



MINUTES OF KINGSCLIFF TENNIS CLUB AGM HELD ON THE 15TH February 2024.

Held at Kingscliff Tennis Clubhouse at 7pm.

The meeting started at 7.05pm

APOLOGIES - Jeff and Mandie Ware, Karol Blackley, Peter Fell, Marzia Astori, Rob Killick, Vicki and Peter Pengilly, Al and Claire Stewart, Debbie Paul.(11)

PRESENT- Peter McGuire, Geoff Harvey, Margot Ricketts, Sandra Harvey, Cate Spence, Paul Ricketts, Anna McCoy, Anne Turner, Colleen Kettlewell, Lex Kettlewell, Allan Horne, Allan Tolley, Darlene Arkininstall, Vickie North, Jane Lowes, Ken Lowes, Madeleine Linger, Mark Linger, Judith Cansdale, Mike Maslen, Geoff Wakely, Lorene Blum, Jason Blum, Gordon Muir, Sonia Muir, Janet Hewson, Jack Hewson, Linda Sinclair, Denise Jones, Colin Blobel, Scotty Cornwell, Susan Rose, Sue Maslen, Kaden Blum, Denis Lowe, Chris Spink, Rhea Spink, Wes Allen, Roch Mooney, Doug Kercher, Barbara Jones, Lynda Downie, Kirstie Van Der Zanden, Glenda Duke, Sharon Allen, Trish Spillane, Margaret Mumford, Michele Kerr, Brett Montgomery, Justin Holland, Leonie Montgomery, Hilton Fletcher, Sarah Gold, Geoff Baker, Peter Moore, Judy Britton, Penny Connop, Mark Connop, James Korber, Jessica Tyack, Thomas Tyack, Brenton Chambers, Charlie Grimshaw, Nathan Jones, Darrell Rose, Kevin Pearce, Jann Rowlanson, Sue Pearce, Angela Winkler, Monika Goertz, Andrew Proimos, Helen Warren, Kate Sweeney, Frances Gould, Melissa Morgan, Katarina Molner, Esmeralda Dujmovis, Christian Dujmovic, Philip Lambie, Peter Mills, Troy Methorst, Jenny Overkov, Ken Blacklock, Michael Powell, Andrew Black, Lin Riley, Graeme Blandford, Sam Owens, Lesley Owens, Mitchell Bramston, Annie Campbell, Jane Wyatt, Ross Townsend, Dominic Gonzales, Kayleen Simpson, Ingrid Hartmann, Cuba Gonzales, Annette Elsegood, Holly Muggleston, Tim Muggleston, Ruth Philip, Jason Harris, Sayda Harris, Rikki Neilson, Matt Neilson, Shannyn Prichard, Lucas Parker.(107)

President Geoff Harvey announced that the meeting was open and welcome everyone to the meeting, the committee was introduced as Geoff Harvey President /Treasurer, Peter McGuire Vice President, Margot Ricketts Secretary, Sandra Harvey Public Officer and Cate Spence Returning Officer.

Cate Spence the clubs Returning Officer then informed the meeting of the procedure for the Agenda and voting which would be a show of hands as no proxy voting (as per constitution) accepted at the meeting and any questions asked from the floor to the committee to be fair would have a minute to speak then a bell would be sounded.

The order of the Agenda is:

- (1) Minutes of last meeting.
- (2) President and Treasurers Report.
- (3) Election of Committee for 2024/25.
- (4) General Business: Pickleball Courts Funding.
- (5) Other business- Anna McCoy Honourary Membership.

The minutes of the Kingscliff Tennis Clubs Extra Ordinary Meeting held 27th September 2023 at the Clubhouse Lot 84 Viking St Kingscliff 2487 were read by Secretary Margot Ricketts.

A question from a member was if at the Extra Ordinary meeting on the 27th September 2023 it went to a vote to convert court 4 to 4 PB courts and revert court 3 back to tennis it was confirmed it did go to a vote.

Moved to accept -Anna McCoy Seconded- Lex Kettlewell.

President/Treasurer Geoff Harvey presented the combined President treasurers report – see attached.

Moved to accept- P Mc Guire Seconded – Susan Rose.

2023/24 Coaches report from Club Coach Shannyn Prichard- see attached.

Election- Returning Officer Cate Spence declared all positions were vacant and called for nominations for positions on the 2024/25 committee.

President- Geoff Harvey Nominated -Ross Townsend Seconded by -Holly Muggleton

Vice President- Peter Mc Guire Nominated by Cate Spence Seconded by- Sandra Fraser

Treasurer- Esmeralda Dujmovic Nominated by Rhea Spink Seconded by Paul Ricketts

Secretary- position not filled so remains vacant.

The below playing member nominees were asked to state which sport either Pickleball or Tennis they played and then gave their background bio relevant to the positions before voting occurred.

Playing Member-Wes Allan, Tennis Nominated by Paul Ricketts Seconded by Rhea Spink

Playing Member-Darrell Rose, Pickleball Coach Nominated by Geoff Harvey Seconded by Holly Muggleston.

Playing Member-Christian Dujmovic, Tennis Nominated by Lynda Downie Seconded by Rhea Spink.

(A fourth playing member who was nominated but withdrew was Hilton Fletcher who advised if required in the future he would re stand)

Public Officer- Sandra Harvey Nominated by Fran Gould Seconded by Scott Cornwell

Juniors Co Ordinator- Shannyn Prichard - Confirmed acceptance to remain in position to organise junior Tennis players at the Club. (Note this is not an Office Bearer position or Committee position)

Delegate TDTA- Shannyn Prichard Confirmed acceptance to remain in position to represent Kingscliff Tennis Club at the TDTA meetings. (Note this is not an Office Bearer or Committee position)

Tuesday Ladies- Karol Blackley confirmed acceptance of position to represent Kingscliff Tuesday Ladies Tennis Teams at Tuesday Ladies meetings. (Accepted position after the AGM was held, this is not an Office bearer or Committee position)

Social Directors- Anna McCoy / Sandra Harvey - both confirmed their acceptance to remain in position to help organise the clubs social events. (Note this is not an Office bearer or Committee position)

General Business:

Club President concedes there are issues with the club's current constitution that needs updating, with some amendments. It's been a very small club in the past so forgive us if we haven't dotted the I,s and crossed the T,s ,the committee hasn't had enough people around them with the expertise to advise them , all are volunteers and now the club is evolving into a larger club. An special meeting will be held at a date to be advised to approve the amended constitution. The committee will be taking suggestions for anything the members may want added/changed and will come up with a draft version of the constitution to be circulated prior to a vote to ratify the amended constitution.

The President read the Agenda stage 1: Resurfacing of court 4 to a hard court to be used as 4 Pickleball courts.

As the club's initial application for a grant was unsuccessful it is proposed we move forward immediately with stage 1 using club funds (Approx cost \$75-80 K)

Stage 2: Repurpose of court3 back to a tennis court by applying an artificial grass surface (Approx cost \$38 K)

It is proposed we delay Stage 2 for 6-8 months to assess the overall utilisation of the Tennis & Pickleball courts to determine if the club can function efficiently with 4 Tennis courts instead of 5. This allows time for the outcome of the 2nd grant application in May.

The following is an overview of discussions relevant to the proposals put to the meeting.

* The President explained that rather than wait till May for the outcome of the second grant application he wants to provide certainty to Pickleball players and move forward with the conversion of court 4 to PB as there is overcrowding on the two PB courts at present and we should proceed as the club has \$106,000 in available funds to lock in a contractor to do the job in May.

* A member questioned why as it was voted at the Extraordinary meeting in Sept to convert court 4 to 4 PB courts and convert court 3 back to Tennis why the President now has reassessed this and put the motion to the meeting to delay the court 3 conversion back to tennis. The president responded that with increasing enquiries for Pickleball, he thought it necessary and responsible for the club to reassess the situation through a court utilisation study and to present the findings along with other commentary i.e. resident issues, to a meeting later in the year, before a final vote by members, on whether or not to proceed with the conversion of Court 3 to a tennis court.

* Many complaints of excessive noise and disturbance to nearby surrounding neighbours who say they have had their right to peace and quiet in their properties taken away from them by Pickleball being played on court 3 with sessions held most days and on Sundays starting from 7am which was pointed out has had adverse effects on the resident's mental health and right to enjoyment of their property.

* A quote from the EPA of what is classed as intrusive noise was read out as "intrusive noise is a noise from a source that is measured over 15 minute period exceeds the background noise by more than 5 decibels" It was mentioned that the EPA is being contacted over this as they feel Pickleball should not be in a low density residential area. The residents contacted Mayor C. Cherry and were advised to attend the club meeting and share their concerns to the people present.

* A petition signed by 32 neighbouring /nearby residents objecting to Pickleball noise was mentioned as having been sent to the Kingscliff Tennis Club, one mentioned having been living in his residence for 20 years without a problem but the constant noise is now having a detrimental effect on his family and is driving them insane with Pickleball going up to 6 hours a day including Sunday which it was stated should be a day of rest but there is no peace in his house due to the noise and stated he is sick of it and has had enough.

* A question was raised if there are any other problems envisaged with this going forward or if there has been any complaints or consultation with neighbours re Pickleball noise? The member stated that he felt the club president was representing the Pickleball members and not the tennis members and that he was misrepresenting club members by not telling them what was really happening.

* It was discussed about getting advice on acoustic suppression materials for the court in an effort to reduce noise transference from the Pickleball courts to neighbours.

* A member asked what costs would be involved in these sound reducing efforts and how can members be expected to vote on these important proposals when the financial costings which could be very expensive have not been advised to members.

Another suggestion was that Pickleball be moved to a more suitable location, the sports field at Cudgen football grounds was suggested as in other towns its located in a non-residential setting not a residential area as at Kingscliff Tennis Club.

* There was discussion on whether Pickleball can legally be played at the club at the moment as its not mentioned in the club constitution at all, the President responded saying that Tennis Australia promotes Pickleball and has demonstrations of it at the Australian Open and that the club insurance covers both Tennis and Pickleball.

The Returning Officer had to bring the meeting under control as a speaker was heckled by certain members when trying to discuss and explain their issues with the noise from Pickleball, the President stated he was happy to meet with residents and help find a solution.

* A discussion was had as to whether 4 Pickleball courts could be placed on court 3 the club did have a quote for this approx \$24,200. It was noted that this would cause too much noise for neighbours and it was a safety issue to play Pickelball with the telegraph poles at the corners of the court.

A member asked the President if the Pickleball courts were being moved to court 4 to lessen the noise wasn't that moving the noise to other neighbours and if so why then would he want court 3 to remain a Pickleball court when it's noise problem? He also stated that tennis players regularly use the 5 tennis courts even in the last weeks of heat the President stated that he disagrees with this, and his observations are different that 5 tennis courts are not used.

*Discussion was held that if the club cannot cater to the increasing need of the current Pickleball members as they say they can't get enough court time it is only fair to them that the club introduces an immediate cap on Pickleball members and doesn't accept new PB members till a resolution is made.

* Due to these discussions requiring further information President withdrew the proposals of Stage 1 and Stage 2 from the meetings Agenda until a date to be advised.

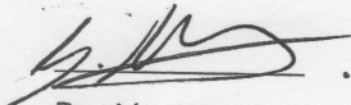
* Outgoing Secretary addressed the meeting and informed those present that a meeting was scheduled the next week between TSC council representatives as the owners of the facility and the new committee to discuss the issues of Pickleball at the club.

Honourary Membership.

An Honourary membership was awarded to club member Anna McCoy for her many years of service at the Kingscliff Tennis Club, this was a unanimous decision despite the pouring rain.

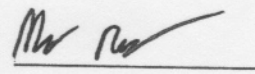
Nominated by -Geoff Harvey Seconded by Margot Ricketts.

Meeting closed at 8.35PM.



President

29/02/2024



Secretary

29/2/2024