

MINUTES 2020 TENNIS WEST AGM

117th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Of Council for Association

Held Thursday 29 October 2020
At the Reabold Tennis Club, 24 Oceanic Drive, Floreat WA

The AGM opened at 6. 35pm.

Welcome was made by President Jan Truscott, on behalf of the TW Board, to this 117th AGM of The Western Australian Tennis Association Inc. Jan advised that the meeting was being recorded for purposes of note taking.

1 Attendance

Jan Truscott (Chair/TW President)

5 Board Directors

36 Delegates (as per Register)

16 Observers (as per Register)

17 TW Staff Members: Michael Roberts, Elle Mazza, Brooke Koenig, Robert Kennedy, Michelle Magdy, Kay-Leigh Nicholas, Paula Gates, Katie Ilich, Marti Hughes, Nola Fenner, Charlotte King, Megan Allen

Total = 75 persons

2 Apologies

Directors: Ian Meares, Kate McNamara

Bunbury Tennis Club, Kings Park Tennis Club, Central Districts Tennis Zone, Darglish Tennis Club, Lesmurdie Tennis Club, Merredin Districts Lawn Tennis Club, Cunderdin Tennis Club.

3 Welcome

Jan Truscott acknowledge the time commitment the Club Committees provided to tennis. Jan advised that the Board had hoped to call more Club President forums during the year however the COVID19 pandemic meant this could not occur however it was hoped this could occur in the future to exchange ideas and best practice.

4 Confirmation of Proxies

As listed per the register.

5 Confirmation of 2020 AGM Minutes

A corrections to the Minutes of the spelling of Director Pam Cresswell's name was noted. It was moved by Matt Young, (Leederville TC) **"That the AGM minutes of 31 October 2019 are adopted as a true and accurate record."**

Seconded Barbara Worner (City Beach TC)

MOTION CARRIED

6 Matters Arising

Nil

7 Special Business

7.1 **Annual Report – President/CEO (Joint Report) – J Truscott/M. Roberts**

A joint 2019/20 report was presented as tabled by President J Truscott, and CEO M. Roberts, which highlighted some of the key achievements:

- 2019 and 2020 in particular was not what anyone had expected for the tennis landscape in WA. 2019 had provided many positive stories and progress for the sport however the COVID19 pandemic had a significant impact across the sport and impacted Tennis West operations.
- 2019 saw a new participation structure launched with the addition of five new staff that are all club facing here in WA, with particular note of the new staff based in the regions with one staff member based in Geraldton and two based in Busselton.
- This new structure saw a new way of operating and supporting our clubs through improved, meaningful meetings with more structure and accountability.
- We also saw the introduction of Open Court Sessions which was aimed at bringing new people to our game through an unstructured and social setting. Whilst some clubs saw success we aren't hiding that this program might not have been as successful as we had hoped across all clubs.
- The Performance team have again delivered some outstanding results with nine WA athletes currently ranked number one in their age group. This is a great achievement and a credit to the players, their families, coaches and club environment.
- A new Performance structure to be rolled out will see squads decentralised and put back into the clubs.
- A partnership with Tennis Seniors saw the joint delivery of the State Titles and ITF event as well as the Tennis Seniors Nationals that was regarded by many as one of the best delivered Seniors events in Australia.
- In November 2019 we saw WA host the Fed Cup Final between Australia and France and it was great to see the clubs embrace the marketing concept and support the Aussie team. It was fantastic to see two days of sold out tennis for women's tennis.
- In January we saw the inaugural ATP Cup, a new men's team event that saw World Number 2 Rafael Nadal to Perth for the first time. A focus on this event for the future will be in the integration into the community of the event similar to that of the Hopman Cup previously.
- We sadly saw the passing of two of Tennis West's past President's in Alan Hicks and Andrea Mitchell, both were extremely valued members of the Tennis West community.
- In January 2020 we saw the tragic passing of teenager Kent Yamazaki whilst on court preparing for a tournament in Nepal.
- At last year's AGM we acknowledged the contribution of former Director Bill Price and awarded him with Life Membership
- In 2019 Tennis West inducted its first four members of its Hall of Champions. Those members were Clive Wilderspin, Elizabeth Smylie, Leslie Hunt and Ernest Parker. Pam Brand was recognized for her work in setting up the Hall of Champions Charter and leading the Committee who researched and recommended the first inductees to the Tennis West Board.
- In March 2019 COVID19 hit and this impacted all of our Clubs. Jan Truscott recognized the efforts of the Club President's and their Committees in working hard and alongside the Tennis West team to ensure our Clubs followed guidelines and protected the safety of our club members. It was also noted that the Tennis West staff was reduced to 3.5 days a week during this time event though the workload for many increased.
- The Board sought to build a relationship with the WA coaching fraternity and Dan Sewell was elected by his peers to work closely with the Board to ensure the voice of coaches was being heard through the pandemic.
- There were changes at Board level with some long-standing Board members leaving the Board
- The organization has started on its Indigenous Engagement path as well as Women In Tennis strategy
- In closing Jan Truscott again thanked all in attendance for their work in growing and leading the sport and hoped for a more normal 2021 with a strong Australian Open.

The President and CEO joint report was moved by Wendy Ireland (Leederville TC)

“That the 2019/20 President’s & CEO’s Report, as tabled, be adopted.”

Seconded Gordana Medvesek (Mandurah TC)

MOTION CARRIED

7.2 Financial Report – 2019/20 Audited Financial Statements

As tabled. The Chair of the Finance Audit and Investment Committee, Rod Van, provided an overview of TW finances for 2019/20.

- Like most organisations COVID19 has had a significant impact on Tennis West
- Tennis West recorded a small deficit of \$3,640 for the financial year
- On the revenue side we presented a similar number to last year however there was a reduction in Winter League fees and Competitions due to the shut down of the sport. Tennis Australia funding was increased due to the increase in the number of funded staff through the new Participation structure.
- Tennis Australia reduced their grant money in the final quarter of the year and this may present an ongoing issue for Tennis West in 2020/2021.
- Government funding provided some relief to the reduction from Tennis Australia.
- Our costs were relatively similar to the previous year, again in line with the increased staffing costs associated with the Participation structure.
- No significant shift in the Balance Sheet.
- In terms of Tennis West’s investment portfolio the organization runs two portfolios which are exposed to market, one more exposed than the other. These portfolios have both had positive growth despite the challenging year on the financial markets
- With tight costs management we were able to record a small deficit
- Focus moving forward will again be cost containment to ensure we are able to maintain our service levels to our clubs and stakeholders.
- Question from Jocelyn McLennan (Higgins Park) “with the Australian Open providing such a significant amount of money for tennis across Australia have you thought about how you will operate if the Australian Open is impacted by COVID19”
- Rod Van responded that we are in constant discussion with Tennis Australia and preparing numerous scenarios for different outcomes of the Australian Open. The Board are prepared with responses to each of these scenarios. We have structured our portfolios so that they are liquid and can be cashed in as required.

It was moved by Lyall Bear (North Perth TC)

“That the Financial report, as tabled, be adopted”

Seconded Wendy Ireland (Leederville TC)

MOTION CARRIED

7.3 Election of Officers

There were 10 nominations received for the two Tennis West Director positions (in alphabetical order):-

- Gwyn Dolphin
- Nick Gray
- Brian Laurenson
- Rod Lilburne
- Graham Mackay-Cockhill
- Trevor Mitchell
- Colin Napier
- Ilinka Savich
- Jan Truscitt
- Rod Van

Profiles of all candidates had been e-circulated to members. Thanks were extended to the Nominations Committee comprising of the independent Chair, Grant Vernon, Jacqui Jashari (Dept. of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries), and Board Members Brett Patten and Kate McNamara, who had assessed each of the candidates against agreed criteria, and made recommendations to the membership.

7.3.1 Directors x 2 elections

Tennis West Vice President advised that all Delegates are to vote for two candidates and hand the votes to collectors.

Brett also advised that Tennis West will be looking to bring in independent members to sit on Committees of Tennis West.

Votes were counted and congratulations were extended to Jan Truscott (3-year term) and Colin Napier (3-year term).

7.4 Life Membership – Wayne Firms

- Wayne was the previous President of Tennis West
- Wayne started as a Board Member in 1998 and sat through until 2019
- His contributions were many and varied across many Committees and Wayne was instrumental in Constitutional reform as well as improved Board Governance practices
- Other details of Wayne's contribution to Tennis West were included in the papers circulated previously

Given his outstanding dedicated service it was recommended that Wayne Firms be awarded Life Membership of the Association.

Moved Jan Truscott (TW Director)

“That Wayne Firms be awarded Life Membership of Tennis West for his service to the organization.”

Seconded Brett Patten (TW President)

MOTION CARRIED

7.5 Life Membership – Ray Collins

- Ray was on the Tennis West Board from 2003 through until 2019 in various roles
- He served on the Tennis West Awards Committee from 2013 to 2019
- He ran tennis tournaments across WA for a number of years
- He was a strong advocate for the Country community and Zones

Moved Jan Truscott (TW Director)

“That Ray Collins be awarded Life Membership of Tennis West for his service to the organization.”

Seconded Brett Patten (TW President)

MOTION CARRIED

Ray Collins thanked the Board for the nomination and also congratulated Wayne Firms on his award. Ray thanks his wife Jennifer for her support as well as his daughter Alexandra for travelling all around the State with Ray to tennis events. Ray believed he had travelled around 80,000kms travelling to meetings for tennis and he enjoyed every part of it. He was also Chairman of the Regional Zone and President of Northam Tennis Club. He started running tournaments at Melville-Palmyra. Ray thanked Brooke Koenig as a staff member he had worked very closely with. He also thanked Elle Mazza for her professionalism and support. Ray wished the Board well in the future and again thanked all present.

8 Appointment of Auditor

It was moved by Anne Williams (Cottesloe TC)

“That Nexia be approved and appointed as the Tennis West Auditors for 2020/21”

Seconded: Lyall Bear (North Perth TC)

MOTION CARRIED

9 Closure

Jan Truscott thanked all for attendance and questions and closed the meeting.

Signed as a true and correct record.

(Date)

(President/Chairperson)