**AGM of Hawksburn Tennis Club**

Held at HTC, 29th October 2023 at 11am

**Minutes**

1. **WELCOME** and registering attendance: President, Rod Lack, welcomed those attending. The Secretary, Greg Giesekam, registered the presence of the following: Rod Lack, Greg Giesekam, Genevieve Cleary, Tony Sewell, Mirko Bagaric, Eddie Trusgnach, Neerav Srivastava, Ishaan Srivastava, Fabio de Sordi, Jason Cutrupi, Bruce Drinkwater, Eddie Young, David Gorrie, Rose Moloney, Lydia Moloney, Jill Morison. Mirko Bagaric and Jason Cutrupi, holding family memberships, had proxies for Katya Bagaric and Claire Cutrupi. With 100 financial or life individual memberships and 27 family membership (each having two votes), there needed to be 15 members present or through proxies. There being 18, the meeting was declared quorate.

1. **Minutes of Previous AGM (14th November 2022)** These were accepted as accurate, proposed by Mirko Bagaric, seconded by Jason Cutrupi
2. **Matters arising from minutes:** No matters raised

* **President’s Report: Rod Lack** announced that he would be retiring as President, so he wanted to reflect on some of the key challenges faced by the Committee and some significant developments during his time as President.
* RSY Merger /Takeover discussions and its rejection by the membership;
* Managing the club through Covid lockdowns;
* Attempt to get Court Lighting, from original layout designs to council applications and to VCAT appeal;
* The Embankment removal and new fencing, which was a significant investment ;
* The court re-surfacing following from the embankment project
* Undergrowth removal on the eastern fence;
* The patio paving extension
* The growth of the membership base
* Ability to accommodate this growth via the implementation of the court booking system;
* Installation of security cameras
* Repairs and painting of clubhouse.

Rod expressed his thanks for the support of the Committee through all this. He outlined the unsuccessful attempt to gain lighting approval which met with determined objections from neighbours, that were upheld at VCAT. He reported on the Women’s Pennant team’s success in winning the Premiership flag. Social Tennis has continued to be an important part of the club’s activities, with Saturday afternoon, Wednesday and Friday mornings all attracting around 12-18 players much of the year. Genevieve has organised a Monday morning returners/beginners session which has proved a successful pathway for new members. The Committee had adopted and published a Code of Behaviour for members, which Greg and Eddie had devised to address an absence concerning discipline in our current Rules and Regulations.

1. **Membership Report:** Genevieve Cleary reported on current membership for 2023-4; there are 100 financial and life members, and 27 financial family memberships; including all the family members, this makes for a total of 220 members. A number of members from 2022-3 have notified that they will not be renewing, while some others have not yet renewed, but may well still do so. We are at present about 40 members below the 2022-3 total. It may be that some who did not renew were disappointed at the failure to obtain lights; some also mentioned that they didn’t play as often as they expected to. It has also been fairly common in the past for some members not to get round to renewing until November or December, when the fine weather means they want to start playing again. (It’s worth noting over $3,000 in membership fees came in after October last year.)
2. **Treasurer’s Report**, followed by:

**Resolution 1**: Because it is impossible to comply with rules 48 and 69 in practice, and because all expenditure commitments over $1,000 must have the prior approval of the committee, THAT electronic transfers from the club’s bank accounts be executed by any one of President, Secretary or Treasurer.

**Resolution 2:** THAT the club’s accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023 need not be subject to independent audit.

1. **Coach Report:** Michael Logarzo was unable to attend, but submitted a written report, highlighting developments : growth in coaching for 10 years old and under (now 60% of numbers); presence of c.70 students on average per week, with 59% female, and 80% of adult students female. He reported disappointment at the failure to get permission for lights, as this limits after school possibilities in Terms 2 and 3. He commended the work of Diego and Talia, especially with the under 10s. Several students had notable achievement, with Monique Barry representing NZ in the Billie Jean king Cup, Musemma Cilek and Hayato Sata reaching the semi final and quarter final respectively in the Australian 12/u Hardcourt Championship, and Darcy Basist being selected to represent Victoria.
2. **Rules and Regulations revisions:** These were circulated for consideration at the meeting, but it was realised in the meantime they should have been circulated a week earlier to conform with regulations. Rod and Greg outlined some of the reasons for making the proposed changes, and it was agreed that the new Committee should move to bring them forward in the new year for approval, with appropriate notice given and accompanied by a more detailed specification of the changes from the old document.
3. **Committee Retirements**

In accordance with the constitution, all committee members retire: Rod Lack, Greg Giesekam, Jason Cutrupi, Mirko Bagaric, Genevieve Cleary, David Jones, Jill Morison, Neerav Srivastava, and Eddie Young.

1. **Election of New Office Bearers:** The following were nominated and elected: President: Jason Cutrupi; Secretary: Mirko Bagaric; Treasurer: Neerav Srivastava; General Committee: Rod Lack, Genevieve Cleary, Jill Morison, Bruce Drinkwater, Fabio de Sordi; Eddie Young