



# Buninyong & District Tennis Association

## Minutes of Annual Meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 7.30pm at the Buninyong Tennis Centre

**ATTENDANCE:**

Representatives from Ballan, Buninyong, Dunnstown, Elaine, Goldfields, Gordon, Grenville, Mannibadar, Mt Helen, Napoleons, Navigators, Rokewood, Ross Creek, Smythsdale, Warrenheip, Bendigo Bank, Andrew Cronin (Tennis Victoria), Peter Joyce

**APOLOGIES:**

**MINUTES:**

Jai Jamieson, Secretary.

ITEM	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Confirmed to be true and correct. (Moved Paul Bertoncello/David Ebbs)
<b>Treasurers Report</b>	<p>Given by Phil Anstis, copies circulated.</p> <p>Opening balance as at 1 July 2016: General - \$903.99, Investment - \$59,967.51</p> <p>Received both the 2015-16 and 2016-17 annual sponsorship from the Buninyong Community Bank during this financial year.</p> <p>The fixture book wasn't run this year.</p> <p>Affiliation fees were increased from the previous season.</p> <p>Fines were down from the previous season.</p> <p>Kiosk revenue down. Revenue was reinvested to fund morning BBQ.</p> <p>Incorporation fee hasn't been refunded.</p> <p>Liquor license discount for good behavior.</p> <p>Tennis Victoria payment down due to book a court payment of \$5500 last year.</p> <p>Closing balance as at 30 June 2017: General - \$4,137.25 , Investment - \$67,282.33</p> <p>Operating surplus of \$10,548.08</p> <p>Two term deposits held with Buninyong Community Bank</p> <p>25765546/2501 is a general term deposit with a closing balance of \$35,838.44</p> <p>25765546/2502 is a court sink fund with a balance of \$31,443.89 which is used to fund future court resurfacing. It receives \$4,000 p.a. from operating surplus assuming a 50:50 contribution from the city of Ballarat (as per tenancy agreement). Court resurfacing is required every 9 years based upon Tennis Australia lifecycle costs.</p> <p>Please contact Phil if you have any questions about the financial statements.</p> <p>Financial report accepted (Moved Phil Anstis/Peter Afford)</p>
<b>Presidents Report</b>	Mandy James presented her presidents report.

	<p>"It is always an honor to present my President's report, as it leads to the start of another tennis season.</p> <p>While our numbers have declined, I feel that the players and supporters of the Buninyong and District Tennis Association do their forbearers proud, playing in an Association that has been in existence since 1933.</p> <p>I congratulate the premiers from season 2016-17, but more importantly, I congratulate those players that were not victorious at the conclusion of the match. It is these players that best represent an association existing for 85 seasons. The thrill of the competition, the joy of improvement, the devastation of loss. It is the challenge that keeps us playing, the friendships made and most particularly the wellbeing that results from picking up that racquet each week.</p> <p>I thank the Executive for their tireless work each year. An Association does not run itself and I thank Phil, Megan, David, Jason and in particular Steve for their continued support.</p> <p>It is a pleasure to welcome our new secretary, Jai Jamieson, to the Executive but with sadness that I announce that Stephen Russell has decided his time as Vice President has come to an end.</p> <p>Steve started his time on the Committee as the Country Week Co-Ordinator before moving to Squad manager and Vice president. No job has been too small for Steve and I particularly thank him for his work each Saturday morning directing the juniors and manning the BBQ and kiosk.</p> <p>I wish Steve well and hope this doesn't mean the end of his playing career.</p> <p>Last season half of the Junior Grand Finals were played on Friday night due to the crossover with the start of the Central Highlands Football season. I was not confident that this would be successful but I could not have been more wrong. I feel it would be remiss of us not to consider holding all our Grand Finals at this time, it was such a success.</p> <p>Good luck to all for the upcoming season.</p> <p>Than you to the Bendigo Bank for their ongoing support."</p>
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Incoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Australia – Integrity update - Working with Children and Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)</li> <li>• City of Ballarat – March 2017 Sport Facility Inspection Report</li> <li>• Consumer Affairs Vic – Annual Statement documentation</li> <li>• Tennis Victoria - Opening Up Tennis Evaluation and Finalization</li> <li>• Tennis Victoria – 2016/17 Affiliation and Registration Fees.</li> <li>• Tennis Victoria – confirmation of Affiliation</li> <li>• Sports Central Responsible Service of Alcohol Voucher</li> </ul> <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Victoria affiliation information and payment 2016/17</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reforming of Association/Election of Office Bearers</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Association be re-formed, (moved Angela Beattie/Diana Ferguson)</p> <p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b>  <b>President:</b>  Mandy James  <b>Senior Vice President:</b>  No nominations received. Nominations still being received.  <b>Junior Vice President:</b>  David Ebbs</p>

	<p><b>Secretary:</b> Jai Jamieson</p> <p><b>Assistant Secretary:</b> Megan Collins</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Phil Anstis</p> <p><b>Record Secretary:</b> <i>Diana Ferguson</i></p> <p><b>Publicity Officer:</b> Jason Squires</p> <p><b>Website Administrator:</b> Jason Squires</p>
<b>Bendigo Bank</b>	<p>Randall Dreger from the Buninyong Community Bank let us know that they are here for the community. He distributed a flyer on their community involvement and support.</p> <p>Randall reiterated that he is employed by the Buninyong Community Bank and that they are here for us. He encouraged us to bank with them and to come and see him if you have any questions.</p> <p>Randall talked about the Community Rewards program.</p> <p>Randal talked about the difference between the Buninyong Community Bank and Bendigo Bank.</p> <p>Mandy let Randall know that we used the Community Gold as prizes at the Midweek dinner.</p>
<b>VCTA Report</b>	VCTA was dissolved in May 2017
<b>Tennis Victoria</b>	<p>Local Tennis Victoria Participation leader Andrew Cronin lets us know that he is taking over Aaron's role. He talked about participation in tennis and gave us a brief education on how we can improve participation.</p> <p>He talked about our Book a Court system and gave us some facts from the last two seasons including that in the 2015-16 season we had 28 bookings and in the 2016-17 season we had 84 bookings.</p> <p>Andrew referred us to the Game Set and Match website for information on how to get grants, venue management and how to increase participation in tennis.</p> <p>Andrew let us know that there will be some training on the new Safeguarding Children Safety Standards. They are looking at October 12 for the training with the date to be confirmed by email.</p> <p>There is a community coaching course in Horsham from September 1-3, 2017. For regional clubs, the standard fee of \$425 is subsidized by Tennis Victoria so the participants only need to pay \$100. Applications close 18 August 2017. Leaves flyers.</p> <p>Andrew left his business card and phone number in the clubhouse for any enquiries.</p>
<b>Coaches Report</b>	<p>Peter Joyce</p> <p>Having a hard time finding assistant coaches.</p> <p>Running Hot Shots league Tuesdays for ages 10 and under.</p> <p>Delving into sporting schools program, building relationships with these schools and communities.</p>
<b>Junior Squad Report</b>	<p>David Ebbs</p> <p>Juniors has been a highlight and there has been positive feedback regarding our effort to make tennis an event.</p> <p>Friday night finals for the juniors was a great night.</p> <p>Teams pulling out/changing grade after the season starts has been a difficulty.</p> <p>Talked about sessions encouraging kids to play tennis. Gordon, Grenville and Mt Helen are doing a great job in getting kids into tennis and encouraging them to play. We have found that it is generally takes keen parents for these things to work.</p>

	Talked about offering a transition competition for kids who aren't ready for juniors yet.
<b>Central highlands/ Junior Tournament Dates</b>	David Ebbs Junior masters series tournaments are one of the selection criteria for junior representative selection and part of the junior pathway. The Buninyong Junior masters series tournament will be on October 29 <sup>th</sup> The underage tournament and graded tournament haven't been very successful. If you have any ideas for ways to make these tournaments more successful please let David know. Tournament dates and format will be communicated from David or Jai at a later date.
<b>Starting Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seniors: Sat 7 Oct – Sat 16 Dec (11 rounds), Sat 3<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sat 3 Mar (5 rounds)</li> <li>▪ Juniors: Sat 14 Oct – Sat 16 Dec (10 rounds), Sat 3<sup>th</sup> Feb – Sat 3 Mar (5 rounds)</li> </ul> <p><i>(No play Aust. Day – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan or Labour Day Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mar)</i>  Finals (Seniors and Juniors):  Semi-Finals: Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March, Grand Finals: Sat 24<sup>st</sup> March.</p>
<b>Rule Changes</b>	Mannibadar TC:  " That each club supply a tin of tennis balls each week, we feel that by the time you get to the Mixed Sets the balls are worn." <b>NOT CARRIED</b>  Ballan TC:  " That the age limit for junior competition be raised from 18&under to 21&under. All 18-21 players to be categorized as 'A' grade players." <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>Grading Committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Junior Grading</b> – <u>A representative from each club with a Junior team</u> to meet on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Buninyong Tennis Centre.</li> <li>▪ <b>Senior Grading &amp; Court Allocation meeting</b> – <u>The Executive</u> to meet on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Buninyong Tennis Centre.</li> </ul>
<b>Permit Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Senior:</b> President, Senior Vice Pres, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary</li> <li>• <b>Junior:</b> Junior Vice Pres, Record Secretary, Assistant Secretary</li> </ul>
<b>Affiliation Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Team - \$165.00</li> <li>• Junior Team - \$95.00</li> <li>• Midweek Player (Combined BDTA/BRTC) - \$90.00</li> <li>• Midweek Team - \$95.00</li> <li>• VCTA Junior Squad levy – \$1.75 per player</li> <li>• BTC casual court hire (per hour for non-members) - \$11.00/\$16.00 with lights</li> <li>• BTC casual court hire (per hour BDTA affiliated club member) – Free/\$5.00 with lights</li> <li>• BDTA social member - \$120.00</li> <li>• Fast 4 - \$5.00 per night (To be confirmed)</li> </ul>
<b>Record Secretary Allowance</b>	\$300.00
<b>Fine for meeting non-attendance</b>	\$35, regardless of whether an apology is given.
<b>Grand Final Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senior – Buninyong Tennis Centre</li> <li>▪ Junior – Buninyong Tennis Centre</li> </ul>
<b>Buninyong Tennis Centre</b>	Phil Anstis Problem on court surface between courts 6 and 7. Having difficulty getting this fixed.

	<p>Some lights on courts 1 to 4 have to be replaced. Getting quotes from cleaners regarding cleaning the clubhouse during the year. Have asked the council to put court cleaning on their schedule as the courts are half way through their life. Have inquired through the manufacturer about the specifications for cleaning the courts. Trying to get them cleaned before the season starts.</p>
<b>Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy and Safeguarding Children Guidelines</b>	<p>Andrew Cronin (Tennis Victoria) spoke about the new guidelines. Asked about a workable way for us to implement it and a way for the clubs in the association to implement it as it could be hard for smaller clubs to implement all of it. Andrew said that Tennis Victoria will be holding a training session on the new guidelines. Looking to be on October 12. This will be confirmed by email. Andrew was asked about resources and forms that need to be filled out. Andrew said not to stress about the guidelines these guidelines are to create a safe culture and to keep kids safe. He referred us to the website <a href="https://www.tennis.com.au/play/for-parents/safeguarding-children">https://www.tennis.com.au/play/for-parents/safeguarding-children</a> for more information. At this stage we just need to be aware of the new guidelines and we can work towards them. An important first step is to put posters up at clubs, advertising the Hotline number: 1800 11 SAFE (1800 117 233)</p>
<b>Teams for 2016/17</b>	<b>All team entries to be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.</b>
<b>General Business</b>	<p>Need to promote team app through clubs, upload rules, premiers and most consistent and club contact details.</p> <p>Peter Joyce is offering a stringing service. Tuesday and Thursday evening drop off. Will be put on Team App and website.</p> <p>Reminder on BYO license. 1pm to 10pm, October to April. Within the tennis club boundaries. Permit on wall of club house.</p> <p>Courts and club house opening to be on a club rotation. Key - TBC</p> <p>Opening, closing, cleaning and kiosk to be on a club roster.</p> <p>More in kiosk eg. Sweets and icy poles. Can't do hot food. To be discussed at junior grading meeting.</p> <p>Talked about providing player's names for the Courier and Miner. Talked about children's names, do we need to get permission, do we put in first names, last names or both. We can't guarantee that results get in the paper.</p> <p>Senior results entry. Talked about entering own results, might happen something during the season. Diana talked about having trouble with League Manager such as forfeits, names of players not being consistent and not having player emails.</p> <p>My Tennis training from Tennis Victoria. Possibility of another date. Andrew will let the secretaries know.</p> <p>Gordon looking for a new coach.</p>
<b>Association next meetings</b>	<p>General Meeting Monday 13 November 2017 7:30pm at BTC Monday 12 March 2018 7:30pm at BTC</p>

**Meeting Closed 8:55pm**