



Mountain District Ladies  
Tennis Association Inc  
Reg: 0020766V

## Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 @ 7.30pm @ Gisborne Tennis Club

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1. Meeting opened by Anna Karopoulos at 7.44pm.

**Present:**

Anna Karopoulos	Sth Gisborne
Rosamunde Rodgers	Macedon
Leonie Barker	Woodend
Marg Burns	Sunbury
Heather Johnston	Macedon
Andrea Alford	Romsey
Lucy Freestone	Sunbury
Emma Brown	Macedon
Kristine Clement	Kilmore
Lorraine Hay	Bullengarook
Anne Cassidy	Sth Gisborne
Jenny Elston	Kyneton
Thea Fitzpatrick	Diggers Rest
Phyllis Ierodionou	Diggers Rest
Judy Unwin	Mt Carmel
Beth Girdwood	Mt Carmel
Anne Evans	Gisborne
Suzanne Dennehy	New Gisborne

Belinda Jaques	Hanging Rock
Heather Kelly	West Melton
Rachel Goodwin	Lancefield
Nicole Ryan	Lancefield

Note: Riddells Creek Tennis Club and Melton South Tennis Club not represented.

**2. Apologies:** Louise Conlan (Romsey), Heather DeMack (Hanging Rock), Robyn Johnston (New Gisborne), Sonja Deveson (New Gisborne, Wendy Kernan (Macedon)

**3. Minutes of 2013 AGM:** Anna Karopoulos moved that Minutes be accepted.

Moved: Kristine Clement, Seconded: Ros Rodgers

**4. Correspondence:**

In – Consumer Affairs Annual Statement

Tennis Victoria – Affiliation 2015

Tennis Victoria – Notice of 2014 AGM

Bowel Cancer Australia – Certificate of Appreciation

Out – Tennis Victoria - Affiliation 2015

**5. President's Report:**

Anna Karopoulos advised all of the hard work put in and milestones achieved by the MDLTA Committee this year, namely:

- Updating our Model Rules
- Hosting two Grand Final Luncheons
- Liased with Bullengarook TC for Bowel Cancer Fundraising Day
- Continued the task of updating our By-laws

Updating the By-laws has reduced the number of forfeits this season, however, the higher sections are still struggling to fill teams each week. Our aim over the next year is to overhaul the By-laws and recruit more players to our competition.

Anna thanked the outgoing committee members. Marg Burns for her 10 dedicated years as Fixture Secretary. Marg has also been a Match and Permit member and has provided much knowledge and support to other committee members. Anna thanked Andrea Alford for her role as Secretary and support for the past 2 years. Anna thanked Ros Rodgers, Emma Brown and Leonie Barker for their efforts. Anna also thanked Jenny Elston who has been nominated for the role of Fixture Secretary and our 7 Match & Permit members for their assistance with team grading and issuing player permits.

Moved: Leonie Barker, Seconded: Jenny Elston

#### **6. Treasurer's Report:**

Emma Brown circulated the financial statement for period 01/07/13-30/06/14 and read out her report.

Balance as at 30/06/14	\$ 5,695.98
Total Receipts	\$ 11,829.76
Total Payments	\$ 11,406.85

Emma explained how forfeit fines had been paid promptly with minimal forfeits made.

Emma thanked the Committee of Management and Heather Johnston for her handover.

Treasurer's Report be accepted      Moved: Ros Rodgers, Seconded: Leonie Barker  
Carried unanimously      (Full Treasurer's Report attached)

#### **7. Ladder Secretary:**

Ros Rodgers thanked all clubs for score entering and feedback. She reminded all players that if they are having trouble with shuffling player orders or needing to add a new player to send Ros the sheet to enter. Ros also reminded all to send a copy of the score sheet as well as emailing or faxing. We will be leaving the Tennisscores system in place for now as Tennis Victoria may be changing to this system.

#### **8. Fixture Secretary:**

Marg suggested the team entry form to have the venue where home teams will play their matches. Marg has enjoyed her time in this role and advised that Jenny Elston will be nominated to take over the role of Fixture Secretary.

#### **9. Election of Committee:**

Anna Karopoulos declared all positions vacant. Beth Girdwood presided over the election of the following Executive Committee and Match and Permit members with all being voted in unanimously:

<b>President:</b> Anna Karopoulos	Nominated: Leonie Barker	Seconded: Andrea Alford
<b>Vice President:</b> Leonie Barker	Nominated: Ros Rodgers	Seconded: Emma Brown

**Secretary:** No nominations put forward

**Treasurer:** Emma Brown                      Nominated: Ros Rodgers                      Seconded: Leonie Barker

**Ladder Secretary:** Ros Rodgers                      Nominated: Kristine Clement                      Seconded: Leonie Barker

**Fixture Secretary:** Jenny Elston                      Nominated: Kristine Clement                      Seconded: Ros Rodgers

**Match & Permit Committee:**

Anne Evans              Gisborne (Sect. 3)              Nominated: Belinda Jaques              Seconded: Suzanne Dennehy

Wendy Kernan              Macedon (Sect. 3)              Nominated: Leonie Barker              Seconded: Ros Rodgers

Heather DeMack              Hanging Rock (Sec.5)              Nominated: Judy Unwin              Seconded: Anne Evans

Robyn Johnston              New Gisb (Sect. 1)              Nominated: Christine Aiello              Seconded: Sonja Deveson

Marg Burns              Sunbury (Sect. 4)              Nominated: Leonie Barker              Seconded: Ros Rodgers

Thea Fitzpatrick              Diggers Rest (Sect.5)              Nominated: Leonie Barker              Seconded: Ros Rodgers

Kristine Clement              Kilmore (Sect. 1)              Nominated: Ros Rodgers              Seconded: Leonie Barker

Anna to send out email to all clubs in regards to no nominations put forward for the Secretary role including a job description. If no nominations are received then a club not yet represented within the Committee will be drawn out of a hat. That club must appoint somebody for the position. Clubs currently not represented are Bullengarook, Diggers Rest, Melton South, Mt Carmel, Lancefield, West Melton and Riddells Creek.

**10. Outgoing Committee:**

Beth Girdwood thanked all outgoing Committee members and welcomed the newly appointed members. Anna Karopoulos resumed chairing the meeting.

**11. SGM and General Business:**

**(a) Proposed changes to By-laws and Match Regulations:**

Anna moved the motion to adopt new clause 3.8.x Emergencies (including pool players)

*"If a pool player wishes to become a permanent member of a team for their registered club or another club for that season, a club may formally request permission to register that Pool player for their team. A permit must be obtained from a Match and Permit Committee member to satisfy the requirements of By-law 3.3."*

Carried unanimously

Anna moved the motion to introduce a new clause 3.8.xy Pool players

*"If a permanent member of a registered club wishes to become a pool player for that season, they may request permission from Match and Permit Committee member to satisfy the requirements of By-law 3.3."*

Vote: 14 For, 1 undecided, 2 clubs not represented

Anna moved the motion to correct an incorrect reference in By-law 3.9.2 Injuries

3.1.4 should refer to By-law 3.9.1

3.9.2 currently reads:

*"In the event of a player having to leave the courts due to an emergency beyond her control, she may be substituted by a registered emergency, under the same conditions as set out in 3.1.4. A player once replaced may take no further part in the match."*

To be replaced by:

*"In the event of a player having to leave the courts due to an emergency beyond her control, she may be substituted by a registered emergency, under the same conditions as set out in 3.9.1. A player once replaced may take no further part in the match."*

Carried unanimously

Anna moved the motion to discuss and adopt new clause 7.1x

*"At the Annual General Meeting if there are insufficient nominations to fill all vacancies, nominations to fill the remaining vacant position(s) may be determined in a proper manner as the Chairperson may direct."*

For example – the names of those clubs not represented on the Committee may be randomly drawn out of a hat and that club must appoint a member for that position within 14 days.

Vote: 10 For, 3 Against, 2 Undecided

Not carried

**(b) Review of Registration fees:**

Team registration fees and forfeit fees will remain the same.

**(c) Sub-committee review of By-Laws:**

Anna Karopoulos moved the motion to appoint a Sub-committee for the reviewing of the current MDLTA By-Laws. Andrea to send an email to all clubs in regards to ladies interested in becoming a Sub-committee member.

Carried unanimously

**(d) Fundraiser Day Report:**

Anna Karopoulos reported the Bowel Cancer Fundraising Day, in memory of Michelle Field, was a great success with the MDLTA raising \$1,106.05 for this worthy cause. Thank you to Bullengarook Tennis Club for their efforts.

**(e) Proposals and vote for the next MDLTA Fundraising Day:**

Leonie Barker nominated Woodend Tennis Club to organise the next Fundraising Day with date yet to be determined.

**(f) Donated tennis racquets:**

Marg thanked all the ladies who donated tennis racquets with a total of 12 racquets donated.

**Meeting closed: 9.56pm**