



# Buninyong & District Tennis Association

## Minutes of Annual Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013, 7.30pm at the Buninyong Tennis Centre

<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Representatives from Ballan, Buninyong, Delacombe, Dunnstown, Elaine, Goldfields, Gordon, Grenville, Haddon, Mannibadar, Meredith, Miners Rest, Mt Clear, Mt Helen, Napoleons, Navigators, Rokewood, Ross Creek, Smythesdale, St James, Warrenheip, VCTA – Pat Gilchrist and Carol Pearce, BDTA Coach Peter Joyce, Stuart McKee (Bendigo Bank)
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	June Henderson, Karen Croxford. Not Present: Ballarat Lawn, Black Hill (not current), Invermay (not current).
<b>MINUTES:</b>	Megan Collins, Secretary.

<b>ITEM</b>	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	Confirmed to be true & correct (moved Megan Collins/Barb Mittag).
<b>Treasurers Report</b>	Given by Phil Anstis. Independent auditors report read by Phil. General Account - \$25,438.74, Investment Account - \$17,281.13. Financial report accepted (moved Phil Anstis/Angela Beattie).
<b>Presidents Report</b>	<p>Mandy was pleased to present her 10<sup>th</sup> Presidents Report, at our first AGM in our brand new facility. Mandy thanked all member clubs for enthusiasm in which they have embraced the facility, from battling it out on the new courts, to working in the kiosk, to cleaning the clubrooms and extended thanks and congratulations for all their involvement.</p> <p>Mandy thanked the executive for their efforts over the past 12 months, with particular mention to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Russell, Senior VP, who does so much at the BTC in the background (maintenance, ground works, etc) that often goes unnoticed. Mandy personally thanked Stephen for acting as President in her absence whilst overseas last year.</li> <li>• Karen Croxford, who has chosen not to continue on in her roles as Junior VP and Junior Squad coordinator. Mandy thanked Karen for her contributions, and mentioned that Karen's extreme efficiency in her duties will be sadly missed.</li> <li>• Phil Anstis, Treasurer, who continues to go above and beyond in his duties as treasurer, and his new unofficial role as City of Ballarat Liaison officer with all his negotiations and meetings regarding the new BTC facility. Phil tirelessly works behind the scenes to come up with options to continually improve our wonderful new facility. A very deserved recipient of his life membership in October 2012.</li> </ul> <p>Mandy expressed gratitude and thanks for the Life Membership she also received in October 2012.</p> <p>Mandy reported on the Order of Australia Medal that June Henderson was awarded for her volunteer work with the CWA, Ballarat General Cemeteries Trust, Ballarat East Rotary Club, Meals on Wheels, the BDTA and the Mt Helen Tennis Club. Congratulations to June, who is a Life Member and past Treasurer of the BDTA.</p>

<p><b>Correspondence</b></p>	<p>Incoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumer Affairs Vic – Annual Statement documentation</li> <li>• Tennis Australia – Australian Open Tennis Club Group booking opportunity</li> <li>• City of Ballarat – Draft Tenancy Agreement</li> <li>• CERM Tennis Australia National Club Health Check survey results for 2011-12.</li> <li>• Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Commission – BYO Alcohol permit.</li> <li>• Inside Edge Sport and Leisure Planning: Online survey for G21 Regional Tennis Strategy for Tennis Clubs and Centres (to gather current and future needs across the G21 region).</li> <li>• VCTA – AGM Agenda, Cover letter and Nomination forms.</li> <li>• Tennis Victoria – 2013/14 Affiliation and Registration Fees.</li> </ul> <p>Outgoing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey for G21 Region</li> <li>• Bunnings BBQ selling results information.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reforming of Association/Election of Office Bearers</b></p>	<p>Resolved that the Association be re-formed, (moved Angela Beattie/Erin Jamieson)</p> <p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p><b>President:</b> Mandy James (<i>Nom. Carolyn Rutherford/Marg Keating</i>)</p> <p><b>Senior Vice President:</b> Steve Russell (<i>Nom. Mandy James/ Marg Keating</i>)</p> <p><b>Junior Vice President:</b> David Ebbs (<i>Nom. Donna Leeson/ Megan Collins</i>)</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Megan Collins (<i>Nom. Mandy James/Erin Jamieson</i>)</p> <p><b>Assistant Secretary:</b> Erin Jamieson (<i>Nom. Phil Anstis/Michael O’Beirne</i>)</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Phil Anstis (<i>Nom. Megan Collins/ Steve Russell</i>)</p> <p><b>Record Secretary:</b> Mandy James</p> <p><b>Publicity Officer:</b> Sophie Anstis</p> <p><b>Website Administrator:</b> Jason Squires</p>
<p><b>VCTA Report</b></p>	<p>Pat Gilchrist again congratulated the Association on voluntary work. Pat was very sad to announce that the Ballarat Country Tennis Association, that was formed in the early 1930’s, has been folded, with the ending of the Junior Country Week Tennis not continuing in 2014. (The Senior Country Week folded in 2000).</p> <p>Pat urged the BDTA to appoint a replacement for Junior Squad rather quickly, as it is such an important part of junior tennis development.</p> <p>VCTA AGM to be held on 18/8/13, with no changes to the executive expected.</p> <p>VCTA Senior Country Week to be held in Shepparton Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.</p> <p>Pat wished the BDTA all the very best for the coming season, and congratulated all involved in the fantastic running of the Association.</p>
<p><b>Central Highlands Regional Council Report</b></p>	<p>Has been renamed. 2 meetings per year will be held, in March and November.</p> <p>4 Junior Masters Series tournaments have been scheduled: BDTA: 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, BRTC: 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, Final: 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, Prospect: 1<sup>st</sup> Mar, Maryborough: 15<sup>th</sup> Mar.</p> <p>Need to appoint a new representative for the Junior Masters Series, Tournaments and Squad. David Ebbs has kindly volunteered to fill this void.</p>

<b>Junior Squad Report</b>	<p>Karen Croxford was an apology, however provided the following information for a squad report:</p> <p>21 players are currently participating in the squad over winter. Numbers were low this year with a full squad being 32 players. Attendance at Sunday training has been good, most players have participated in the tournaments held in Bendigo. Many thanks to Steve Russell and Peter Joyce.</p>
<b>Coaches Report</b>	<p>Peter Joyce opened his report time as an open forum for a general discussion regarding how to increase the participation in tennis. Items discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clubs schools being able to borrow nets for Hot Shots type play</li> <li>• Currently approximately 65 kids being coached during summer, 30 during winter</li> <li>• Are kids that are bring coached moving on to play competition – are we promoting them to return to their local clubs?</li> <li>• Community Play is currently helping with removing the focus from the competition aspect of tennis until they are ready.</li> <li>• Peter is creating a Ladies Coaching Day, on Thursday mornings from 9.30-11am.</li> <li>• An adult mixed/coaching competition on a Thursday night at 6.30pm</li> <li>• Sue Dundas from Tennis Vic is coming to Buninyong to discuss My Tennis (brochures circulated). Executive encouraged clubs to get on board with My Tennis.</li> <li>• Community Play was discussed – David Ebbs is currently running this at 11am on a Saturday morning to introduce/develop kids to transition them to competition. For a gold coin donation, it's exposure to tennis at a very affordable level.</li> <li>• 25<sup>th</sup> August – will be running a "Come and Play Day from 10-12.30pm". Open to everyone.</li> <li>• Peter has offered to clubs to come an do clinics within clubs if there is any interest. He will email club secretaries the information.</li> </ul>
<b>Season Dates</b>	<p>Starting dates agreed as follows:  <b>Seniors:</b> Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar (17 rounds)  <b>Juniors:</b> Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Mar (16 rounds)  <b>Finals:</b> Semi Final – Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, Grand Final – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Mar  <b>NB. No play on Australia Day long weekend Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, or Labor Day long weekend – Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2014</b></p>
<b>Junior Tournament Dates</b>	<p>Last years tournaments were run successfully on a Wednesday night – it was decided to do this again, over 2 nights.  Dates proposed for the underage tournament: Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov and Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013, with a starting time of 6.00pm.  Graded Tournament – dates proposed: Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb and Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 at 6pm.</p>
<b>Rule Changes</b>	<p><b><i>Notices of Motion</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Executive: Rule 27: Rerword to read: "Venue Referees for the semi-finals and finals matches shall be appointed by the committee for all junior and senior competition. Only Junior C4-C6 competition semi-finals and finals matches shall have umpires appointed by the committee."</i> Carried.</li> <li>2. <i>Executive: Rule 24: Add at the beginning "For Senior Grades only.....". Add at the end "For Junior finals criteria, please refer to Rule 38."</i> Carried.</li> <li>3. <i>Executive: Rule 46: Update to read: "Fine on clubs for non attendance at meetings - \$30".</i> Carried.</li> </ol>

<b>Rule Changes cont.</b>	<p>4. <i>Warrenheip TC: Rule Subsection - Matches, encompassing Rules 11, 14, 16. Proposal: "To change the current team format from 3-4 men and 3-4 ladies, to 2 men and 2 ladies per team, reducing the current 9 set match to 6. Format would be 4 mixed sets, and one ladies and one men's set, all 8 game sets."</i> Not Carried.</p> <p>5. <i>Kate Cameron, Mt Helen TC: Rule 38: Update second paragraph "All junior grades, with the exception of C4, C5 and C6, shall play a tie-break at 5 games all in all home and away and finals matches."</i> Not Carried.</p>
<b>Grading Committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Junior</b> - A representative from each club with a junior team to meet on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm at Buninyong Community Facility</li> <li>• <b>Senior</b> – Executive to meet after Junior Grading Meeting, date and time TBA.</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>	<p>Senior team - \$145, Junior team - \$80, Midweek team - \$80  Midweek court hire for BTC – \$85 per team per season  VCTA Junior Squad Levy - \$1.75 per player</p> <p>BTC Court Hire Fees - \$10 per hour without lights, \$15 per hour with lights.</p> <p>NB – Tennis Victoria Player Registration 2013/14: \$30 per person, \$105.00 per family.</p>
<b>Draw Books</b>	\$6.50 per book.
<b>Record Secretary Allowance</b>	\$300.00
<b>Fine for meeting non-attendance</b>	\$30, regardless of whether an apology is given.
<b>Grand Final Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senior – Buninyong Tennis Centre on completion of matches. Catering/Entertainment to be discussed.</li> <li>▪ Junior – Buninyong Tennis Centre on completion of matches.</li> </ul>
<b>Junior Country Week</b>	With the folding of the Ballarat Country Tennis Association, there was discussion into the possibility of a tournament to be arranged in the place of Junior Country Week. Steve Russell and David Ebbs to decide and coordinate.
<b>Buninyong Tennis Centre</b>	<p>Progress report update provided by Mandy and Phil.</p> <p>Things are progressing well – new seating and shade structures, and plumbing has been rectified in toilets.</p> <p>Phil is currently negotiating with the City of Ballarat on a proposal for an on-line court booking system to enable the community and members to be able to hire and use the courts. The signage for the courts is currently being finalized, and a lockable shed and carpark lights are on our wishlist.</p> <p>The Buninyong Maternal and Child Health Nurse service have extended their tenancy until later in the year.</p> <p>Thanks go to Ben Mundy from the Ross Creek TC who donated his time to install the shelving in the BTC Pavilion.</p>
<b>Teams for 2013/14</b>	<p><b>All team entries to be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary no later than Monday 16th September 2013.</b></p> <p><b>NO ENTRIES AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE ACCEPTED.</b></p>
<b>General Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bendigo Bank: Sponsorship. At the beginning of the meeting, Stuart McKee, Branch Manager at the Bendigo Bank – Buninyong Community Branch gave a presentation on the 5 year sponsorship deal that they are very excited to announce with the BDTA. This</li> </ul>

<b>General Business cont.</b>	<p>partnership is a terrific result, and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with the Bendigo Bank as our major sponsor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The BYO Alcohol permit is framed and on display in the Pavilion. The terms and particulars of the permit were discussed, and Rule 54 regarding clubs responsibility in adhering to this policy was also reiterated.</li><li>• Bunnings BBQ fundraiser. Congratulations to all involved with this successful fundraiser, raising \$1248 for the BDTA, and \$550 distributed amongst the clubs that volunteered their time. Well done</li><li>• Rostering of Senior Grades at the BTC. Given the feedback we have received, it has been decided that senior grades will be scheduled to play their rounds at the BTC 1 in every 4 weeks, with a preference of no more than 4 times per season. The Executive will do their best to ensure this is adhered to as practicably as possible.</li><li>• Discussion on the BTC cleaning roster was discussed – general consensus is that the cleaning roster will continue its current format.</li><li>• David Ebbs queried whether clubs are interested in entering a Buninyong team into the Ballarat competition. This was agreed to.</li><li>• It was agreed that any club looking for players or having excess players should coordinate this through the Association Secretary, Megan Collins to ensure there is a central point of contact for all enquiries.</li></ul>
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**Meeting Closed 9.45pm**