

HAGLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB INC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Club Pavilion on Saturday 1 August 2015 at 3.30pm

Present: 21 financial members were present.

Alex Sutherland (President), Bruce Dunstan (Secretary), Garth Carnaby, Anton Coberger, David Corlett, Jocelyn Douglas, Jeff Field, Peter Heffernan, Colin Hooker, Kay Hunter, Eunju Jung, Rosie Lau, Trevor Lau, Bryan McHerron, Ros Preston, Michael Ross, Matt Sunderland, Frank Tay, Bryce Thomson, Janine Tyler, Christine Yap

Apologies: Ian Hunt, Michelle Kelsen, Tim Preston, Brian Stedman, Rod Syme, Issy Thomson,

The apologies as noted were sustained.

Tennis Canterbury: The President invited Peter Maciaszek, Tennis Canterbury Chairman, to report to the meeting on the proposal that Tennis Canterbury relocate to Hagley Park. Peter advised that post-earthquakes 2010-11, options for Tennis Canterbury were Wilding Park, Hagley Park Tennis Club, and Nga Puna Wai. An understanding had been reached between TCRI and HPTC on how they could collaborate.

Following a meeting with CCC (John Filsell and other staff), CCC responded that at management level the proposal was not supported for many reasons including site too busy; Hagley Park usage; parking; Botanic Gardens interest; no capacity to cope with likely usage; large area of hard courts not aesthetically pleasing; aspirations of other clubs; CCC commitment to Nga Puna Wai possibly a factor; Tennis Canterbury has other options; concerns re land grab.

Tennis Canterbury has concluded that the difficulties of getting CCC approval of relocation and of a lease; the need for legislative approval; and the likely public reaction all conspire to make it too difficult and potentially expensive. The option of having "hub" courts rather than regional tennis centre courts and complex was thought to have more chance of success, but not without opposition. Tennis Canterbury plans to use Wilding Park for immediate future, and move to Nga Puna Wai when the sports hub is ready.

Minutes of 2014 AGM: The Minutes of the 2 August 2014 meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved by the Chair and carried.

Annual Report: Alex Sutherland highlighted major points in the Annual Report and invited contributors to do likewise. He noted that Tennis Canterbury has decided that location at HPTC was not worth the fight, cost, and risk of failure.

Garth Carnaby commented that some grants obtained in 2014-15 could not be repeated as they were one-offs for the particular circumstances.

Financial Statement: Trevor Lau and Colin Hooker commented on the audited Statement of Financial Performance which was tabled. It was noted that the annual deficit had reduced but the closing members funds were just \$33.

Subscriptions income held close to the previous year despite income from Christ's College moving from subscriptions to Court hire-bulk schools. Bruce Dunstan advised that part of the explanation would be that free subscriptions available to life members and some office-holders as honorariums had been voluntarily waived because of the Club's financial situation.

Motion by Alex Sutherland that the report be received and accepted was carried.

Election of Officers: The nomination of the following were received and elected:

Patron:	Brian Stedman
President:	Alex Sutherland
Vice President:	Tim Preston
Club Captain:	Bryce Thomson
Mid-Week Captain:	Rosalie Lau
Secretary:	Vacant
Treasurer:	Janine Tyler
Junior Administrator:	Janine Tyler
Committee:	Lindsay North, Christine Yap, Michelle Kelsen, Michael Ross, Matt Sunderland, Bruce Dunstan

Hon. Solicitor: Lindsay North

Hon. Auditor: Colin Hooker

Annual Subscriptions: Subscriptions for 2015-16 were approved as follows (unchanged except for Juniors):

Senior Men and Women	\$385
Married Couple	\$675
Midweek Men and Women	\$300
Senior Under 25	\$270
Senior Fulltime Student	\$233
Junior Under 19 (at 31.12.15)	\$185 (an increase of \$2)
11 years and under (at 31.12.15)	\$130 (an increase of \$5)
Family (2 adults, 2 or more children U19 living at home) excl. levies	\$555
Associate	\$25

Note: Junior subscriptions exclude the part-coaching fee which will be collected by the Club Coach.

Subscriptions for new Senior Members who have not previously been a member of a tennis club are:

Senior Men and Women	\$285
Married Couple	\$525
Midweek	\$218

Future Operation of HPTC: Alex Sutherland noted that the Club was considering changes which are essential for the survival of the Club. Another year like the last few would leave the club insolvent. Garth Carnaby endorsed the need for change and reiterated that the club could not rely on continuing grants. The following proposals are under consideration or were suggested:

*Explore opportunities with Te Kura Tennis Club.

*Reduce grass court maintenance by 2 rows (has implications for Christ's College court hire).

- *Membership drive – 1 new member per member.
 - *Tennis Canterbury court hire – for Senior Mixed Fours on Sundays.
 - *Part-time Grounds Manager.
 - *Discuss with CCC undertaking grounds maintenance (hedges and grass)
 - *Roster of members for court maintenance e.g.court marking
 - *Tennis tourism through hotels, Visitor Centre etc.
 - *Summer membership to entice grass court players
- The meeting closed at 5.10pm.

Alex Sutherland

Chairperson