

**MINUTES OF THE EDWTA INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 16TH OCTOBER 2024, held at Willison Park Tennis Club at 7.30pm.**

**ATTENDANCE:** 20 club delegates signed the attendance sheet. 12 clubs were represented,

**APOLOGIES:** Fiona Ralph, Jenny Mitchell, Beverley Czerniawski

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 2023 AGM have been circulated.

No further comments or amendments to these minutes were made.

2023 Minutes to be accepted:

Proposed: Jenny Houston    Seconded: Jenny Gorog

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Fiona Ralph**

Lisa Breeze tabled the financial statement as Fiona was absent.

**EDWTA  
Treasurer's Report  
Year Ending 31 August 2024**

TOTAL FUNDS	2023/2024	2022/2023
Opening CASH at Bank 31 August	<u>\$6,316.34</u>	<u>\$5,007.94</u>
Total Income	\$3,507.90	\$1,830.00
Total Expenditure	\$5,109.64	\$521.60
Closing CASH at Bank 31 August	<u>\$4,714.60</u>	<u>\$6,316.34</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

INCOME

Team Entries Season 1	\$720.00	\$880.00
Team Entries Season 2	\$630.00	\$630.00
Club Affiliation	\$330.00	\$320.00
EDTWA Tennis Day Entries	\$1,827.90	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$3,507.90</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,830.00</u></b>

EXPENDITURE

Committee Expenses	\$158.48	\$108.95
Pennants	\$0.00	\$251.45
Vic State League Championships Entries	\$400.00	\$0.00
EDWTA Tennis Day	\$2,738.46	\$0.00
Consumer Affairs	\$47.70	\$61.20
Donation to ovarian cancer	\$0.00	\$100.00
Tennis Victoria Afiliation	\$1,765.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>\$5,109.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$521.60</u></b>

Comments:

1. TV Affiliation fee (\$850) for 2022 - 2023 was paid after end of year and is therefore included in this year's accounts.

2. There is a new ruling from the ATO that not for profit associations are required to tax returns. This has been completed for this financial year.

15 October 2024

Proposed: Lisa Breeze  
Seconded: Caryn Vincent

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jenny Houston**

This report incorporates the Team Secretary and Record Secretary reports.

### **TEAM ENTRY**

Season 1 2024 saw an increase from 21 teams in season 2 2023 to 24 teams. We welcomed the RSY White team back to the competition as well as a Deepdene team comprising players from the previous Deepdene and Vermont teams. We were also delighted to welcome a new club to the competition with a team from South Hawthorn. We had 16 clubs represented in the competition. We had 4 x 6 team sections with no byes.

There were 5 forfeits during Season 1.

Season 2 2024 unfortunately saw a decrease in teams back to 21, still from 16 clubs. We lost Deepdene and RSY White from section 1, Doncaster 3 from section 3 and Box Hill North from section 4. We welcomed back a team from North Balwyn. The Mayfield Park team moved to the newly renovated Chadstone. We had 3 x 7 team sections, each with a bye.

There have been 2 forfeits so far this season and no washouts.

Steph Gibson, our Team Secretary, will soon be sending out the entry forms for season 1 2025 which will be due back Friday 15th November 2024.

We encourage results to be emailed to [edwtaresults@gmail.com](mailto:edwtaresults@gmail.com) while you are still at the courts but must be done on the day of the match. We also really encourage you to enter the results into Match Centre to save Caryn doing it for you. It's not difficult to use so please ask us if you would like any assistance.

### **TENNIS DAY AT RSYLTC**

We held our second tennis day at RSYLTC on Wed Dec 6 2023. We were once again blessed with beautiful weather and the day was a huge success with 50 attendees. The day consisted of round robin tennis on the grass courts followed by a delicious lunch on the western terrace and then there was pickleball coaching for those interested. The cost of tennis and lunch was a very reasonable \$35 and EDWTA also contributed to the cost. The committee hope to hold this event every 2 years. We are very grateful to RSY for their contribution to the day – providing the venue, courts, balls, clipboards. Fiona Ralph and her sub committee did an amazing job organising this event.

### **CONDOLENCES**

We were greatly saddened that Kerrie Ready, a long time player with the East Malvern team passed away during the year.

### **EMERGENCY PLAYER POOL**

The Emergency Player Pool list comprised 11 players for both seasons and these players have been well utilised and we are very grateful to the players who join the Pool.

I would like to thank Jenny Gorog for managing the Emergency Player Pool again this year. Unfortunately Jenny has decided to resign from the committee this AGM. Jenny joined the committee in 2017 and has been the EPP coordinator for the past 2 years and we really thank her for her contribution to EDWTA.

### **THE COMMITTEE**

I would sincerely like to thank our committee who all do their bit to make the Association run smoothly. They are a great group of ladies who make it fun to run our Association. They are all working quietly behind the scenes – Steph is always keeping track of when plans need to be made for finals and new seasons, Caryn is entering results into Match Centre every week

and also managing our Facebook site, Lisa is our PR lady – recently she organised our new pens for the premiers and also the reproduction of our 1948 fixture. Fi is our trustworthy treasurer, Jenny G managed the EPP and Avril puts her hand up for any job that is required. We have also been very grateful to have Barb Dance help us out at the grading meetings for the grading of the lower teams. Sadly, Pam Coleman has also decided not to renominate and we will really miss her as she has been an incredible asset to our Association over many, many years.

I move that this report be accepted.

Moved: Jenny Houston

Seconded: Avril Betros

At the conclusion of the President's report, flowers were presented to the two retiring members of the committee; Jenny Gorog and Pam Coleman.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Avril Betros then took the floor and declared the committee had agreed that Pam Coleman was to be awarded Life Membership to EDWTA. The speech was as follows:

#### **Our By Laws state:**

***The Annual General Meeting may bestow Life Membership on any Officer past or present, in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Association. Life members shall have full privileges and rights at any Association Meeting***

The EDWTA committee believe that Pam Coleman is a very worthy candidate for this honour. Our research shows that in the early 80's Pam and other ladies including Micky Ashton started coaching with Bill Cucks at St Marys in East Malvern. He talked them into playing competition tennis so Pam and the others joined St John's East Malvern TC. St Johns entered 2 teams in EDWTA in 1985– Micky was in St John's1 team and Pam was in St John's2 team who all had younger children and this team employed a babysitter to mind the children while the mums played tennis.

In 1998 St John's East Malvern amalgamated with Ewing Memorial Tennis Club to form Ardrrie Park Combined Churches Tennis Club.

Pam became a life member at Ardrrie Park TC in 2009 after serving many years on their committee.

Pam joined EDWTA committee at the 2012 AGM. After one year she took on the role of Team Secretary. She performed this role admirably for 10 years and then in 2023 she trained Steph Gibson to take over and Pam went back to general committee.

In her role as Team Secretary, Pam was superb! Her attention to detail is second to none!! In Jenny's time as President she would always get Pam to read over anything that was important as she could pick up the minutest of errors (as well as the big ones), even down to minor font changes when we were doing the yellow fixtures. She would laboriously check and correct captain's mobile numbers before printing – not a fun job!

Pam knew exactly when emails had to go out for the new season and you could count on her that she had done everything required.

The fact she is so organised helped immensely in her handover to Steph for the role.

If you ever needed something done or researched, Pam was the perfect person to ask as you knew it would be done accurately and promptly. (I would have liked to have her help me with this speech!)

Pam agreed to stay on the committee for 1 year after resigning as Team Secretary. She is our longest serving member and it is so helpful to be reminded of events that happened many years ago that the rest of the committee were unaware of.

So, Pam has been playing competition tennis for EDWTA for ~40 years (and still going). This along with her fantastic contribution on the committee for 12 years we believe makes Pam Coleman an extremely worthy recipient of Life Membership and we have great pleasure in granting this award.

This was followed with hearty applause by all present.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE 2024/25**

President Jenny Houston vacated the chair and invited Caryn Vincent to chair the meeting for the nominations for the committee.

All positions were declared vacant and the following nominations were received:

POSITION	NOMINEE	Club	PROPOSER
President	Jenny Houston	St Dominics	Avril Betros
Vice President			
General Secretary	Leah Taylor	Hawthorn	Jenny Houston
Treasurer	Fiona Ralph	RSYLTC	Lisa Breeze
Match Centre Administrator	Caryn Vincent	Chadstone	Avril Betros
Record Secretary	Avril Betros	St Dominics	Caryn Vincent
Team Secretary	Steph Gibson	Chadstone	Pam Coleman
EPP Secretary			
Committee	Lisa Breeze	RSYLTC	Steph Gibson
Committee	Sally Mayne	Hawthorn	Fiona Ralph
Committee			

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the above nominees were declared elected.

The returning President Jenny Houston took the chair and thanked Caryn. She warmly welcomed Leah Taylor and Sally Mayne to the committee and gave thanks to Barb Dance for helping with the grading of the lower teams and to Pam Coleman who is also going to help with this if required.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

The notice of motion submitted by Doncaster TC has been distributed to all Captains and Clubs.

#### **Current By-Law 21 d):**

- 21: Finals
- d) All Final matches are to be played on neutral courts

#### **Proposed By-Law 21 d):**

- 21: Finals
- d) All finals are to be played on the courts of the team finishing higher on the ladder

Gail Norman, President of Doncaster TC gave her reasons supporting the motion.

Jenny Houston gave the Committee's reasons against the motion and various attendees gave extra reasons for and against.

It was then called for a show of hands supporting the motion and the motion was defeated.

Jenny thanked Gail for her efforts and gave thanks to Doncaster TC for hosting finals so often in recent seasons, but agreed that the committee could see reasons why it was not practical for them to host finals in the near future.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items were raised for discussion:

- We really encourage everyone to log into Match Centre to view details of their next matches, look at live ladders or search on any player, see their UTR, etc  
If when you log in it doesn't show your matches, then this means you have duplicate profiles which can easily be combined. Caryn distributed notes on how to get your UTR if you don't have one.
- It was raised that in last season's finals there was a last minute change of venues for one match due to the arranged courts being unplayable. The two captains found an alternative venue and went there after checking with the committee. Unfortunately, some spectators went to the original venue and had no knowledge where the teams had gone. It was agreed to have a committee members phone number advertised for any queries on the day.
- Jenny Gorog encouraged the committee to continue submitting the paper scoresheets as well as encouraging teams to input results directly into Match Centre as she has experienced major issues in another competition when something went wrong with the electronic input of results and no-one had a record of the scores.

Jenny thanked Willison Park Tennis Club for the use of the clubhouse for the meeting.

**CLOSE : The meeting closed at 8.25 pm**