



Buninyong & District Tennis Association

Minutes of Annual Meeting

Monday 11 August 2008, 7.30pm at the Buninyong Community Facility

ATTENDANCE: All clubs except Ballarat Lawn, Delacombe, Rokewood & Warrenheip

APOLOGIES: Rokewood, Ballarat Lawn

MINUTES: Clare Beacham

ITEM	
Minutes of Previous Meeting	Confirmed to be true and correct (moved Geoff Reese/ Brenda Leeding).
Treasurers Report	Given by Phil Anstis. General Account - \$5662.57, Investment Account - \$62,853.10 (moved Phil Anstis/ Craig Roberts).
Presidents Report	Mandy James reported on the 75 th Anniversary Dinner held in November, which included Stan Hunter being inducted as a life member. Acknowledged the passing of life member Jean Knowles, she will be sadly missed. Feasibility study for re-development nearing conclusion. Junior competition strong and benefiting the seniors. Midweek celebrated it's 20 th year. Volunteers throughout clubs recognised and the Executive thanked for their support.
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Highlands Regional Tennis Council - proposal for 0.50c levy per player. • Buninyong Gold King Festival Media Release • Victorian Tennis News • Tennis Victoria – Notice of Special General Meeting • VCTA – Notice of General Meeting/ Payment of Affiliation Fees 2008/09. • Tennis Victoria – Club Ambassadors Booklet • Ballarat Sports Foundation – Round 38 of funding • Consumer Affairs Victoria – Annual Statement • Moorabool Shire – Information update form • Regional Achievement & Community Awards - nomination form • Central Highlands Sports Assembly - membership renewal • City of Ballarat – Ballarat Youth Strategy
Reforming of Association/ Election of Office Bearers	<p>Resolved that the Association be re-formed, (moved Brenda Leeding/ Hugh Ryan).</p> <p>Election of Office Bearers: President – Mandy James (Nominated by Craig Butcher) Senior Vice President – Geoff Reese (Nom. Mandy James) Junior Vice President – Steve Russell (Nom. Phil Anstis) Secretary – Clare Beacham (Nom. Craig Butcher) Assistant Secretary – Carolyn Rutherford (Nom. Clare Beacham) Treasurer – Phil Anstis (Nom. Geoff Reese) Record Secretary – Mandy James (Nom. Clare Beacham) Publicity Officer – Michael O'Beirne (Nom. Clare Beacham)</p>

Country Week Report	Steve Russell reported 10 teams, 80 players. U/19 B Grade winners. An all boys section was included for the first time to accommodate excess players. For 2009 looking at new age groups of U/19, U/16 & U/13.
VCTA Report	Given by Pat Gilchrist. Pat congratulated the Association Executive. Acknowledged Steve & Geoff's work with the Juniors. Junior Squad going well with some talented juniors coming through. Clubs to pay fees direct to VCTA this year with details of players. Player registration to remain \$22, Club registration fee introduced – fees on sliding scale dependent on numbers. Further details to be sent to clubs. Clubs must also give list of players and Tennis Victoria ID numbers to the Association Secretary. Carol to send list of current players to Association Secretary. Senior Country Week: 9 – 13 th Feb 2009.
Junior Squad Report	See above in VCTA report.
Central Highlands Regional Council Report	Given by Mandy James. Central Highlands Regional Council has been re-formed with reps from across the region. Regional junior team that competed in Bendigo tournament included players from across the region including 1 Buninyong player. Teams have try out days – if any good juniors at clubs please speak to Steve or Mandy. Letter read proposing levy of 50c per player – to be dealt with in General Business.
Buninyong Tennis Centre Re-Development	Update on feasibility study given by Mandy. In final draft stage – plan for 8 courts and clubhouse in stage 1, 4 more courts in stage 2, flood lights proposed. Awaiting figures on funding. Re-development to start at end of season. Contribution of \$100,000 from Association needed.
Starting Dates	Starting dates agreed as follows: Seniors: 4 Oct – 13 Dec, 31 Jan – 21 Mar Juniors: 11 Oct – 13 Dec, 31 Jan – 21 Mar Finals: Semi Final - 28 Mar, Grand Final – 4 April NB. No play on Labor Day long weekend - 7th March
Rule Changes	Disciplinary Policy and Code of Conduct – meeting noted the following comments from Ross Creek: 1. Should drinking of alcohol be covered in policy? 2. 3.17 – should prior history be taken into account for 2 years rather than 4? Meeting agreed to adopt the Disciplinary Policy and Code of Conduct. <i>(Moved Carolyn Rutherford / Craig Butcher).</i> Rule 4: Amended to read "A player who has not played five (5) matches with one club and is not considered to be a permanent player with that club may receive a maximum of three (3) permits to play with another club or clubs." <i>(Moved Mandy James/ Marg Keating).</i> Rule 22: Amended second paragraph to read "On a day of Total Fire Ban in the Central Region all senior matches (excluding finals) will be cancelled...." <i>(Moved Marg Keating/ Craig Butcher).</i> Rule 30: Amended first paragraph to read "All matches, including semi-finals and finals shall be decided on games. Scoring will be – 2 points for the team with the highest number of games and 1 point per set won." <i>(Moved Mandy James).</i>

	<p>Rule 33: Amended to read "Protests accompanied by a \$20 fee shall be lodged with Association Secretary by the President or Secretary of the club making the protest no later than the Monday following the match or event. A copy of the protest shall be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of the club with which the protest is lodged against. Grand Final protests must be lodged before trophy presentations." <i>(Motion carried)</i></p> <p>Rule 34: Amended to read "Any club has the right to protest if it feels any Association rules or code of conduct have been infringed during a match or event. If the Record Secretary notices a breach of the rules, they will advise the Association Secretary who will notify the clubs concerned with the match.</p> <p>All protests shall be dealt with as soon as possible by the Executive, or appointed Tribunal in code of conduct matters, and its decision shall be final. If the protest is from a defeated side and is upheld, the Executive may allot points for the match to them. If the protest is from a winning side and upheld, the Executive may take points from the defeated side.</p> <p>A special meeting of the Executive Committee can only be called if requested by either three (3) Executive members or five (5) clubs. When the Association Secretary receives a request the meeting shall be called as soon as possible." <i>(Motion carried)</i></p>
Junior Grading Committee	A representative from each club with a Junior Team to meet on Wed 27 August at Buninyong Community Facility.
Senior Grading Committee	Executive to meet Wednesday 3 September.
Permit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior: President, Senior Vice Pres, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary ▪ Junior: Junior Vice Pres, Record Secretary, Assistant Secretary
Affiliation Fees	Senior - \$100, Junior - \$50, Midweek - \$50 Midweek court hire for Buninyong courts – \$65
Draw Books	Increased to \$5 per book
Record Secretary Allowance	Increased to \$200 due to increasing fuel costs.
Fine - non attendance at meetings	Increased to \$25
Grand Final Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior – Buninyong Golf Club. ▪ Junior – Buninyong Tennis Courts on completion of matches.
Junior Tournament	<p>Graded tournament to be held Sunday late Feb/ March (date TBC), \$5 per player.</p> <p>Underage tournament to be held Saturday 20 Dec, \$5 per player, 1 entry per age group.</p> <p>Tournament committee to be decided at junior grading meeting.</p>
Junior Country Week	<p>Dates: 12 Jan – 16 Jan 2009</p> <p>Delegate: Steve Russell</p> <p>Selectors: to be decided at junior grading meeting</p>
Teams for 2007/08	All team entries to be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary no later than Wed 27 August.

<p>General Business</p>	<p>Buninyong Community Bank: Bendigo Bank are hoping to open a community bank in Buninyong – will be 2 years before set up. If set up BDTA may look at changing banks.</p> <p>Gold King Festival: BDTA looking to hold a fastest serve competition. Meeting agreed to set up a roster of clubs to man the equipment.</p> <p>New competitions: looking for suggestions for new competitions. Twilight comp at either Mt Clear or Mt Helen suggested, individual rather than team event suggested.</p> <p>Central Highlands Regional Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanya Cullen, Regional Development Officer at Central Highlands Sports Assembly (CHSA) spoke to meeting about her role 5 hrs week which includes providing support to the Regional Council & developing a Central Highlands regional tennis website. Provided signs for each club to display at courts with a contact number. Low compression balls available for clubs to use with juniors. - Stuart Schiltz, CHSA, talked to meeting about ways they can assist with club development, volunteering, Good Sports program (including alcohol policies). - Open day for all clubs throughout region proposed – 2 hours, date TBC - Orientation to Coaching course to be held 2nd Nov, location TBC. Clubs encouraged to send any older juniors or other club members interested. - Player subsidy – letter requesting .50c per player subsidy discussed. Meeting voted to levy each player .50c to be used to sponsor BDTA players involved in regional teams. - Next Regional Council meeting – to be held on 8 Sept at City Oval. All clubs invited, 1 spot per club on Council. <p>Updated Website: BDTA website has been updated, all clubs encouraged to forward information to be included on the website to Association Secretary.</p> <p>Ballarat Tennis Federation: Steve proposed to name a team 'Buninyong' in BRTC competition for those players currently playing in the comp and will provide a team to feed other players into. Meeting agreed.</p> <p>Working with Children Checks: all Junior Organisers encouraged to obtain WWC checks. Not required for parents supervising matches/ events where child is involved.</p> <p>Club History Frames: Michael O'Beirne produced individual framed club histories for Presentation Dinner last season. Given out to clubs not at dinner. Full book of each club history available for \$5.</p> <p>Clubs reminded that BDTA history book still available from Geoff Reese Sport.</p>
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Meeting Closed 9.47pm

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