

Minutes of the NSTA Annual General Meeting
held at Talus Street on Tuesday 22 February 2022 at 7pm

Committee Members Attended

Mr Terry Stewart (President and Chair), Mr Tim Fraser (Vice President), Mr Wayne Pascoe (Vice President), Mr Ron Kohn (Vice President), Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer), Ms Katarina McNamara, Ms Sarah Forman.

Other Attendees

Please see Annexure A

Apologies

Mr Glenn Knox, Mr Craig Smith (Secretary)

Meeting opened

The Chair opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

Adoption of Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting

It was **PROPOSED** by Mr Rick Anderson that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 February 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record. It was **SECONDED** by Ms Helen Ackerman.

President's Report

Mr Terry Stewart provided an overview of the year:

- 2021 was a year of challenges, more difficult in many ways than 2020. COVID-19 meant that there were limited tournaments and the NSTA 100 year celebrations were cancelled twice. The President then thanked the sub-committee for their work organising and preparing for the celebration – Ms Helen Ackerman, Sue Dalmege, Sandy Davoren, Melissa Anderson and Sue Woodward.
- During 2021 NSTA has improved communications with Willoughby City Council (WCC) and appointed a Council Liaison Officer (Ms Katarina McNamara) to assist with discussions between WCC and NSTA. The dispute in relation to the \$130k claim by WCC has been settled, with WCC writing off the outstanding claim against NSTA, an amount that has been under dispute for over 5 years.
- The decision to transfer ownership of the Talus St Reserve from Crown Lands to the Aboriginal Land Council was communicated to the NSTA on 12 January 2022. There has been no further development and no changes to date, the NSTA are continuing to pay rates and rent to WCC.
- Gladys Berejiklian resigned as member for Willoughby and Ms Gail Giles-Gidney has been replaced by Ms Tanya Taylor as Mayor.
- Luke and Troy McDonald have held the lease at Wheatleigh St for just over 12 months. They would like to install lights on the bottom 2 courts and have obtained approval from all the

surrounding neighbours and are seeking DA approval from North Sydney Council. The lights on the top 3 courts will also be replaced.

- The 2021 NSTA Championship was open to residents of the North Shore and those who play or are coached within the area and/or play for the clubs. This will be opened up in 2022.
- NSTA did not run any Junior tournaments during 2021 due to COVID.
- NSTA has run a number of UTR events during the year which has improved income. UTR events are gaining popularity but are not the perfect answer to getting people back to tennis and the juniors playing the comps. A new National approach needs to be communicated with respect to UTRs and encouraging people to participate in competitions.
- In October 2021 the lease at Willis Park changed from Love N Deuce to the Joint Venture of Voyager Tennis and Sydney Sports Management. Love N Deuce have continued to use the courts for the Ladies Comp and Humpty Squads and NSTA use the courts for night comps.
- The Chair thanked the following:
 - Ms Mandy Thomas for her dedication and hard work during a very uncertain year. Mandy managed to increase numbers in the night comps and held a number of UTR events.
 - Ms Fiona Nguyen for assisting with the various events and grant applications.
 - Fellow NSTA Committee members for their time, energy, patience and wisdom over the past 12 months. A number of new, skilled and enthusiastic members including Mr Craig Smith, Mr Wayne Pascoe and Ms Katarina McNamara joined the committee and it is now one of the best committees of management.
 - All the Clubs, Private Operators and Members for their participation and support in developing ideas that will help increase participation and enjoyment in tennis.
- The President also confirmed that he is stepping down as President after 33 years on the Committee and 22 years as President. He has worked hard behind the scenes and has been passionate about improving the opportunities for people to play tennis. The President provided an overview of his involvement in tennis over the years.

Treasurer's Report

- Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer) provided a brief overview of the financial results.
- Significant capital investment is required at Talus St but this is dependent on the NSTA gaining security of tenure to facilitate such expenditure.

Resignation and Election of Members of the Management Committee

It was **NOTED** that:

- 2 members resigned during the year – Mr Jim Swan and Mr Mark Williams
- The NSTA members voted on the election of the following candidates to be members of the Management Committee of the NSTA in 2022:

Ms Katarina McNamara (President)

Mr Terry Stewart (Vice President)

Mr Tim Fraser (Vice President)

Mr Rick Anderson (Treasurer)

Secretary – to be appointed

General Committee members – Mr Ron Kohn, Mr Glenn Knox, Mr Craig Smith, Mr Wayne Pascoe, Ms Sarah Forman
New committee member – Ginetta Porteous

Election of Honorary Members

It was proposed by the Chair and approved by the members that:

- Ms Helen Ackerman be nominated as Honorary Associate Member of the NSTA due to her significant contributions to tennis. The President provided an overview of Helen's significant contribution in time and expertise to tennis including assisting with the 2019 Championship, the Centenary Dinner sub-committee, President of Kooroora Tennis Club for the 20th year and support of NSTA comps and tournaments.

General Business and Questions

- It was agreed that the NSTA Committee should approach the new Mayor of WCC, Ms Tanya Taylor in the coming weeks.
- NSTA are waiting to hear from WCC to understand the transition process. Ms Katarina McNamara provided an overview of the discussions held with the CEO of the Aboriginal Land Council. There is a good relationship with the CEO – he now understands the history of the NSTA, what has been done and what the NSTA are trying to do. Ms Katarina McNamara will follow up with the CEO and understand how it has been received by the Board and their initial thoughts and strategies. At the moment the Board can only approve a 3 year lease unless 80% of their membership base approves a longer lease. It has been confirmed that the Aboriginal Land Council still has to abide by the zoning rules in place for Talus St. There was some discussion as to whether the Council could operate Talus St as a private facility and not open it to the general public, although it was noted that the Chairman had indicated that he would like for it to stay as it is.
- NSTA will arrange a meeting with Chris Woodland (Tennis NSW) to obtain an understanding as to the reasons for the transfer to the Aboriginal Land Council. It was noted that it sets a precedent for the transfer of ownership from Crown Land to the Aboriginal Land Council.
- There is a general decline in participation in comps and club participation. There was some discussion as to what NSTA can do to address this including improving communication with clubs/operators and engaging to work together to benefit players. Offering competitions and events for top players may attract players to the district and create more prestige.

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 22 February 2022.

Signed: 

T Stewart
President

Dated: 11 March

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