

THE AUSTRALIAN DAVIS CUP TENNIS FOUNDATION

Minutes of the 51st Annual General Meeting of Members held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Monday 21st November 2022.

- PRESENT:** A total of 43 members registered their presence at the meeting.
- APOLOGIES:** Mr. Dohnt indicated that apologies were received from five (5) members who advised the Administration of their inability to attend the meeting.
- QUORUM:** On the advice from Mr Dohnt, the Chairman declared a Quorum to be present.
- OPENING & WELCOME:** The Chairman declared the Meeting to be open and extended a warm welcome to all members present.
- OBITUARIES:** The Chairman invited members to observe a brief period of silence in remembrance of members who had passed during the year under review. In particular he acknowledged the passing of former Administrator Mr. Robert (Bob) Parker.
- PROXIES:** Mr. Dohnt informed the Meeting that no member had expressed an intention to appoint a Proxy and none had been received.
- MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to all Members with the Notice and Agenda for the Meeting. A motion was put to the meeting that the Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of Members be **RECEIVED AND TAKEN AS READ**, and this was **RESOLVED** in the affirmative.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The President Mr Todd Woodbridge presented his report, noting the following -
- The 2021 Davis Cup by Ry Rakuten took place across Madrid, Innsbruck and Turin from 25th November to 5 December 2021. Australia was one of 18 teams competing in the knock out stage. Grouped with Croatia and Hungary, we competed successfully against Hungary but fell short to the eventual finalist, Croatia. In the Final, the Russian Tennis Federation proved too strong for Croatia. Our 2022 campaign has started strongly after defeating Hungary in a Qualification match at the Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney in March 2022. The Foundation invited Members to a luncheon prior to the first day of play where the Orange Boys, Eddie Winter and Charlie Camus were interviewed.
 - The 2022 ATP Cup event played in Sydney saw Canada beat Spain in the final. Australia was placed in a Group with Italy, Russia and France. Australia finished second in the group with wins against Italy and France but lost to Russia and failed to progress to the semi- finals.
 - The 2022 Australian Open started with much controversy surrounding the vaccination status of Novak Djokovic but will be remembered for the great results we saw at the back end of the Tournament. It was great to see Rafael Nadal claim his second Australian Open title while the Australian contingent of players had some great results. Alex de Minaur reached the fourth round of the singles, Nick Kyrgios teamed with Thanasi Kokkinakis to win the Mens Doubles defeating Matt Ebden and Max Purcell in an all

Australian Final, while Jason Kubler paired up with Jaimee Fourlis to make it to the Final of the Mixed Doubles. Dylan Alcott ended his professional career with a Grand Final appearance in the Wheelchair Tennis Quad Singles event. No doubt, from an Australian perspective, the highlight of the event was the fantastic achievement of Ash Barty winning the Women's Singles, her 3rd Grand Slam singles title. Little did we know at the time but it was to be her last appearance as a professional tennis player, announcing her retirement from the game in March, 2022.

- In July 2021, we hosted a successful High Tea at Kooyong Tennis Club on the middle Sunday of the Wimbledon Championships. With over 80 members in attendance we were fortunate to hear from Jelena Dokic who spoke openly about her upbringing and assisted me in dissecting the first week of the Championships.
- Acknowledgement and appreciation to Chris Brown and the team to Kooyong Tennis Club who play host to our Board meetings and various functions.
- Acknowledgement and appreciation to all the Board Members for their contribution over the last 12 months. A special tribute was made to Alan Cobb who after 21 years of outstanding service announced his retirement during the year. We were very fortunate that Anna White agreed to fill the casual vacancy until the election at this Annual General Meeting.

ADOPTION OF DIRECTORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Before moving to the adoption of the Director's Report and Financial Statements Mr. Dohnt, on behalf of all members, thanked the President for his tireless efforts throughout the year not only as Chair of the Board but maintaining a strong and important link to Tennis Australia. Despite a heavy workload away from the Foundation, Todd was always available to assist with the on-going issues and negotiations that we faced. His strong connections with Tennis Australia and the current playing group is of enormous benefit to the Foundation.

Mr. Dohnt formally proposed the adoption of the Annual Report incorporating the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2022 and called upon the Hon. Treasurer to support the motion.

Drawing attention to the Financial Report Mr Jamieson reflected upon the financial position of the Foundation as set out in the Financial Statements in the Annual Report. In the year under review a net loss of \$2,550 was recorded, down \$72,665 from the previous year. The most significant change to the result from the previous year was that last year we recorded an unrealised Capital Appreciation of \$32,194 from our Investments against an unrealised loss this year of \$27,897, a variation of \$60,091. Mr Jamieson advised of Accumulated Funds of \$523,965 and highlighted details of investments of \$442,111 in Term Deposits and Floating Notes.

Concluding his remarks, the Hon Treasurer expressed his gratitude to the Company's Auditor, Mr Andrew Lane for his professional advice and guidance in the preparation of the Company's financial reports. He also expressed his appreciation to Mrs Judy Pullyblank, whose many tasks include the function of Bookkeeper, a task that she continues to perform with skilful attention to detail.

The Hon. Treasurer then formally supported the motion of the Mr. Dohnt.

RESOLVED on the motion of Mr. Dohnt seconded by the Hon Treasurer Mr. Jamieson that the 51st Annual Report of the Foundation including the Director's Statutory Report; the Statement of Financial Position; the Statement of Financial Performance; the Statement of Cash Flows and the Auditor's Report thereon, each of which related to the year ended 30th June 2022, be and be hereby **ADOPTED. CARRIED**

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The Chairman advised that with effect from the close of the meeting five (5) Directors namely Messrs. Neale Fraser, Todd Woodbridge, Ian Jane, and Mrs. Mary Klestadt and Mrs. Anna White, retire by rotation in accordance with the Constitution. Each of these persons is eligible for re-election and all but one have nominated for the coming year.

It was with regret that Mr Woodbridge advised the members that Mr Fraser had advised him that after 51 years of service to the Foundation he would not be seeking re-election to the position of Director for the coming year. Mr Woodbridge spoke of the fantastic contribution made by Neale over that period, with 48 of those 51 years serving as either Vice President or President of the Foundation. Mr Fraser would continue as Patron of the Foundation. Mr Woodbridge advised the Members that an appropriate function would be organised to honour the contribution Neale has made to both the Foundation and Davis Cup tennis for Australia.

The Chairman announced that as the number of nominations did not exceed vacancies no ballot was required and consequently Mr. Woodbridge, Mr. Jane, Mrs. Klestadt and Mrs. White were duly elected as Directors for the ensuing year.

With effect from the close of the meeting the Directors of the Foundation are Messrs Todd Woodbridge, Trevor Dohnt, Robert Jamieson, Ian Jane, Robert Hinton, Cedric Mason, Jonathon Sweeney, Mrs Sue Newland, Mrs Mary Klestadt, Mrs. Anna White Ms. Lauren Breadmore. In accordance with the Constitution the Directors will convene a meeting to elect the Office Bearers for the coming year.

A pre-recorded video was shown of Lleyton Hewitt speaking from Malaga, Spain where the team was preparing for the up-coming Davis Cup Finals. Lleyton spoke of the great preparation the team was having and thanked Members for their on-going support of Davis Cup.

CLOSE:

The Chairman thanked all members present for their attendance and formally declared the 51st Annual General Meeting of members of the Australian Davis Dup Tennis Foundation to be closed at 8.10pm.

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

CHAIRMAN

DATE

