

THE AUSTRALIAN DAVIS CUP TENNIS FOUNDATION

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting of Members held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Monday 13th November 2023.

- PRESENT:** A total of 34 members registered their presence at the meeting.
- APOLOGIES:** Mr. Dohnt indicated that apologies were received from 27 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 Davis Cup Players Mr Owen Davidson and Mr. Rex Hartwig.
- 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 51st Annual General Meeting of Members be **RECEIVED**, and by show of hands this motion was **CARRIED**.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The President Mr Todd Woodbridge presented his report, noting the following -
- Our 2022 Davis Cup campaign started strongly after defeating Hungary in a Qualification match at the Ken Rosewall Arena in Sydney in March 2022. This victory ensured a place in the final 16 nations who played off in a group format in September 2022. Australia was grouped with Belgium, France and Germany and by finishing second to Germany was good enough to advance to the final knock out stage with 8 nations in Malaga, Spain. Australia beat The Netherlands and Croatia to reach the Final but lost to a very strong team from Canada to finish the Tournament in second place. By finishing second, Australia automatically qualifies for the 16 nation competition in 2023.
- The 2022-23 Australian tennis season kicked off on the 29th December with the inaugural edition of the United Cup. In the Round Robin competition Australia was grouped with Great Britain and Spain in Sydney and finished second in the group, losing to Great Britain and defeating Spain. The United States, Greece and Italy and Poland played off in the semi finals and the United States defeated Italy in the Grand Final. The Australian team of Alex De Minaur, Jason Kubler, John Peers, Maddison Inglis, Zoe Hives, Olivia Gadecki, and Samantha Stosur performed admirably under the watchful eye of joint captains Lleyton Hewitt and Samantha Stosur.
- The other International events over the summer included back to back WTA 500 and ATP 250 events in Adelaide, a WTA 250 event in

Hobart followed by the Australian Open. Thanasi Kokkinakis performed well in Adelaide by following on from his 2022 victory with a semi final appearance. The hugely successful Australian Open saw Jason Kubler team up with Rinky Hijakata to win the Mens Doubles, while Alex De Minaur went down to the eventual winner Novak Djokovic in the 4th Round. Congratulations to Novak, winning his 10th Australian Open title and 22nd major title, tying Rafael Nadal's all time record. Congratulations also to Aryna Sabalenka by taking out the Women's Singles event, her first major title.

In lieu of our annual Wimbledon High Tea event in July 2022 we were fortunate to join the International Tennis Club of Australia and friends and family of Frank Sedgman at Kooyong to celebrate the 70 year anniversary of Frank winning the Singles, Doubles and Mixed titles at the 1952 Wimbledon Championships. A magnificent achievement that has never been repeated and most likely never will.

In January 2023 we held our Australian Open lunch at Kooyong and honoured the legendary Neale Fraser, who after 51 years service to the Foundation, retired from the Board in September 2022. Neale's service to the Foundation, to Davis Cup and tennis in general has been remarkable and we could not have wished for a better function to honour his great achievements.

It was pleasing that the Foundation was back in a financial position that allowed us to make a significant contribution towards the development programmes conducted by Tennis Australia. This year the funds were directed towards a European Tour for 14 boys aged between 13 and 14 years old. We trust these boys benefited from the experience and that it puts them on the path towards international success.

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.

Following the Presidents Report a pre-recorded video was shown of Matt Ebden speaking from Malaga, Spain where the team was preparing for the up-coming Davis Cup Finals. Matt spoke of the success he has enjoyed during the year and of the great preparation the team was having in the lead up to the Final. Matt thanked Members for their on-going support of Davis Cup.

**ADOPTION OF
DIRECTORS REPORT
AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS:**

Before moving to the adoption of the Director's Report and Financial Statements Mr. Hinton, 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. Hinton formally proposed the adoption of the Annual Report incorporating the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023 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 \$9,287 was recorded, down \$6,737 from the previous year. The surplus from our general operations was well up from last year given a successful January luncheon and a vastly improved valuation of our investments , however a \$65,000 contribution to Tennis Australia (last year this was zero), resulted in the small loss. Mr. Jamieson advised of Accumulated Funds of \$514,678 and highlighted details of investments of \$507,964 in Term Deposits and Floating Notes.

Concluding his remarks, the Hon Treasurer expressed his gratitude to the Company's Auditor, Mr Samadi from Accru Melbourne (Audit) Pty Ltd 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. Hinton.

RESOLVED on the motion of Mr. Hinton seconded by the Hon Treasurer Mr. Jamieson that the 52nd 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 2023, be hereby **ADOPTED. CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR
APPOINTMENTS:**

The Chairman advised that with effect from the close of the meeting five (4) Directors namely Mr. Cedric Mason, Mr. Trevor Dohnt, Mr. Jonathon Sweeney and Mrs Susan Newland retire by rotation in accordance with the Constitution. Each of these persons is eligible for re-election and all have nominated for the coming year.

The Chairman announced that as the number of nominations did not exceed vacancies no ballot was required and consequently Mr. Mason, Mr. Dohnt, Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Newland 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 and Ms. Lauren Breadmore. In accordance with the Constitution the Directors will convene a meeting to elect the Office Bearers for the coming year.

CLOSE:

The Chairman thanked all members present for their attendance and formally declared the 52nd 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

