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## MINUTES

## Committee Meeting Monday 9th January 2023 starting at 7:30pm.

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## 1. Present

Angela Cheetham, Judy Hickman, Angus McDonald, Gary Hitchman, Pavla Novak, Ryan Storey, Eng Chin, Rhonda Belling, Julie Burke, Lois Hutchings, Cliff Scott
2. Apologies - none

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

Brian has been ill and the minutes have not yet been produced. No one who attended the last meeting could remember any item that needed attention.

- Accepted: Seconded -

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
a. none

## 5. Correspondence in:

a. Working with children check - Ian Kirkham
b. Origin Gas Bill Oct-Dec $\$ 62.68$
c. Lumo Electricity Bill 30 days Nov - Dec $\$ 400.07$
d. Allan Boltman email re: cost of lighting - cost of lights is too much, prefer to raise fees $\$ 200$ and not charge for lights, lighting fees are unfair - discussed at length, $\$ 5$ fee has been in place for over 30 years - it was originally $\$ 5$ per hour per person. Discussion to keep fee at present. Angela to reply to email.
e. Judy had received a request for the courts to be used for a tournament during Easter. This was discussed and denied.
f. Judy had received a request to book 4 courts from 8-10 am on Fri Jan 20th. This was discussed and approved.
6. Correspondence out:
a. BDNTA Night Tennis teams entered

## 7. Reports

a. Treasurer - Angus McDonald - December we received $\$ 873$ in fees: Visitors', Lights, Used Balls, Soft Drinks. So far in January we have received \$1,482.80 in fees. There were 11 new memberships and 5 renewals. Several bills have been submitted that will need to be paid.
b. Works Committee - Vice President - Judy Hickman - The Vacuum Cleaner had been serviced and new bags purchased. Broken light in the Ladies toilet has been replaced. The Honour board will need to be updated in the near future. The men's toilet will need to be high pressure washed. Loose plank around the BBQ area has been temporarily fixed and will need a permanent fix.
c. Mid Week Day time Selection Convenor - Pavla Novak - MEMRLTA - Currently the teams are doing well. Section 1 are $5^{\text {th }}, S 2$ are $4^{\text {th }}, S 6$ are $1^{\text {st }}$ and $S 7$ are $4^{\text {th }}$. The season finishes in March. Wednesday Section 2 beat St Dominic's in the Grand Final and will be promoted to Section 1.
d. Junior Selection Convenor (The Juniors Committee ) - Gary Hitchman - Currently in a midseason break. On Saturday all of the teams have a chance of qualifying, while on Sunday some of the teams have a chance of qualifying. All are enjoying their tennis. We should put Junior Championships on the agenda for the future.
e. Senior Selection Convenor (Weekend Senior Selection and Match Committee) -Eng Chin Currently 3 teams are playing and are $5^{\text {th }}, 4^{\text {th }}$, and $2^{\text {nd }}$. There are 5 weeks left in the season.
f. Night Tennis - Ryan Storey - On Monday there are 5 teams who will have 3 courts and 2 shared courts. Tuesday has 8 teams with 4 courts and 2 share courts. Wednesday has 3 teams with 2 courts and 1 shared courts. Thursday has 7 teams with 4 courts and 1 shared court. The shared courts will enable members to book courts on those nights.
8. Motions of which notice has been given
a. none
9. New Members ~ admission / rejection by Committee
a. 11 new members were accepted by the committee. Membership tags were discussed so that people playing on the courts were easily recognised. There is a problem of non-members walking in a playing tennis without being accompanied by a member. Shoes tags, credit card sized ID and QR codes were discussed. QR code could be on their mobile phone and members login when they arrive at the courts so we know who is there. Gary to look into the alternatives and costs for set up and delivery.
10. General Business - be aware that there was a huge agenda created by the committee members which was not intended to be completed at the first meeting of the year, therefore a lot was deferred to the next meeting.
a. The presence of Geoff Summers at the Committee Meetings was discussed and decided that he was welcome to attend all Committee Meetings.
b. Email addresses for Committee members was discussed so they can be used after the members leave the committee e.g., secretary@eleyparktennisclub.org - Angus to create a list to circulate to committee members for feedback, then Eng is to provide addresses.
b. Treasurer Angus McDonald was invited to take on the position of Treasurer until another suitable person could fulfill the role. He accepted.
c. Membership Sign outside near the gate \& outside court 6 - details need up dating. $\$ 200$ approved to get the necessary signage.
d. Drain needed between courts 123 and courts 45 because it floods into courts $4 \& 5$ - discuss at the next meeting
e. Gate for court $5-\mathrm{OH} \& \mathrm{~S}$ issue for people exiting the court away from a possible incident in the club house. $1^{\text {st }}$ quote ASTE $\$ 2,640$ plus - It was decided that an upper limit of $\$ 3,500$ be approved for the gate and that it be completed.
f. Between courts 2,3 and 4,5 there is a fence (handrail) that needs to become a fence [add the diamond wiring that is currently on the high fences around the courts and a bottom horizontal pipe at the bottom, just above the grass]. A gate to access the stairs - for collecting balls at the courts $4 \& 5$ level will need to be added. This OH\&S issue will help with the safety of younger children while parents are watching their other child playing tennis. The same needs to be done between courts $4 \& 5$ and courts $7 \& 8$ [no gate, but 3 hand rails need to be shortened to allow players to collect balls without crawling under the current handrails.] - It was decided that these works be carried out; however a quote was needed. Perhaps the company doing the gate could quote on the fence. Angus to get the quote.
g. Key lock for bar key to be put behind the door that leads into airlock outside the ladies toilet. This will house the bar grill key. The grill can then be opened and then the door can be opened without crawling on the floor to get into the bar. - discuss at the next meeting
h. Cleaner - men's urinal \& shower are consistently not in a clean state. The toilets were inspected and noted that it needs a deep clean, but the state of the toilets should not be like this with
constant cleaning. It was suggested that the shower base be renewed and that a quote would be needed. Judy to get the quote.
i. Organised Social Tennis group times - Judy - discuss at the next meeting
j. Cost of Blowing leaves off the courts. - discussed but no firm decision was made.
k. Sun cover for seats outside courts 123 and 678 . Two Kings portable gazebos $4.5 \mathrm{~m} \times 3.0 \mathrm{~m} \$ 179 \mathrm{x}$ $2=\$ 358$ plus $\$ 50-100$ of material ensure that the gazebo stays on the ground when it is windy. the previous options that the committee had discussed were raised. It was decided that we purchase one gazebo with the best material and struts for court 6 . This will be a trial to see if it is okay and perhaps consider one for court 1. The idea is that we have it out for the summer only and it is stored at other times. Weights, chains, padlocks will need to be purchased to ensure it stays on the ground and is not stolen. A maximum of $\$ 1,000$ was approved for Angus to purchase the gazebo.

1. Four more seats for parents to sit on - one each for courts $2,3,7,8$ - it was decided that if more seats were needed, then people could use the current blue plastic chairs instead of more bench seats.
m. Rhonda raised a request for flowers to be sent to funerals of long term and life time members. This was approved.
n. $\backslash$ Rhonda raised a request for the Committee to recognise the time and effort that Kevin Graham and Brian Dunkley had put into the club. This was discussed and Rhonda was given the go ahead for a suitable gift.
o. Replace surface courts 123 and 678 - discuss at the next meeting
p. Paper container [hand towel sheets] in kitchen needs to be replaced - Judy to purchase and install a new container.
q. Bar versus BYO - discuss at the next meeting
r. Gate key refund - have to note that the gate key can still be used for all other external gates - Gary. ~ so any member could gain access without a code. Do we change 7 padlocks? If so, no one will be able to open a gate to retrieve balls. - discuss at the next meeting
s. Membership payment set up - currently no pro rata - discuss at the next meeting
a. issue raised with Vic Tennis for software - no response to date other than having to enter 12 categories for each membership - (which I don't think we should do as new members could blindly choose the most conveniently lowest price). The other workaround was to change the price every month or quarter. (perhaps as a note - we review pro-rata to be quarterly rather than monthly). Notting Hill does quarterly. MCC just does 12 months from when you join (I think this is better given we have the software to manage it now) - Gary
b. Invite only (closed to new members) - The package will not be visible online to the public. An invite is needed to purchase this package. [Fill out form, send it to committee to accept - then invite the person to join online. ONLY ACCEPT online membership.]
c. Setup membership for 12 months from the date of joining.
d. Payment via credit card
e. Reminder emails for renewal $30 \& 7$ days
t. Tree pruning outside court 1 to allow parents to sit in the shade and watch the game - discuss at the next meeting
u. Players being coached by people other than Geoff, our exclusive coach - discuss at the next meeting
v. Secretary's computer, [external HDD, - discuss at the next meeting ]Microsoft 365 \$2,500 Gary offered to donate his laptop to the Club
w. the entry lock system and booking system - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting - lights - FLAT RATE pay for $2 \$ 10$ or $4 \$ 20$ players? Currently social night tennis is $\$ 5 /$ person $=\$ 20 /$ court - with a flat rate per court COST? Box Hill $\$ 15$ for 30 minutes
x. The Saturday night ongoing group booking - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
y. the amount of members we have combined with the busyness of the courts and potentially restricting new memberships to allow current members better access to courts - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
z. allowing visitors to play on courts during peak times - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
aa. the ground keeping and the possibility of members to access leaf blower in between grounds keepers visits. courts get very messy especially 6-8 - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
bb. ensuring drink taps all operate properly and cleanly - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
cc. updating male toilets (have not seen inside female ones) - Ryan - discussed above
dd. regular member's newsletter - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
ee. club championships set up singles/doubles - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
ff. fundraising opportunities for the club - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
gg. more internal club competitions, a flexible comp throughout the year? - Ryan - discuss at the next meeting
hh. subscription to online software for accounting... we need to move on from paper .... And better for the accountant. Expect to budget $\$ 30$ / month Gary - discuss at the next meeting
ii. TROLS - update for WDTA details. And Eng to update Eley park emails \& website - Gary discuss at the next meeting
jj. believe we should enable a court view display computer in the club house, where people can view what courts are booked, even potentially make last minute bookings - practicality to be discussed as they would have to login. - Gary - discuss at the next meeting
kk. Wednesday afternoon veterans - new balls - no cost? Biscuits were approved to be purchased for the veterans - Balls suggested to raise fee to $\$ 2$ (currently around 16-24 play each week) and collect half for 2 cans of new balls. - discuss at the next meeting
2. Electrician - T. Grant Associate - 10 million - discuss at the next meeting
mm . EPTC Logo - discuss at the next meeting

## Next Committee Meetings:

7.30pm Monday Feb. $\mathbf{1 3}^{\text {th }} ;$ Mar $\mathbf{1 3}^{\text {th. }} ;$ Apl $\mathbf{1 0}^{\text {th }} ;$ May $\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$; June $\mathbf{1 2}^{\text {th }} ;$ July $\mathbf{2 0}^{\text {th }} ;$ Aug AGM Aug $14^{\text {th }}$, Sept $\mathbf{1 1}^{\text {th }} ;$ Oct ${ }^{\text {9th }} ;$ Nov 13 $^{\text {th }} ;$ Dec $\mathbf{1 1}^{\text {th }}$.

