



Hills Tennis Association Inc

Special General Meeting Election of Officers & Opened Discussion

**Monday 24th February 2014
7.30pm at Hahndorf Football Club, Pine Ave**

Apologies: Rob Endenburg (Woodside), Greg Sparrow (Aldgate), Jono Abraham (SAC), Melissa Hutchesson (MC)

Opening of Meeting: Jody Whittaker opened the meeting. She announced that she will be stepping down as President and asked all members to start thinking about who may be a suitable candidate for nomination. The new President will be elected for a one year term at the AGM.

Election of Officers:
Current elected Officers won't stand down until 30th April 2014 and the new Term of Office commences 1st May 2014.

Management Committee Members:

President - Jody Whittaker standing down. New President to be elected at this year's AGM (1 year term only).
Vice President - Paul Bartley nominated by Miles Pope, seconded Robby Bond-Wallner. Carried.
Secretary - Melissa Hutchesson - 1 year remaining.
Treasurer - Adrian Pobke nominated by Barry McFadden, seconded Sue Hutson. Carried.
Committee members – Sue Hutson, Jo Casey, Fiona Pobke, Amy Thornton

Finals information:

SAC & JAC

- **Unregistered players** ineligible to play finals – forfeits for those unregistered. This should have been completed by 1st November 2013.
- **Points ratio** is used in Premiership tables which means all tables will be accurate as each week's matches are updated. No need for byes adjustment at end of minor rounds.
- **Home court advantage** where available and deemed suitable for 1st and 3rd placed teams. Junior matches – 3rd and 4th teams play Friday night. If there are insufficient home courts a neutral venue will be allocated. In juniors the higher divisions get preference for home court finals. This does not apply to seniors. Clubs are to make sure all courts are ready ½ hour before match start time.
- **Ball requirements** outlined (contact Adrian if you require more balls) –
 - All Doubles & Div 1 Men – **each team** must provide 4 new balls.
 - All other traditional teams – 2 new balls are to be provided by each team. ** see Balls items under General Business below.

- Junior Divs – Boys 1-9 and Girls Div 1-7 – 2 new balls to be provided by **each team**. Lower divs – 2 good balls with visible brand OR 2 new balls to be supplied by each team.
- **Drawn finals rule** (5.8) – please point your players/supervisors towards this rule, particularly the part about players not leaving the match until it is fully completed.
- **Junior court supervisors** – should not be a parent of teams being supervised. Should speak with all players/spectators before the match to outline expectations. Notes to be forwarded giving supervisors’ guidelines.
- **Maximum number of players** in a team - 5 players only in any one match, 10 in senior doubles competition.
- **Scoresheets** must be filled in before the match commences.
- **Permits & finals eligibility** – to be assessed next Monday by JAC & SAC committees. Teams must play in approved order or sets will be forfeited.
- **Unfinished finals** matches – Juniors – Friday night match to be completed 10.30 am the following morning (Sat) or 11.00 am Sunday if again not completed. Junior Saturday incomplete matches are to be played 9.00 am Sunday morning. Seniors – as agreed by both captains, but no later than Wednesday. If captains cannot agree, SAC will choose match time.
- **Results Vault** – set up teams in order of merit before finals to make scores entry easier. **Last minor round matches to be entered no later than midnight Saturday** to allow court allocations etc. in a timely manner.
- **Seniors:**
- The **5 match minimum** requirement (Seniors) will be firmly applied this season, despite the 2 cancelled matches. Players need to have played just 5 out of 16 matches (less than a third) in order to qualify for finals.
- **Players not originally nominated in a team** (or subsequently advised to the SAC during the season) will require a permit to play in that team. It is unfair to strengthen a team that has been graded on its original composition.

General Business

- **Senior end of season presentation** – to be held on Saturday 5th April 8.00 pm at the Crafers Hall. Bring a plate of supper to share, drinks available at bar prices. No charge. Thanks to Amy Thornton for designing/distributing the flyer.
- **Season dates** – discussion was had regarding playing on the March long weekend. Next year, Easter is early which cuts the season back. Sue described the “informal agreement” with HFL and HTA that tennis ends before April. Australia Day weekend also restricts. Sue has looked at 14/15 dates and it will be very difficult to fit 15 junior weeks and 18 senior weeks in. If we were to avoid playing on the March long weekend, it would mean would mean no play the week before finals start – most agreed that it is better to play that final round before finals.. **Clubs asked to discuss with committees** – the matter will be discussed and decided on at AGM.
- **Murray Bridge Junior Tournament** – clashes with HTA last round before Christmas. Clubs asked if they would like to not play junior matches that weekend to allow juniors to participate. **Feedback requested from committees** – to be decided at AGM.

- **** Balls** – Roger queried balls requirement for Div 2 men and Div 1 women finals as they are deteriorating quickly, given the longer singles. Decided to recommend those divisions supply 1 tin of balls **per team** playing for finals.
- **6 players in team** – Roger queried why the 6 players rule exists – unfair to those teams who have been playing with 6 players all season. Sue explained that “freshness of players” is probably the main reasoning behind this rule. Grant said that they solved this issued by rotating their players in finals so that they all had a chance to play.
- **Court cleaning** – Adrian had some pamphlets for distribution for anyone interested.
- **Net for sale** - won previously for winning Tennis Association of the Year a couple of years ago. Any club interested in purchasing this, please contact Adrian - \$225.

Meeting Closed – 8.42 pm.