

**Hills Tennis Association Inc.**  
**Management Committee Meeting**  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
at 7.00pm  
Mark Benson's - Heathfield

## Minutes

**Attendees – Mark Benson, Robyn Bond-Wallner, Sally Manuel, Lauren Thurgood, Adrian Pobke**

**Apologies – Jody Whittaker**

**Chairperson:** Mark Benson – meeting opened at 7.15pm

### 1. Minutes

1.1 Minutes of last meeting - 16/1/12

Accepted: First – Adrian; Second - Lauren

1.2 Action and Business Arising from Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda

nil

### 2. Secretary's Report

**Sally**

Correspondence In/ out

2.1 Sue Hutson – Email

Email sent re: order of merit to all clubs and code of conduct. Mentioned several issues from this season eg bad language, foot faults and bad behavior. Email back from John Goslino (Summertown) sent to all Junior coordinators. This email argued that these issues were minor and argued with Sue's points eg believed that player conduct is excellent, parental/spectator issues are more of an issue than players. Sue not impressed with John's inflammatory email that was CC'ed to all Junior Coordinators. Issues should have been raised with Summertown committee and HTA MC notified directly. Sue emailed Neil Gore and Peter Morton (Summertown) saying that she was not happy with email from John. Sue also emailed Sally and Adrian. Requested MC to email John in regards to his behavior. MC felt that it was Sue's right to send out email as JAC President. The MC agreed that an email must be sent to Summertown stating that the nature of the email was inappropriate, retaliatory and could be seen as inflammatory and must be dealt with at a club level, if it is not dealt with properly then the HTA MC reserve the right to take action as we deem necessary. Also state that only official emails from the HTA MC or sub committees are to be sent to clubs and not by individuals. Sue Hutson must be emailed acknowledging her email and indicate that we have implemented the appropriate action and are waiting for a response. *Mark to send emails.*

2.2 Div 1 Trad Stirling

Womens team – withdrawing team from competition, two women are suffering medical issues and cannot play for the rest of the season. Forfeit remaining of season and no fine to the club. Does not seem to effect any clubs unfairly, so the HTA MC are happy with this decision.

2.3 Winter Tennis

Sue Hutson sent email wanting us to promote winter tennis. This email has already been sent out to all the Clubs.

## 2.4 Minutes JAC

Sally did not bring these – she will email them out to all members of the MC. All need to read and email MC members if any issues.

## 2.5 Trophies Robyn Hooper

- HTA MC want the senior runners-up to get more than just a small pennant – perhaps a glass. Onkaparinga TC suggested a most consistent player for all divisions (men, women, doubles and juniors). Could be difficult to implement. They have also suggested a midweek – most consistent and fairest player. Robyn to see if this feasible to implement based on Results Vault.
- Suggestion that maybe Juniors that have represented the HTA should get recognition at the presentation night. *Adrian to follow up regarding pennants.* Engraver for glasses and trophies is Allen Dauwitt (Engraving Plus at Woodside).

## 2.6 Heathfield TC

They have about \$6000 in a bank account. The club hasn't been formally disbanded, question to whether the HTA manages it for the club in case they decide to reform in the future. The Heathfield Tennis Club needs to have a meeting with as many old members as they can to ensure that they are happy to have the HTA guardians of the money. *Sally to follow up.*

## 2.7 Disputes x 2

1 – Hahndorf senior/junior player → Bradley Kroehn – smashed racquet on the ground a number of times – behaved inappropriately – Jodie spoke to Brad about it, he took responsibility for this behavior and apologized to Piccadilly TC. His anger was not aimed towards the club but at himself. This is a first offence. Mark to send acknowledgement that it wasn't directed against opponent and that with his prompt apology the Disputes Committee will not take any further action.

2 – Littlehampton vs Mt Barker - Div 3 doubles 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Littlehampton TC complained that Grant Sullivan swearing on numerous occasions at a very audible level. Verbally disrespectful towards opponents – taunting when ball called out etc. Doubles partner also started this behavior too. Colin (Grant's doubles partner) was foot faulting and Colin was upset due to the opposition calling this from the other side of the court, Grant was frustrated by their behavior. Response from Mt Barker TC (Shane Teakle) - they apologize for any misconduct towards Littlehampton. They felt Littlehampton players were intimidating a junior player and calling fault faults from the other end of the court – which they are not allowed to do. Disputes Committee can't come to conclusion as it is Littlehampton's word against Mt Barker. We must inform Littlehampton that no receiving player can call foot faults. Disputes Committee and MC will address any further correspondence at the next meeting.

## 2.8 Tennis SA Affiliation Fee

Email from Tennis SA saying that affiliation fees haven't been paid for some clubs, Sally checked to see if it was any HTA clubs – they have all paid. Andrew Wilson then emailed saying that 6 HTA clubs weren't financial. Mark emailed these clubs saying that they must pay asap, but they had actually all paid. This was a mix up from Tennis SA as the Clubs had paid but hadn't handed in their paperwork. This has now been rectified.

### Correspondence out:

- Tennis SA affiliation – email sent to all Clubs saying that all have paid.
- Stirling 1W Trad – email stating the Club will forfeit all remaining games but will not be fined.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

**Adrian**

#### 3.1 Balances

- Working balance - \$21630.96
- Investment account - \$42599.64
- Total cash balance - \$64230.60
- Total balance - \$65905.60
- Financial report accepted – First: Lauren, Second: Mark

#### 3.2 Invoices paid for the month from 16/01/12-19/2/12

- Aldgate computers (Adrians new computer) - \$1308.95
- Myob - \$494.00
- Stanley Bridge Hotel for Presentation Evening - \$500.00
- Engraving for junior trophies - \$488.10

#### 3.3 Association Accounts, Receipts and Expenditure Statements

- unknown deposit from The Active Network for \$4263.60 – *Adrian to follow up*

#### 3.4 Payment of Gratuities

- \$2500 – seniors
- \$2000 – juniors
- Total amount of \$4500 as ratified at the AGM at April last year.

#### 3.5 co-signatory

Mark to become co-signatory on the cheque account, the paperwork has been filled out to be lodged with the CPS. Barry McFadyen is being deleted as a signatory on the cheque account

### **4. Tennis SA Report**

**Mark**

Visit by Andrew Wilson on 29-2-2012

Ask if he wants to come to the SGM to talk for 10-15 minutes about the affiliation, pilot programme etc. This could also be a forum for club people to ask Tennis SA questions. .  
*Adrian to email to confirm this.*

### **5. Recording Secretary Report**

**Fiona**

All fine except that clubs are still not putting forfeits in properly. Fiona still has had to alter the score sheets.

### **7. Hills Facilities Management and Planning**

**Mark**

- Stirling courts are still progressing
- Littlehampton and Onkaparinga received their grants
- Aldgate still waiting on septic issue, rock removal too expensive so moving the club rooms slightly.

### **8. Other Business**

- Foot faults  
Ty Allen (Tennis SA) can run a course in the Hills on foot faults and general tennis etiquette. We should make this compulsory for all team managers to attend. We will do this at the start of next season.  
We need to check if the foot fault information from Tennis SA is in our code of conduct, check if there is anything on our website in regards to this. We can change the by laws at anytime – we can add these details immediately. *Adrian to check this on the website.*

- Clubs Duties Misconduct **Robyn**  
Clubs need to try to resolve issues within the club first. Clubs need to reprimand their own players (junior coordinator at the clubs or the team manager) and parents need to be made aware. The HTA needs to run some kind of tennis etiquette at the start of the season, we need to organise something that is compulsory for junior coordinators and team managers, this includes child safety (see above point – Ty Allen to be approached to do this). *Sally to email Sally Day* and send out overall email to senior coordinators remaining people to deal with matter and a club level and that common sense should prevail.
  
- Balls \$/ life of them - order Aldgate **Sally/Mark**  
\$25/dozen if anyone wants to purchase  
*Sally to email Adrian* as Aldgate want to do an order
  
- Presentation Night  
Dates confirmed and venue booked 14/4/12. Organisation of the presentation night will be the priority at the next meeting.
  
- Life Members  
Sally has a list of life members we need to check that this is updated for presentation night for invites. Barry McFadyens new address needed. *Lauren to follow up.*
  
- Special General Meeting
  - 2 elections to be made → Vice President and Treasurer for a 2 year term.
  - Treasurers report for the AGM
  - Hand out a copy what each position description is, these are to be left on the table, *Adrian to organise copies.*
  - *Sally to email Sally Day* to see who is staying on the in SAC and *Sally to email Sue Hutson* for the JAC.
  - 7.30pm Andrew Wilson from Tennis SA will be arriving.
  - Sally to ask Ty to attend and talk about etiquette and foot faulting. *Sally to email*

Laptop

- A new computer has been purchased from Aldgate Computers for \$1308.95, new MYOB software has also been purchased.

Date of AGM

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – *Adrian to check availability of Hahndorf football club*

**Next Meeting....14<sup>th</sup> March – Presentation Evening discussion and Treasurers monthly report.**

**Meeting closed: 9.45pm**

Minutes Confirmed .....

  
Mark Benson HTA President