



WOMEN'S MIDWEEK GRASSCOURT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

INC MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2023 AT TENNIS WORLD ADELAIDE –
1:30PM

ATTENDEES

Member Name	Club	Member Name	Club
Linda Wood	Xavier	Carol Davis	Tranmere
Carol Conley	Xavier	Sally Noble	Tranmere
Anne Holmes	Xavier	Natalie Kowalski	Tranmere
Jane Karl	Reade Park	Theresa Cord-Udy	Sturt
Sandra Vallance	Reade Park	Janet Daws	Millswood
Joanna Lydeamore	MDTC	Lois Hill	Millswood
Chris Flynn	MDTC	Joanne Rudd	Kensington
Debra Laginestra	MDTC	Merridy Menzies	Woodville

APOLOGIES

Mardi Pedler (Kensington), Nicki Crawford (Sturt), Rebecca Mitchell (Sturt) and Dawn Hurley (Life Member)

OPENING AND WELCOME

President, Janet Daws, opened the meeting at 1:30 pm and welcomed the Executive Committee, Club Representatives, and all attendees.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 18th August 2022 were presented.

J. Daws moved that the Minutes of the WMGTA AGM 2022 be accepted, C. Davis seconded.

WMGTA PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022/2023

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our Patron & Life Member, June Heath in October 2022. June was awarded Life Membership in 1983 for her contribution to our Association as President.

June continued to serve as our Patron over many years & we valued her support & advice.

Another Life Member, June Raven passed away recently in July 2023. She held Executive positions including Vice President & President. June was given Life Membership in 2006.

Both were tireless workers for WMGTA.

To the Executive Committee – Recorder, Carol Davis, Secretary, Jo Lydeamore, Treasurer, Carol Conley, Vice President, Chris Flynn and the Club Representatives. Thank you for your continuing support & hard work in your roles to keep our association functioning.

A thank you to Genevieve Dawson for her work on the website & Lindsay Davis for Auditing the books.

The Tennis SA online scoring system, League Manager is fully used but does have its issues at times. A big thank you to Carol Davis for your huge contribution as Recorder.

Carol Davis was awarded a Tennis SA Service Award in November 2022 at the Tennis SA



Headquarters Function room for her years of voluntary service not only to WMGTA but also Tranmere Tennis Club.

The WMGTA Grand Finals were played at Kensington Gardens Tennis Club. The Grand Final Lunch & Presentations was this year held at The Kensington Hotel which our Secretary, Jo Lydeamore will go into more detail.

I will be seeking one more year as President then stepping down.

Wishing you all an enjoyable 2023/2024 season.

Janet Daws – President

J. Daws moved that the President's Report be accepted, C. Davis seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022/2023

The Association made a net profit (on a cash basis) of \$560.09 this year. However, two outstanding club nomination fees from 2021/22 were received late (totalling \$180). If these fees had been paid on time in the previous financial year, the Net Profit this year would have only been \$380.09.

All clubs paid their nomination fees promptly this year. This year, invoices were emailed directly to the Treasurers of each club, instead of via the Club delegates.

The 2 late nomination fees were from Sturt (\$135, 3 teams) and Woodville (\$45, 1 team).

We held our End of Season Presentation lunch at the Kensington Hotel on Grand Final Day (@ \$30pp). We paid for 95 people, but could have booked for 100 as a team of 5 people turned up unexpectedly on the day. Just a reminder to please also send an email to the Treasurer when making lunch payments, in case the payment goes astray. 6 people did not attend on the day. The Association made a small loss of \$120 on this event as we paid for 3 Life Members and Debbie Sterrey (from Tennis SA) to attend.

We were saddened to hear that our Patron, June Heath, passed away this year, and we made a donation to the Australian Pancreatic Cancer Foundation in her memory.

On 7/11/22, we transferred our funds from our Bendigo Bank Gold Term Deposit Account (interest rate 0.05%) into a Bendigo Bank Fixed 12 month Term Deposit (interest rate 3.00%pa), interest payable on 7/11/23.

Thank you to the Management Committee and all the club delegates for volunteering their time and offering their feedback towards running the Association.

Thank you also to Lindsay Davis for kindly auditing our accounts each year (at no charge).

I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming season.

Carol Conley – Treasurer

C. Conley moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, N. Kowalski seconded.



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022/2023

Thank you to the WMGTA committee and to our club delegates. In addition to what has been described by Janet and Carol, I would like to report on our End of Season Grand Final lunch. This year we had it at the Kensington Hotel and it was well attended by 95 people.

Overall we have had very good feedback about the lunch venue but have spoken to the Kensi about how we feel we can improve the event for next year if we choose to have it there again.

With the great numbers that we had, we can book the whole restaurant area out in the future and spread out a bit more. With the temporary wall pulled back, we will have a lot more natural light which will improve the ambience.

With regard to the food, the price was consistent with previous years and the food was better – with more choices, healthy options and full tummies at the end. We will improve aspects of the menu next year by getting more clarity from the Kensi on what each course includes.

Finally, thank you to Carol Conley for communicating with the Kensi about the floor plan and payment.

Joanna Lydeamore – Secretary

J. Lydeamore moved that the Secretary's Report be accepted, D. Laginestra seconded.

RECORDER'S REPORT 2022 / 2023

The 2022/2023 season had 35 teams, three less than last year.

Division 1 had 5 teams

Division 2 had 8 teams

Division 3 had 8 teams

Division 4 had 8 teams

Division 5 had 6 teams

The 2022/2023 year was scheduled to be a 16 match season. The 12th and 13th rounds were lost to extreme heat in late February. No matches were washed out.

As in past seasons, I seek support for the Grading Committee to have 6 or 8 teams per Division and grade teams into an even competition. This will make programming easier and aims to provide players with better matches.

Results

The Grand Final had plenty of interest. Seven of the eight Clubs had at least one team competing in the last match for a premiership.

The final results for the 2022/2023 season were as follows:

Division 1 Reade Park Blue 4 sets 36 games to Memorial Drive Red 0 sets 14 games

Division 2 Woodville Orion Green 4 sets 45 games to Memorial Drive 2 sets 41 games

Division 3 Reade Park Gold 4 sets 46 games to Tranmere 2 sets 40 games

Division 4 Tranmere Gold 4 sets 36 games to Sturt 0 set 28 games

Division 5 Millswood Purple 5 sets 47 games to Kensington Gardens 1 sets 26 games

Awards

The Doris Boyce trophy is awarded to the most consistent player each year (subject to having played at least 75% of the season's matches).

Doris Boyce Trophy had joint winners:

- Ann Rieger (Tranmere, Division 3)
- Kaye Zadow (Xavier, Division 2)

Runner-Up – Jenny Hall (Millswood Purple, Division 5)

Most Consistent Team - Xavier (Division 2)

Most Consistent Player per Division

Division 1	Julie Maitland	Reade Park Blue
Division 2	Kaye Zadow	Xavier
Division 3	Ann Rieger	Tranmere
Division 4	Lorna Luke	Tranmere Gold
Division 5	Jenny Hall	Millswood Purple

Congratulations to all winners along with each and every player for a good season.

Scoresheets and Premiership Tables

The Premiership Table was posted to the WMGTA website after each Round and able to be viewed in Match Centre. Also a copy was emailed monthly to Team Captains to be shared with their team. Thanks to Genevieve Dawson for her continued involvement updating the website.

This season's results were input directly by Team Captains into Tennis SA's 'Match Centre'.

Some people still struggled to access Match Centre, enter results, add new players and change playing order at times. New Captains need to receive training or assistance from their Club Representatives or the previous year's captain. Also the new system of requiring new players to self-register, caused a lot of confusion. However, most queries were eventually resolved by contacting me. I'm happy to try and assist with any specific problems.

Again, I noted a few people were not checking scoresheets before approving the results. Also, there were more than a few instances of one team not confirming match results, meaning the ladder would not update.

Despite the ongoing problems and frustrations, I congratulate all Team Captains on their efforts and perseverance with the system.

Summary

Scheduling an even 6 or 8-team competition across all Divisions is the major challenge again.

We strive to provide players with the best competition possible, whilst accommodating teams' preferences when sensible to do so. We hope this will contribute to the ongoing success of an enjoyable and competitive midweek ladies' competition.

I would like to thank the Executive, the Committee and Team Captains for their assistance throughout the year. I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

Carol Davis – Recorder

C. Davis moved that the Recorder's report be accepted, J. Daws seconded.



Life Membership

J. Daws described C. Davis's extensive contribution to tennis in a volunteer capacity, including 16 years as Recorder for WMGTA.

J. Daws moved that Carol Davis receive Life Membership of WMGTA, J. Lydeamore seconded.

ELECTIONS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Janet Daws nominated and was elected

Vice President - Christine Flynn nominated and was elected

Secretary - Joanna Lydeamore nominated and was elected

Treasurer - Carol Conley nominated and was elected

Recorder - Carol Davis nominated and was elected

Patron - We are very pleased that Anne Holmes has accepted WMGTA's invitation to be Patron.

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Reade Park - Sandra Vallance nominated and was elected

Kensington Gardens - Joanne Rudd nominated and was elected

Millswood - Lois Hill nominated and was elected

Sturt - Nicki Crawford nominated and was elected

Tranmere - Natalie Kowalski nominated and was elected

Xavier - Linda Wood nominated and was elected

Woodville - Merridy Menzies nominated and was elected

Memorial Drive - Debra Laginestra nominated and was elected

SEASON DATES FOR 2023/2024

Easter Thursday is on 28th March 2024

Term 1, 2024 ends Friday 12th April 2024

	OPTION A Finals After Easter	OPTION B Finals Before Easter
2023	19 Oct to 14 Dec (9 weeks)	19 Oct to 14 Dec (9 weeks)
2024	01 Feb to 21 Mar (8 weeks)	01 Feb to 07 Mar (6 weeks)
Semi Finals	04 April 2024	14 March 2024
Finals	11 April 2024	21 March 2024

Both options were considered, with Reade Park, Tranmere and Woodville in support of Option A and Xavier, MDTC and Kensington in support of Option B. A vote was taken and Option A, with finals after Easter was supported by the majority.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Correspondence was received from Sandra Vallance regarding four topics:-

- a. *Reade Park's Communication to Tennis SA* - Natalia Irvine and Sandra Vallance met with Debbie Sterrey (CEO of Tennis SA) and Amanda Zwiebel (Tournaments & Competitions Manager - North East) to discuss recruitment strategies for Year 12s (post exams) and University students aging out of juniors to join the Women's Midweek Thursday morning competition.

Amanda is working on a broader strategy of women's participation in tennis which goes across all associations. Amanda's process will include online surveys followed by workshops to look at coming up with creative solutions on increasing women's participation in tennis. They asked her to include the Women's Midweek Thursday morning competition in this. Amanda is also talking to other Associations who are experiencing a drop-off of female players.

- b. *WMGTA Start Time & Match Format* – These topics were discussed and it was agreed a communication would be sent to players reminding them to be at the courts at 9:15am and start at 9:30am. Teams may agree in advance to start earlier or that if the 3rd sets have not started by 12:15, both teams may agree in advance to start the last set at 3-3 due to a time restraint or temperature-related reason.
- c. *Parking at Memorial Drive Tennis Club* – The current arrangement with Next Gen is two cars per team can park there. Unfortunately, this can not change and Tennis SA does not have additional parking to offer. Sandra Vallance will ask Adelaide Oval if they can assist with additional parking space.
- d. *Lunches* – A communication will be sent to players suggesting they consider having lunch with the opposing team at the game prior to Christmas and at the end of the minor rounds. This may be arranged by team captains and lunches may be in any format they choose.

OTHER BUSINESS

a. **Competitive Player Profiles & UTRs**

There was discussion about Tennis Australia's requirement for all players to have registered and activated their Competitive Player Profile to compete (Tennis ID and UTR linked together). Clubs will not be able to nominate players into a team if the player's profile is not complete. JL will enquire about a new Tennis SA contact to assist us with this since Luke Doughty has changed positions within Tennis SA.

The meeting closed at 2:40pm

REMINDER: Grading Meeting - Thursday, 7 September 2023 at Kensington Gardens Lawn Tennis Club at 1:30pm.