



Hills Tennis Association Inc

Special General Meeting Election of Officers & Opened Discussion

**Monday 23th February 2015
7.30pm at Hahndorf Football Club, Pine Ave**

Apologies: Fiona Pobke (MC), Dan Anderson (JAC), Jane Cross (Nairne), Ian Campbell (Stirling)

Opening of Meeting: Paul Bartley opened the meeting.

Election of Officers:

Current elected Officers won't stand down until 30th April 2015 and the new Term of Office commences 1st May 2015.

Management Committee Members:

- President -** Paul Bartley nominated by Myles Pope, Myles Pope nominated by Robyn Bond Wallner. Secret Ballot held - Myles Pope voted as President.
- Vice President -** Position Vacant as at 1st May 2015
- Secretary -** Melissa Hutchesson nominated by Paul Bartley, no other nominees. Carried
- Treasurer -** Adrian Pobke – 1 year remaining.
- Committee members –** Jo Casey, Fiona Pobke, Ian Barry, Ian Campbell

General Finals information:

SAC & JAC

- Clubs are requested to check and confirm any unconfirmed matches on Results Vault ASAP
- Results Vault entry for last round and finals to be entered prior to midnight Saturday to enable scheduling Sunday morning for upcoming finals.
- Scoresheet must be filled out prior to match commencing. Rule 7.1
- Have copy of Rules of Match and Play available and refer to it before contacting SAC or JAC
- Drawn finals rule refer to rule 5.8 if necessary.
- Unfinished finals matches – refer to rule 5.7 if necessary.
- Unregistered players ineligible to play finals – forfeits for those unregistered.
- Maximum number of players in a team - 5 players only in any one match, 10 in senior doubles competition.
- Permits & finals eligibility – to be assessed by JAC & SAC committees. Teams must play in approved order or sets will be forfeited.

Junior Finals information:

JAC

- Junior Order of merit was due Sunday 22nd February. Still waiting on 6 clubs to submit OOM. JAC Meeting Thursday 26th February for OOM.
- Semi Finals to be played 6.30pm Friday 13th 3v4, Saturday 14th 8.30am 1v2. If Friday night matches incomplete due to weather, then to be played 10.30 Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th. Saturday morning cancellation (rain) rescheduled on Sunday morning. **Due to night/early morning schedules temperature policy changes to 39°C or above Mt Barker forecast for cancellations.**
- JAC will send Finals information and Junior Finals Court Supervisor role to each hosting club and competing club prior to finals.
- Junior Court Supervisors should not be parents of team playing. Needs to be a club person who speaks to players/parents prior to matches (using guidelines sent)
- Doubles play first followed by singles order 4, 3, 2, 1.
- **Ball requirements** - Junior teams to supply 2 new balls for Div 8 & above. Lower Divs and GB can use balls with visible branding.

Senior Finals Information:

SAC

- **Semi & Prelim Finals** - home court advantage or negotiated if insufficient home courts. Please make sure all courts are open, clean and ready at least ½ hour before.
- **Grand Final matches** - traditional at Anembo, doubles at Mt Barker. MBTC have worked closely with the Council and Show Society to make this happen. Entry (car & foot) will be via gates at the southern end of Howard Lane. Parking limited so please car pool where possible. Parking in nearby streets may be required.
- Number of matches needed to qualify = 4.
- **Permits** – needed for anyone not on original nomination form (or subsequently advised) or who have not played 4 matches.
- **Finals Order of Merit Submission** to be sent to SAC by 27 February for teams who have the chance to make finals. Order of merit to be monitored by opposition teams – SAC approved lists will be distributed.
- **Ball requirements** –
 - All Doubles & Div 1 Men – **each team must provide** 4 new balls.
 - Div 2 Men & Div 1 Women – **recommended** that each team provide 4 new balls.
 - All other traditional teams – **each team must provide** 2 new balls. Any finals matches played at Summertown – each team is to supply 2 extra balls.
- **Finals Guide** distributed to Senior Coordinators for distribution to players - ***please send a copy to every player.***
- 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.
- Unfinished finals matches –Seniors – as agreed by both captains, but no later than Wednesday. If captains cannot agree, SAC will choose match time.

General Business

- Website system emails each Club Secretary, JC, SC with updates as they arise. Myles explained how to register for automatic updates for those interested.
- Suggestion to deduct premiership points for those who do not attend SGM.
- JAC Secretary position vacant for next season– please discuss within your club possible candidates.
- Discussion on possibility of holding GB & OB at alternative times to avoid heat cancellations.
- Interest shown in HTA holding a Senior Closed Tournament
- Fixtures and Results to be placed on Home Page for easier access
- AGM 27-4-15. Details will be sent out to clubs.

Whilst a quorum was assumed during the SGM, Paul retrospectively raised the question of whether he had assumed a quorum in error (due to the absence of representatives from Bridgewater, Harrogate, IBCG, John Wesley, Nairne, Verdun and Woodside Tennis Clubs from the meeting. In hindsight, Adrian then checked into this and indicated that by his calculations the meeting should technically have been adjourned by the Chair and then lapsed under Constitution Rule 12.4, which did not happen. Accordingly, a motion to ratify these SGM minutes will be raised at the upcoming AGM and failing that, re-voting and other SGM matters can be revisited during the AGM.

It is CRUCIAL for the proper functioning of the HTA that Clubs meet their obligation to send representatives to HTA meetings and financial penalties will be levied on Clubs who fail to send a representative to the upcoming AGM.

Meeting Closed 8.36pm