

Minutes of the NSTA Annual General Meeting

held at Talus Street on Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 7pm

Committee Members Attended

Mr Terry Stewart (President and Chair), Mr Tim Fraser, Mr Mark Williams, Ms Sarah Forman, Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer), Mr Ron Kohn (Vice President).

Other Attendees

Please see Annexure A

Apologies

Mr Jim Swan, Mr Glenn Knox, Mr Tom Riley, Mr Stuart Thompson

Meeting opened

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.20pm.

Adoption of Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting

It was **PROPOSED** by Mr Mal Nicholson that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26 February 2020 be adopted as a true and correct record. It was **SECONDED** by Mr Ron Kohn.

Presidents Report

Mr Terry Stewart provided an overview of the year:

- It was a difficult but rewarding year. COVID-19 meant that a number of junior tournaments were cancelled and rent received was reduced, however this reduction in income was replaced with a number of Government COVID-19 grants.
- The fencing at Wheatleigh St was completed in January 2021 and the centre is working well.
- There have been a number of UTR competitions.
- There was no rent reduction for the NSTA from Willoughby Council (compared with the 2.5 month rent reduction granted to other sporting organisations). NSTA are seeking the 2.5 month rent relief and this has been disclosed as a note to the accounts.
- The NSTA Championships were a success with good numbers and sponsorship provided by Mr Ron Kohn (Topserve), Mr Glenn Knox (Babolat) and Mr Justiin James (Bisous Estate Winery).
- An application was made for a grant to assist in resurfacing the courts and replacing the lights. This grant was unsuccessful, however the NSTA is in the process of submitting a new grant application.
- There has been no change with respect to a decision from Crown Land on the future of the NSTA. Mr Terry Stewart has had meetings with the CEO and written to Mr Rob Stoakes (the Minister of Crown Land) and there has been no response. Mr Terry Stewart is meeting with the Mayor (Ms Gail Giles-Gidney) on Thursday 25 February.
- The dispute in relation to the \$130k claim by Willoughby City Council (WCC) is ongoing. This will be discussed with the Mayor and is disclosed in a note to the accounts.

- The money raised by the NSTA is invested in the properties at Talus St and Wheatleigh St. There is no security for the NSTA at Talus St, however it is considered a necessity to continue to maintain the property at Talus St for the safety and comfort of it's players and members.
- The Chair thanked the following:
 - All those who had volunteered at the various NSTA run activities throughout the year.
 - Ms Fiona Nguyen for assisting with the various events and grant applications.
 - Ms Mandy Thomas for her hard work and achieving increased numbers in the comps, despite a difficult year.
 - The Centennial Sub-Committee for their hard work in organising the event.
 - Fellow NSTA Committee members for their time, patience and wisdom.
 - The contribution made by Mr Rick Anderson in relation to the financial management of NSTA and for returning to the Committee as Treasurer.
 - All the Clubs, Private Operators and Members for their support and participation.

Resignation and Election of Members of the Management Committee

It was **NOTED** that:

- 2 members resigned during the year – Lisa Faddy (Treasurer) and Lyndon Burke (Secretary)
- There were three newly nominated individuals to the NSTA Committee – Mr Wayne Pascoe, Ms Katarina McNamara, Mr Craig Smith.
- The NSTA members voted on the election of the following candidates to be members of the Management Committee of the NSTA:

Mr Terry Stewart (President)

Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer)

Mr Tim Fraser (Vice President)

Mr Wayne Pascoe (Vice President)

Mr Ron Kohn (Vice President)

Mr Craig Smith (Secretary)

General Committee members – Mr Glenn Knox, Mr Jim Swan, Mr Mark Williams, Ms Sarah Forman, Ms Katarina McNamara

- It was **MOVED** by Mr Tim Fraser that a \$500 bursary be awarded to Mr Terry Stewart and Mr Rick Anderson in recognition of their efforts as President and Treasurer. **SECONDED** by Mr Ron Kohn.

Election of Honorary Life Members

It was proposed by the Chair that:

- Mr Kit Meyers be nominated as Honorary Life Member of the NSTA due to his significant contributions to tennis and this was seconded by Ms Helen Ackerman.
- Mr Rick Anderson provided a brief overview of the background and achievements of Mr Kit Meyers and his contributions to Tennis. It was agreed that the award would be presented on 21 March 2021 (Super Sunday) at the Centenary Celebrations.

NSTA Centenary Celebrations 20/21 March 2021

MS Helen Ackerman provided an outline of the activities organised for the Centenary Celebrations on Sunday 21 March:

- The weekend celebrations of 20/21 March 2021 have been modified and are now taking place on Sun 21 March 2021.
- The dinner at Zest has been postponed – negotiations are currently taking place with Zest to arrange another date, possibly July 2021.
- The focus will now be on Super Sunday (21 March) with a full day planned and coinciding with the Finals of the Championship.
- The Women’s Final is at 10am and the Men’s Final is at 12pm.
- There is a Clash of Coaches exhibition match, Fastest serve competition, a Pro-Am event with 8 current and past Pros where the public can bid to play doubles with a Pro. A Legends doubles is also taking place involving Wayne Pascoe, amongst others, and there will be food trucks, an icecream van and drinks available.
- There will also be a Raffle with prizes including 2 tickets to the Men’s AO Final and 2 tickets to the ATP Cup.
- At 3pm there will be a presentation to the winners, speeches, cake and champagne. The funds from the Raffle will be put towards the expenses incurred.

Treasurer’s Report

- Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer) provided a brief overview of the financial results.
- Mr Rick Anderson has also prepared a summary of the history of the NSTA over the last 100 years.

Meeting closed

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

The above Minutes correctly reflect the business undertaken at the NSTA’s Annual General Meeting held on 23 February 2021:

Signed:

T Stewart
President

Dated: 2021