

Esperance Tennis Club



Minutes - Committee Meeting Saturday 4th February 2023 @ 11:00am

Present: Bastien Henrotin, Neville Welke, Kim Jones, Alysha Castelli, Shane Spengler and Joan Sortberg

Apologies: Holly Meiklejohn, Iain Robinson

Minutes: Joan Sortberg

Meeting started at 11am.

Minutes from the Committee Meeting on 19 September 2022 was confirmed via email. Seconded by **(we need some names please)**

Agenda items

1. Coaching contract: duration, model

The coaching contract between Esperance Tennis Club and Tennis Services Australia Pty Ltd T/A Esperance Tennis Academy & Tennis Esperance has been extended until 20th December 2025. We are delighted to have Coach Bastien staying as Head Coach on a long-term basis. Following a meeting between Alysha and Bastien at the end of 2022, the contract was adjusted and the coaching allowance in Term 2 & 3 will be held by the club and put toward the hiring of the indoor stadium in order for Bastien's coaching to remain consistent as club duties are low during winter.

It has also been agreed that Esperance Tennis Academy will invoice all non-members with a \$15 term fee for the use of the facilities and the payment will then be transferred to the club at the end of each term.

2. March tournament: busy bee, court cleaning, purchase of lights, bar, canteen, rosters, grants

Alysha presented the running sheet of tasks completed and to be done leading up to the March Tournament which takes place at our club from 3 – 6 March. The sheet is attached to the minutes.

The Committee has been in contact with various people regarding cleaning mould off the courts. It will need a professional clean for the first time in seven years. The Club will then be provided advice on how to maintain the courts in the future.

Neville and Shane have received quotes for court lights for courts 3. These light units have been ordered and will be installed before the tournament.

The jobs list attached to the March Tournament running sheet has been divided amongst the committee and will be revisited in a few weeks before the busy bee.

During the March tournament, we will need many volunteers and donations. A canteen and bar roster are available at the Clubhouse. Members are encouraged to sign up if you can help and take home a recipe if you are able to help cooking some of the meals beforehand.

Alysha has updated the post on social media on how to register for the tournament. We will need around 60-70 registrations for the tournament to go ahead.

The main issue with people from out-of-town registering is the shortage of accommodation in Esperance. Fortunately, the Shire has allowed a designated camping area on the sports ground to accommodate our visitors.

A Busy Bee Day has been scheduled for Sunday 26 February 9am.

3. Top signs: book a court, smile for the camera, honour board

The club has ordered "Book a Court" sign for the gates showing instructions to users on how to access the courts "legally". This will be placed on the fence of court 7-9 entry gates.

During summer we have had issues with people – possibly from the overflow campground - accessing the courts by climbing fences. To prevent future intruders, we have ordered another sign: "Smile for the Camera".

4. Club championships

Club Championship for Juniors and Seniors are set to Saturday 25 March. This means that Junior Pennants will finish on Saturday 18 March.

5. McMullen's: Shutters & Shades

Motors on our shutters have been replaced. However, the fuses tend to blow after the installation so Alysha will follow up with McMullen's Shutter and Shades.

6. Coaching update

Coach Bastien gave a brief update. The holiday clinic in January was successful and resulted in 6 new children taking up coaching. Bastien has a contract with different schools during term one – promoting the game and hopefully it will lead to more children joining the club.

7. Treasurer's Report

Alysha presented the Treasurer's Report (attached) on behalf of Holly.

The club is close to breaking even as there will large amounts of funds allocated to club maintenance works such as shade sails, shutters, court shades and court cleaning.

8. Miscellaneous

The Committee had another discussion on the membership format. The next committee meeting following the March tournament will be allocated to membership format discussions and finalising for the 23/34 tennis season. This needs to be finalised read for the AGM and be put into action from the 1st September 2023. The Committee will draft a proposal to be presented at the Annual General Meeting in August.

Meeting ended at 1 pm.