



# **TABLE TENNIS VICTORIA INC.**

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## **Minutes of the 2014 Table Tennis Victoria**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Sunday 26 April, 2015 at 10:30am

Sports House: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

## 1. OPENING AND WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

The Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the 2014 Annual General Meeting. He noted that due notice of the meeting was given and that there was a quorum. The Acting Chair introduced Simon Merritt from Lander & Rogers Law Firm who was attending to assist with any matters relating to the Constitution. A show of hands was taken to approve his attendance, with all being in favour.

## 2. ATTENDENCE & APOLOGIES

### Board Members present:

Kelvin Putt (Acting Chair/Ballarat TTA)  
Vicki Reid (Acting Deputy Chair)

Jeff Dever (Board Member)  
James Montgomery (Board Member)

Nick McConnell (Board Member)  
Jean Pierce (Acting Board Member/Geelong TTA)  
Robert Katsipis (Acting Board Member/Sunbury TTA)

### Voting Members present:

John Alder (Coburg TTC)  
Ron Bayly (Life Member)  
Phillip Carruthers (Gisborne & District TTA, Horsham TTA, Werribee TTA)  
Richard Cotton (Bairnsdale & District TTA)  
Max Coulthard (Mornington Peninsula TTA)  
Martin Elliget (Diamond Valley TTA)  
Robert Grattidge (Life Member)  
Tammy Holwerda (Leongatha TTA)  
Chris Horwood (Manningham TTC)  
Hua Hu (Greater Dandenong TTA)  
Heather Letwin (Melbourne Lakeside TTC)

Chris Mainland (St Kilda Cricket TTC)  
Gerard McCarthy (Eastern Suburbs & Churches TTA)  
Bill Sheehan (Shepparton TTA)  
Pamela Tait (Melbourne Veterans TTC, Life Member)  
Mark Taylor (Warrnambool TTA)  
Vinh Trinh (Vietnamese TTA)  
Gary Warnest (Bendigo District TTA)  
Sue West (Croydon & Districts TTA)  
John Wright (Yarrawonga/Mulwala TTA)

### Present by Proxy:

John Strantzen (Life Member)  
Warracknabeal TTA

Wonthaggi TTA

### Apologies:

Jack Cyngler (Board Member)  
Casey Helman (Board Member)  
Greg Bristowe (Croydon & Districts TTA)  
Nicole Freeland (Central Highlands Table Tennis)

Keith Mundy (Central Highlands Table Tennis)  
John Strantzen (Life Member)  
Angelo Tabone (Life Member)

**Other Members present:**

Belgin Bennett (Melbourne Veterans TTC)  
Andrew Brooker (Albury/Wodonga TTA)  
Vicki Carruthers (Geelong TTA)  
Chamara Fernando  
Joe Gerada (HWATT)  
Simon Gerada (HWATT)  
Chester Gracias  
Chrysela Gracias  
Jeff Grubb (Bendigo District TTA)

Bryce Holwerda (Leongatha TTA)  
Lois McConnell (Melbourne Veterans TTC)  
Simon Merritt (Lander & Rogers)  
Neville Monson (Ballarat TTA)  
Brett Sonnet (Greater Dandenong TTA)  
Melissa Tapper (HWATT)  
Warren Woolcock (Melbourne Veterans TTC)  
Helen Wright (Yarrawonga/Mulwala TTA)  
Lan Zhai

**3. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

Kelvin Putt, Acting Chair, announced and presented the 2014 Table Tennis Victoria Awards.

2014 Coburg Award: Chrysela Gracias, and Dillon Chambers (not present)

2014 French Award: Jian Fang Lay (not present), and David Powell (not present)

2014 Ted Sokolowski Award: Lan Zhai, and Chamara Fernando

2014 Para Athlete of the Year Award: Melissa Tapper

2014 Volunteer of the Year: Gary Warnest (Bendigo District TTA)

2014 Coach of the Year Award: Simon Gerada (HWATT)

**3.1 2014 TTV Life Member**

The Acting Chair announced that the Notice of AGM published to Affiliates and Life Members contained an error at Item 3.1. This item should have been noted that the resolution of the AGM to confer life membership on the recommendation of the Board is moved as a Special Resolution. He advised that it was the Board's intention to move a Special Resolution at the AGM asking the Members to waive this procedural irregularity in respect of all members conferred Life Membership since the new TTV Constitution was implemented in 2013.

The Acting Chair moved a procedural motion: That the Members waive the procedural irregularity in relation to the failure to specify that the conferral of the 2014 life membership would be moved as a Special Resolution. The Chair asked for a show of hands for the resolution to change to a procedural resolution to be able to vote for and accept a Life Member now. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Acting Chair moved for a procedural motion that Phillip Carruthers be inducted as the 2014 TTV Life Member.

TTV Life Member, Ron Bayly spoke for the motion noting that to be considered for Life Membership, you have to have given at least 10 years service to the VTTA, and make a significant contribution to the sport, to which Phillip Carruthers meets all the necessary criteria. He has shown high commitment as President for 14 years, and has been the longest one term President of Table Tennis Victoria since its inception in 1925.

Another show of hands was given to accept Phillip Carruthers as the 2014 TTV Life Member. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **3.2 2014 TTV Distinguished Service Award**

The Acting Chair announced that Terry Kingston (Mornington Peninsula TTA) and Jim Conlon (Mornington Peninsula TTA) are the recipients of the 2014 TTV Distinguished Service Award. Max Coulthard (Mornington Peninsula TTA) accepted the awards on their behalf.

## **4. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER**

Lois McConnell and Simon Merritt (Lander & Rogers) volunteered for the positions of scrutineers. All were in favour.

## **5. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 11 OCTOBER, 2014**

The Acting Chair moved by a show of hands for the acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 11 October, 2014. The minutes of the previous AGM was accepted.

## **6. PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR OF THE 2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Acting Chair noted the following:

- The refurbishment of the State Table Tennis Centre at MSAC and partnerships with Mark Smythe Table Tennis and TTA has resulted in enhanced elite training programs.
- Many clubs had new or improved facilities.
- Victorian clubs hosted a number of significant National and International events, in particular Bendigo District TTA and Croydon & Districts TTA.
- Continued on court success for Victoria
  - The Juniors continue to perform well, with a number representing Australia.
  - The Seniors continue to accomplish well at National and International level, with strong performances from Miao Miao, Jian Fang Lay, 'resident' champion William Henzell, David Powell, and Melissa Tapper.
  - The Veterans had a number of representatives at National and International level, with many winning their respective International events.
- Membership was slightly below the figures of 2013, but still very good.
- Income, expenditure, cash flow, and member equity were all higher than the previous year and a strong profit was made.

The Acting Chair moved by a show of hands for the acceptance of the 2014 Annual Report. The 2014 Annual Report was accepted.

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2014**

The Acting Chair noted that at the start of 2014, TTV started using the new accounting software system Xero. It will create a few changes in the way things are seen but it shouldn't affect the overall numbers.

Sue West queried the decrease in coaching expenditure. The Acting Chair said that it could be due to changing the accounting system and where the categories sit within the financial reports, but the overall numbers should be quite similar to previous years.

Phillip Carruthers mentioned that the Board can provide additional information to what is given in the reports.

The Acting Chair moved by a show of hands for the acceptance of the Annual Financial Report. The Annual Financial Report was accepted.

## **8. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Kelvin Putt had to step down as he is a candidate for the Chair position. Vicki Reid (Acting Deputy Chair), took his place.

The Acting Deputy Chair advised that in accordance with the Constitution the Board had determined the election of Chair would be taken by ballot paper on a simple first past the post system.

There were two nominations for the position of Chair: Kelvin Putt, and Brett Sonnet.

In response to a question by Mark Taylor, Anne King (Chief Executive Officer), clarified that if Kelvin Putt does not receive enough for the election of Chair then he is no longer on the Board. Vicki Reid has been appointed into the Deputy Chair role and will carry out the rest of his term.

Brett Sonnet was elected.

The Acting Deputy Chair thanked Mr Putt for his nomination and congratulated Mr Sonnet on his appointment.

## **9. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Kelvin Putt resumed as Acting Chair. The Acting Chair announced that Nick McConnell has completed his term on the Board and would not be renewing his term. He thanked Nick for his contribution.

The Acting Chair advised that in accordance with the Constitution, the Board had determined the election of the two Board Member positions would be taken by ballot paper on the a simple first past the post system.

There were four nominations for Board Members: Greg Bristowe, Terry Kocjancic, Jean Pierce, and Robert Katsipis.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENT RESULTS OF VOTING FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

Jean Pierce and Robert Katsipis were elected.

The Acting Chair congratulated Ms Pierce and Mr Katsipis on their appointment.

## **11. SPECIAL BUSINESS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF MOTION**

#### Motion 1:

Croydon & Districts Table Tennis Association has provided a notice of motion under clause 39 of the current TTV Constitution and section 50 of the Association Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) resolution 1 shall not be passed unless carried by a majority of three quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the votes of those Members present and entitled to vote.

That clause 28.8 (c) be removed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

“(c) Members, subject to Rule 28.8 (d), may on request, inspect or copy, free of charge, the minutes of the Board meetings

(d) The Board may refuse to permit a member to inspect or copy the entire minutes of a Board Meeting that relate to confidential, personal, employment, commercial or legal matters or where to do so may be prejudicial to the interests of the Association.”

Sue West spoke for the motion, acknowledging that the motion was defeated last year around the fact that the Board said that if the minutes were given out to the general public that the person would misuse the information given, privacy concerns and commercial confidentiality. She also stated that although making the precis of Board Minutes available on the TTV website is a good start, there is no guarantee that the minutes given will continue unless the constitution is changed. She wanted to note that with the exception of the Northern Territory, all other States and National Body allow people to view their minutes.

Phillip Carruthers clarified that no comment was made that a person would misuse the information, but that Sue was correct that the arguments were around privacy and commercial dealings.

The Acting Chair advised that in accordance with the Constitution the Board had determined the motion would be taken by ballot paper on a simple first past the post system. If the motion wins

then it would then require majority (at least 75%) approval.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF MOTION**

### Motion 1:

The results of the motion were 2556 votes for, and 689 votes against.

The motion was carried, as it received majority approval (78.77%).

## **13. DISPOSAL OF BALLOT AND VOTING PAPERS**

The Acting Chair called by a show of hands for the acceptance of disposal of the ballot papers and this was passed.

## **14. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Acting Deputy Chair announced that on behalf of the Board, they would like to thank Kelvin Putt for his short time as Acting Chair of the Board.

The Acting Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:14pm.