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LAWN TENNIS CLUB

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## Minutes of the September 2020 AGM

Circus Cinema, 7:30pm Thursday 16 September 2020

**Present:** Charlie Cresswell, Grant Haley, Jane Cooke, Marta Wojcikowski, Marco de Groot, Chris Wilkie, Andree de Latour, Robyn Blackett, Heather Gibbs, Angela Busby, Jenny Wilkie, Susannah Guscott

**Apologies:** John Kirkup, Kelly-Ann Hubbard, Bruce Lovell, Rhona Lovell, Edward Wilkie, John Taylor, Libby Paterson, Kiri Elworthy

### Discussed:

#### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Grant read out the minutes of last Meeting – these were approved. It was agreed to move the volleyboard item to the next Committee meeting.

#### 2. Matters arising:

- No specific matters arising, deferred to future committee meeting given the agenda for this AGM.

#### 3. President's Report:

- Charlie delivered a verbal report. He noted the Club's sound financial position and the new fence along Naples Street. The Midweek ladies were acknowledged and thanked for the planting that they did to tidy up the grounds. It is looking good. Charlie also noted the effect that COVID-19 has had on the Club in restricting the Club's activities. We have had a dalliance with the golf club in creating a sports hub. While the project never really got off the ground, Charlie thought that the Club needed to at least investigate the opportunity. We still have some big capital projects ahead of us including repairs to the clubhouse. Ed and Jane have also done work on getting an online booking and payment system to facilitate members booking the courts and for casual players to book and pay to use the courts. Charlie also mentioned Grant's work on a new constitution and thanks for that. Also mentioned Jane's contribution to the financials with John's assistance and his work with Wairarapa tennis. Charlie thanked to John for his forward thinking and planning for the Club. Charlie

acknowledged that the contributions made by club members and others towards the astroturf courts and the floodlights has not been officially recognised, but that this will be rectified in the coming months. Charlie also noted the work done by the Midweek Ladies in catering for the Rabobank lunch in conjunction with Susannah. Everyone was happy with the arrangement.

- **Report moved and accepted.**

#### 4. **Financial report:**

- Jane reported on another successful year with a healthy surplus of \$11k and over \$45,000 in accumulated funds.
- Some discussion of various items was had, and Jane was thanked again for her efforts.
- People who had donated funds for the astro-courts and lights were also formally acknowledged.
- We discussed that the Club should move towards becoming cashless through greater use of the eftpos machine – so that we can remove the risk that comes with taking cash over the bar for business house and the honesty box for casual court use.
- Charlie also talked about the Club's sponsorship and acknowledged and thanked the sponsors.
- **Moved and accepted: Accounts are true and accurate.**
- **Moved and accepted: Accounts do not need to be audited or reviewed this year.**

#### 5. **Election of Officers**

- These people were elected to the following positions:
  - Charlie Cresswell re-elected as President
  - Jane Cooke re-elected as Treasurer
  - Grant Haley re-elected as Secretary
  - Marco de Groot elected as Club Captain (Chris Wilkie as vice-captain)
- Committee: as above plus Libby, Marta, and John. Susannah and Kelly-Ann are standing down from the Committee. Jane will contact Celia and Katherine Jacobs as to whether they want to join the Committee. Alternatively, Kerry or Simon Campbell might be a good option to represent the junior members.

#### 6. **Setting subscriptions**

- Subscriptions were set at the same levels as last year for the coming season.
  - Family membership - \$250
  - Single Adult - \$140
  - Ladies Mid-Week - \$100
  - Business House - \$270 per team (covers 2 rounds of 8 games)
  - Junior - \$50

- Interclub Levy \$50
- It was agreed that the fees for casual players will be set by the Committee.
- Marco reported that he and John had attended the Love Tennis promotion that the Club is running on 10 & 11 October. The Love Tennis promotion noted that Clubs that offered discounted subs for new members gained a number of new members. It was suggested that we offer a 50% discount for single adult, family memberships. This was approved for members new to the Club who pay on the day.

## 7. Constitution

- Grant discussed the changes and background to the proposed new constitution. Discussion was held about a number of issues. The constitution was accepted subject to the following amendments:
  - Only adults included in family memberships (up to a maximum of two adult members) can vote.
  - Remove homestay memberships from the constitution. Homestay guests will be treated as casual members.
- **Moved and accepted by the required majority**

## 8. Clubhouse update

- Jenny has today received a report from the structural engineer and overall the Clubhouse is sound. While the report is not a full DSA, the building is not an earthquake risk. Jenny will circulate the report to the Committee. We will confirm the cost with the engineer of a DSA and if it is around the \$2,000 as previously advised, we will proceed with that.

## 9. Life memberships

- Charlie proposed two life memberships – John Taylor and Libby Paterson. The midweek section also proposed Jenny Wilkie for life membership. After some discussion, all three members were moved and accepted as life members.
- **Moved and accepted by the required majority**

## 10. General business

- Charlie mentioned Wairarapa Archives and that we could store some of the Club's historical info including photos

**Meeting Closed – 9.13pm**