



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Tennis Eastern Province  
and Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay  
held on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
at Westview Sports Club at 18h00

**Present:**     **Mike Bladen (President)**  
                  **Andus Bruwer (Vice President)**  
                  **Delia Greeff (Secretary)**  
                  **Wayne McCay (Treasurer)**  
                  **Members as per the attendance register attached**

**1. Welcome**

Mike Bladen welcomed everyone especially Richard Glover, CEO of Tennis South Africa who is in his 7 month of a 10 year tenure and wished him all the best.

**2. Attendance register:**

See attached.

**3. Apologies:**

Vicky Goodall, Addo Tennis Club, Lynne Pelle, Frik Buys, Jayne Turner, Noel Harvey and Ronnie Victor.

**4. Amendments to the Agenda:**

None

**5. Matters arising from previous minutes:**

The TEP Minutes from 2016 were presented electronically and were taken as read.

Mike said that Junior tennis was in disarray in 2016 with bank accounts that had been frozen, but this has now been sorted out and Juniors appear to be on the right path now.

Mike said that this would be the last AGM for Tennis Eastern Province (TEP), bank accounts will be closed and all will be moved across to Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay (TNMB).

The minutes were proposed by: George Holloway and seconded by: Peter Sale

**6. Presidents report:**

Mike presented his report electronically which incorporated the Financial report as well. See [www.tenniseasterncape.co.za](http://www.tenniseasterncape.co.za) for the full report.

**Financial report:** Wayne McCay said that Rian Viljoen and Johan Van Zyl would repay the funds outstanding from their loans monthly.

Keith Murcott queried the R24, 448 received in 2015/2016 and wanted to know where had it come from, what was it spent on and why did we have no amount received in 2016/2017. Wayne replied that we had received funds from the Metro which had to be used on Play and Stay equipment no funds were received for this last year.

TEP and TNMB financial reports were proposed by: Strelza Schumann and seconded by: Dave Emslie.

### **President's Report:**

Mike presented his report electronically for TEP & TNMB.

Development – Gugs Senti reported that even though there had been no assistance with funding, Young Park, Zwide, Motherwell and Kwazakhele coaching was carry on and that it was stronger than before. Mike asked that one of the coaches attend the TNMB Executive meeting once a quarter to report back on what has been achieved.

Ron Endley corrected the statement that Park Avenue and PE Lawn Tennis Club had amalgamated, he said that they had not formally joined as they are waiting for the change in the lease agreement from the Metro. He said that about 30 pensioners played there during the week and that PE Club were maintaining the courts. Mike asked if he needs assistance with the lease agreement from TNMB, Ron replied that they do.

Denise Walton from Bluewater Bay Tennis Club said that they also needed assistance with renewing their lease agreement. Patrick Grewar suggested that we, TNMB, ask the Metro for a universal lease agreement for all Clubs. Mike asked that the Clubs who require assistance with their lease agreements must contact Delia to ask for help. Strelza Schumann from Walmer Tennis Club said that they had been struggling for about 8 years to renew theirs. Keith Murcott said that he will go back in the records at the Metro to find out about lease agreements for all the tennis clubs who have lease agreements. Patrick reminded all the Clubs that they either need a lease agreement or proof of ownership of the land to apply for Lotto funding.

Mike ended off by thanking his committee for their support throughout the year.

The Presidents report was proposed by George Holloway and seconded by Denise Walton.

### **7. Honoraria:**

The meeting agreed, that the Secretary and Treasurer would receive an increase of Honoraria fees to R3000 and they were thanked for all their hard work.

### **8. Election of Office bearers:**

#### **Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay:**

**President:** Mike Bladen

**Vice-President:** Imraan Cassim

**Secretary:** Delia Greeff

**Treasurer:** Wayne McCay

**League Convener:** Delia Greeff

**Additional Members:** Dave Emslie, Lizaan Willemse and Garth Loest

**Past President:** Neil McLaggan

Mike thanked Neil and Patrick, who were retiring, for all they had done in the past.

## **9. Address by the CEO of TSA – Richard Glover:**

Richard presented a detailed report of

Gavin Cullen from Wembley Tennis Club said that he had been frustrated when he could not find his Club on the TSA website. He thanked Richard for a detailed report and that it looked like a sustainable business model. He asked what the Clubs could expect from TSA to promote tennis in their community. Richard said that with regards the Club details not been on the website, all that needs to be done is to go to the website and enter the Clubs details. Richard said that TSA were starting to make progress, he asked Gavin what the Clubs want from TSA, Gavin replied that they would like sponsorship for tennis they would like literature to be made available from TSA, like they do overseas, handouts like caps, shirts etc. The Clubs need something tangible to promote Club tennis or maybe financial support? Or maybe a kickback for a Club that has increase their membership, that would be good.

Ian Pattinson from Westview asked if there would be flow back to the Provinces from the proposed Club Champs? He said that Clubs need to be sustainable, they need sponsorship to attract and maintain a high level of tennis. He said that if Clubs fail then we will not have tennis, they need money sponsorship from outside. Richard replied that TSA were in negotiation stages with a new sponsor and said that they had indicated that they were particularly interested in Club tennis. He asked what the Club were doing to promote tennis, in particular young black females?

Dave Emslie said that sponsorship for sport in SA needed to be generated and that an educational process need to be put in place. He said that at one stage we tried to stagger league tennis to accommodate the Juniors but unfortunately that did not work out.

Strelza Schumann asked about sponsorship from the Municipalities and asked if there was any possibility of them working with the Clubs. Richard replied that relationships with the Metro needed to be built at ground level so it was up to the Clubs to do so.

Louis Van der Merwe from Drostdy Tennis Club said that he saw it that the Clubs were still being run by the same old, same old members and that they need new young ideas.

Patrick Grewar of Victoria Park Tennis Club said that is the Clubs continue to do the same thing all the time they will get the same results. He said that Wembley Tennis Club became a 'social' club and stated to attract new players. He congratulated Richard on the sponsorships he has brought on board for TSA in the few months he has been there, he asked if there was a business plan that could be brought to Club level. He said that the International body of tennis needs to support tennis in SA, they owes us, as we have had great players like Cliff Drysdale, Owen Williams come from SA. He said that children like to see their idols playing but that there none from SA at the moment. TSA needs to lobby international players to come and play in SA. Richard needs to build a relationship with International players. Richard asked if any Club had sat down with young players and asked them what they would like their Club to do. What about free wi-fi? he said that after some research it had been found that the young girls were concerned about toilet facilities. He said that the Clubs need to tap into the Juniors playing tennis.

Denise Walton of Bluewater Bay Tennis Club thanked their member Roberto Almanza who had tapped into the Juniors and had got amazing results for their

Club. Richard suggested that maybe the Clubs should approach Roberto to ask for his help with their Club.

Garth Loest of Walmer Tennis Club said that maybe the Regional Body should form a relationship with the Metro. Mike Bladen replied that in order to do that we need to formulate Tennis Eastern Cape first. Richard replied that there was now a task team within TSA to formalize the TSA Constitution and was hoping that it would be completed by the TSA AGM in September this year. He said that we need to change to Tennis Eastern Cape.

Keith Murcott from PE Tennis Club thanked Richard for his informative presentation and said that maybe the media needs to give more coverage to tennis in Port Elizabeth Herald newspaper.

Mike Bladen then thanked Richard for his time and for attending our meeting.

**10. General:**

TNMB league issues, it was approved by the meeting that the fee to enter a team into the league would increase from R20 to R50 per team and that any team disobeying the league rules would pay a fine of R150.

It was suggested that perhaps a 'pool of players' should be introduced for leagues any player not playing leagues for their Club could go into the pool and play for any other Club if needed. It was decided to leave it up to the league committee to look into it.

It was clarified that ladies who were good enough to play in the Premier Mens league could do so.

A few changes were made to the league rules, Delia to make the changes and send out to the Clubs before the start of the Winter leagues.

**11. Closure:**

Everyone was thanked for their attendance and invited to partake of the refreshments provided.

The meeting closed at 20h22.

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**President**

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**Secretary**

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