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MARTINBOROUGH

LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Minutes of the September 2022 AGM

The Martinborough Hotel, 7:00pm Monday 19 September 2022

Present: Charlie Cresswell, Grant Haley, Katherine Jacobs, Edward Isaacs, John Kirkup, Marco de Groot, Dougal Tylee, Marta Wojcikowski, Andrew & Tracey Burt, Chris Wilkie, Jenny Wilkie, Susan Gunman, Richard Le Mare, Alison Payne, John Taylor, Edward Wilkie

Apologies: Alex Wall, Matt Wall, Bruce Lovell, Rhona Lovell, Sandie Perry, Nicki Perry, Jo Guscott, Winifred Bull, Jan Lankow, Matt Nicholson

Discussed:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The minutes of last Meeting were moved as correct and approved.

2. Matters arising:

- From last year's AGM the following points were noted:
 - We expect that electronic locks integrated with the lights are still on track with the TennisNZ assistance. Last report was that our Club was third in the queue to receive assistance.
 - First season of SET seems a success despite the challenges of running it in COVID times. Ensuring we are compliant with the licencing laws by having Susan Gunman run the bar was worth the additional cost.
 - The Love Tennis Open Day went ahead as planned with good attendance. There is another planned this year for 15 October 2022.
 - Richard Le Mare is organising midweek tennis for those members interested. It is intended to promote this more widely once the grass courts are available.

3. President's Report:

- Charlie delivered a verbal report. Charlie noted the following highlights from the last season:
 - **Membership** – Charlie noted that the Club is particularly strong with its membership numbers. The club has nearly 200 members which is nearly half the total membership in the Wairarapa.

- **Summer Evening Tennis** – Charlie observed that the new format of business house tennis as SET was tricky to run in COVID times, but thanks to Sooz and Ed for all of their help in running the bar and food – with the gourmet burgers.
 - **Interclub** – Charlie noted that Interclub went really well last season, with both the Regional 1 and Regional 2 teams making the finals with the Club getting to host the finals.
 - **Over the Hill tournament** – Charlie mentioned that this was another successful event building on the Club’s reputation.
 - **Club champs** – The Club champs also went well and were well attended.
 - **End of season working bee** – this was very well attended with a lot of work going into the courts. The grass looks in very good condition despite the wet weather.
 - **Repairs & maintenance** – Charlie also referred to the extensive repairs and maintenance work carried out largely by Ed Isaacs and Ed Wilkie (and their team) with Jenny Wilkie’s guidance. There was a very long list of work done to improve the club facilities. The level of work carried out this season hasn’t been seen at the club for a while.
 - **Sponsorship** – this is going well and entering a new phase with sponsor’s logos on the new nets (once they go in).
 - **Committee retirements** – Charlie noted that Jane Cooke had resigned during the year because of her work commitments. Jane was thanked for all of her efforts on the committee and in the Treasurer role. Charlie also noted that John Kirkup is stepping down from the Treasurer role and the Committee. John was thanked for his extensive contribution to the Club over many years.
 - **Clubhouse refurbishment** – this is still on the to do list.
 - **Thanks** – Charlie thanked the Committee for all of their efforts over the last season.
- **Report moved and accepted.**

4. Financial report:

- John Kirkup reported on another successful year. John noted the following key points from the accounts:
 - This year we had a deficit of \$12,489 (incl depreciation) but we still have over \$51,000 in accumulated funds. Some of the deficit was due to the increased repairs and maintenance costs, but other costs also increased as noted below.
 - MLTC is the biggest club in the Wairarapa (bigger than Masterton) but that has led to increased affiliation fees.
 - JK also noted the increases in insurance and rates – both of which went up significantly.

- Bar receipts increased well through having Sooz properly running the bar, but that came with the additional expenditure of running the bar.
- Ed Isaacs also noted that there is a considerable amount of sponsorship due from the new signage on the new nets. This is \$500 + GST per court, sold on a 3-year deal. This could be about \$12,000.
- He also noted that a lot of the increase in membership is due to Marco's running of the junior programme which is running really well. This is in turn attracting more seniors to the Club as parents of the juniors.
- John also noted the results from OTH tournament.
- **Moved and accepted: Accounts are true and accurate.**
- **Moved and accepted: Accounts do not need to be audited or reviewed this year.** While the meeting was comfortable to not have the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2022 reviewed, the meeting was keen for the Committee to institute a process for getting the accounts reviewed occasionally in the future – every 5-6 years or so.

5. Election of Officers

- These people were elected to the following positions:
 - Charlie Cresswell re-elected as President
 - Dougal Tylee elected as Treasurer
 - Grant Haley re-elected as Secretary
 - Marco de Groot re-elected as Club Captain (Edward Wilkie as vice-captain)
- Committee: as above plus Katherine, Marta and Edward Isaacs.
- At the meeting it was unclear whether Libby Paterson was keen to remain on the Committee, but in discussions subsequent to the meeting Libby has confirmed that she is still happy to assist the Club but wants to step down from the Committee.

6. Setting subscriptions

- Subscriptions were increased by 10% across the board (except for juniors) for the coming season.
 - Family membership - \$275
 - Single Adult - \$154
 - Midweek - \$110
 - Junior - \$50
 - Interclub Levy - \$44

7. General business

- **Incorporated Societies Act 2022** – Marta and John raised the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022. The Club needs to check this out and ensure that we are compliant with the new law. John noted that some rugby clubs have been struck off for not complying with the new rules. It was anticipated that the Club

would be compliant as most of the changes concerned Club constitutions being out of date and we have recently updated ours. This is for the Committee to consider further.

- **Community grants** – It was suggested that we should apply for more of these. Apparently, there are plenty of opportunities for funds that we are missing out on.
- **Netball** – use of the courts – there are lots of kids coming down when netball and hockey are practising. It was noted that sometimes the kids are unsupervised and there was concern that they were running on and riding bikes on the grass courts when they are already sodden. It was suggested that we need to be stricter when these clubs are using the AstroTurf courts over winter. Maybe we need to rope off the grass and have signs etc.
- **WTA Representative** – the Club needs a representative on the Wairarapa Tennis Association. Marco has agreed to do this.
- **Thanks** – Ed Isaacs noted that he got given a new racquet for some of the work that he has done at the Club and wanted to thank to the Club.
- **Flooding** – Ed Wilkie also noted that the flooding in the corner of the AstroTurf courts is starting to affect the court surface. The committee to discuss further.
- **Club champs** – It was suggested that club champs have different tiers of competition to cater for all levels – plate, bowl etc. There was concern that by only having a single tier that there was no incentive for more casual players to enter. It was agreed this was a good idea and should be incorporated this season.

Meeting Closed – 8.11pm