so many ITF persons to be present for the running of the events including a photographer flown in from interstate. Although all of these matters had been raised with the ITF, Rob felt a need to bring them to the attention of the meeting. Furthermore, Rob stated incorrectly that he and TSWA had never seen a copy of the contracts signed by TSA and TA. He disagreed with the report that Tom made with respect to the profit made by TSWA in the running of the ITF Championships.

### **13 SUPPER**

The president invited everyone to stay and enjoy supper.

Tom Hancy, Honorary Secretary, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2010.