



AWTTA – Meeting Minutes

Date: 18/11/2019

Location of Meeting: 471 North Street, Albury, NSW 2640

Start of Meeting: 17:00

Status: Approved

Present: Terry Caldwell (President), Bill Farrell (Vice-President), Kerry Bell (Secretary), Rick Woods (Treasurer), Ian Radley, Ivan Church.

Apologies: Barbara Manley, Darryl Young.

Absent:

Agenda Item 1: Meeting Minutes from previous meeting, date 16/09/2019

Mover: Radley, Ian **Secunder:** Woods, Rick

Agenda Item 2: Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Mover: Caldwell, Terry **Secunder:** Radley, Ian

All clear, only Action Items to be considered.

Agenda Item 3: Action Items – See Attachment 1

Mover: Caldwell, Terry **Secunder:** Bell, Kerry

Amendments made to attachment as discussed.

- Item 10/18 – EFTPOS: IR acquired a new phone (as upgraded system rejected old phone) and system is working. Occasional requests for EFTPOS at Keenagers. Prepares training for Keenager Co-ordinator(s) later.
- Item 04/19 -Shed Painting: KB: request re availability of spray painting equipment. Peter Nelson has offered electric spray gun. IR (supported by input from Dean Bilston) recommended rollers specific for corrugated iron. Nev Lowe came on Nov 16 and prepared surface.
- Item 06/19 – Lighting: Rod Keene booked for 19/11/2019. Lights down centre as well as moving lights on left (east). \$3000-\$3500. Centre lights on separate switch.
- Item 07/19 – Item 35: Sheet for vote on changes to item 35 of Constitution circulated via email and hard copies made available in the office. Finalise at AGM.
- Item 10/19: Promotion Board. KB: Border Signs does not make such boards, but would be able to supply lettering. DY probably not able to construct now. KB to check other options.
- Item 14/19 – Raffle: Draw on 24/11/2019. IR - Notice. Discuss projects at AGM? Just over \$4000 of tickets sold. Some clubs tardy in returns and other email addresses and postal addresses not up to date. 50 books outstanding. Hoping for good sales at the Vets tournament. Draw 1st, 2nd, 3rd just before Singles on Sunday (approx 1.55pm). AWTTA to subsidise \$500 Hello World with \$200 from proceeds. Full details to winners to be recorded at draw. Direct 3rd to IR for prize. Winners notified as soon as possible and listed on AWTTA website and Facebook within 24 hours.



- Item 15/19 - Strategic Planning: Progress? Nothing to report, except that there are now eight members. Listed on attachment.
- Item 17/19: IR awaiting roles/responsibilities documents from KB (WIP). *(BS: Still person for special purchase orders from Affordable).*
- Item 18/19 - Club Health Check: This ties in with Strategic Planning, so can be done concurrently by SP group.
- Item 19/19 – Marking Club bats: Yet to be marked. This week.
- Item 20/19 – Change front door lock set-up: Unchanged. Add a sign on the inside – “I’m magnetised, Push Me”.
- Item 21/19 – 2020 calendar: IR entered Pennant dates as per list presented at 16/9 meeting. AW Keenager Tournament confirmed 27-28/3/20 (clash with shopping centre promotion days). Other 2020 dates to be added as available – after review by new committee.
- Item 22/19 - Child Safety Officer: IR emailed KB with cc to TC and TTV re CL being AWTTA Child Safety Officer on 1/10/2019. Stuart D assisting Cody?
- Item 23/19 – Storage for participants’ items: Storage acquired from ALDI for aisle will suit visiting players and Pennant nights where players tend to take gear to aisle near their tables for the night. Committee checked one constructed kit for approval for the rest to be constructed by Colin Parker and Graham MacDonald on Thursday (5 x 3-shelf units from 3 packs). Some riveting will make more rigid.

Keenager storage still to be settled. Perhaps wait a while to see if some Keenagers use storage in aisle, and review how much storage would be required.
- Grants-02/19 - CC: Time to submit CC sponsorship request.
- Grants-03/19 - ACC: Acquittal for ACC sponsorship to be submitted after Vets tournament.
- Grants-05/19 - TTA: Equipment purchased (twice value of TTA grant, as required)

Agenda Item 4: Correspondence – Mail/Email

Mover: Church, Ivan **Second:** Farrell, Bill

Usual invoices.

Ratings Central to be paid by TTV/TTA

Email: TTV fees (various) – to be discussed as an agenda item.

Email: Bas Smeulders’ resignation from Committee.

Waiting for response re grant application for flooring.

Agenda Item 5: Treasurer’s Report

Mover: Radley, Ian **Second:** Farrell, Bill

2018-2019 accounts are with the auditor.

Available cash 31/10/2019: \$65,679.

Nightly fees and Keenager receipts are both up on 2018. School Groups receipts slightly down

Agenda Item 6: Extra Key for Sunday Sessions? (26/19)

Mover: Caldwell, Terry **Second:** Bell, Kerry

Geoff Prior requested another person have a key after Cody was unavailable on one Sunday (not a first Sunday when Come & Try hosts would have been available). If Geoff provides name of a regular willing to have the key, it will be provided.



Agenda Item 7: New TTV fees (27/19). Motion: Bill Mitchell to write first draft of letter/email to TTV and other committee members to review and be sent before the next TTV meeting on Thursday Nov 21. Other TTV associations to receive a copy when sent to TTV.

Mover: Caldwell, Terry **Seconder:** Radley, Ian

Bill Mitchell sought permission to address meeting.

TTV 2019 fees: Pennant \$50/\$65; Tournament \$60/\$75; Social \$35. Concession – Jnr only.

TTNSW 2019 fees: National \$120; State \$90; District \$70; Social \$12 (Social included Insurance Team Pennants, Local Tournaments – between country clubs within 300km radius, coaching and casual play for Country NSW, but only Insurance for Metro). No concession rates. TC chasing up TTNSW 2020 fees.

TTV 2020 fees: Competition \$80/\$120 (Half \$50/\$80); Social \$35. Concession – Jnr & Snr Card. Expected small increase for Ratings Central.

Ken Smith and IR emailed TTV as there is a very sharp increase in fees.

KS-TTV email: Extraordinary fee hike is ridiculous. Cost pennant players too much and have negative effect on Table Tennis in Vic. Doesn't appear to have been enough outrage re loss of funding.

TTV-KS email: Reduction in Gov't funding ("Together More Active" 4 yr plan did not commence in July 2019). Delayed decision as long as possible (*but did not notify affiliates!*) VicSport is advocating and lobbying Vic Gov't on TTV behalf. Increased from \$42 in 2005 to \$75 in 2019 – costs have gone up a lot in that time. Essential activities not guaranteed external revenue, so can't grow the sport without increasing fees. Fees: player development, competition access, insurance, grant funding opportunities, courses, marketing, club enhancement, high performance.....

IR-TTV email: Concern when multiple family members playing pennant. Queried Social membership not increasing. Brought focus onto Keenagers Social/Competition status and new CEO considers Keenager "competitions" to take Keenagers from Social to Competition status.

TTV-IR email: Payment plans are available (perhaps \$10 per month). Relying on discretionary external support is not responsible business practice.

DVTTA-TTV: Focus on innovative and recruitment at club level. Focus on elite performance to detriment of growing sport at grassroots. Increase not justified. Membership not absorb extra cost with increases in facilities rent as well. Jeopardise survival of club. Lack of confidence in board. Seeking members feedback.

BM email: Support of elite has no benefit to ordinary pennant. Maybe associations call Extraordinary General meeting of TTV?

GP email: Support elite and attention they draw to sport. Who else has lost funding? Why Table Tennis? TTV chase other funding. Too late – fait accompli, pity about the lack of prior communication.

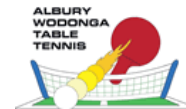
Total cost for AWTTA Pennant assuming same session fees and attendance at all pennant nights:

2019 Adult: $\$65/\$75 + \$10 \times 43 = \$495/\$505$. Concession $\$50/\$60 + \$6 \times 43 = \$308/\$318$

2020 Adult: $\$120 + \$10 \times 43 = \$550$ (+9%). Concession: $\$80 + \$6 \times 43 = \$338$ (+6%)

Overall cost comparisons were made with some other local sports. It appears that Table Tennis is cheaper than Tennis and Golf, but more expensive than Basketball and Sailing.

Discussion with Bill Mitchell: Bill believed the CEO response to emails of concern to be arrogant. When available funds less than anticipated, TTV board should have looked at cutting costs and removing some activities. Bill recommended a very detailed response to the TTV board including a request for a detailed budget and justification for financial decisions. One pertinent question is: "What does AWTTA



receive back?” Bill believes the most growth will happen if local clubs are supported in attracting local juniors. If necessary, support could be garnered for an Extraordinary General Meeting. Bill may take the opportunity to talk to some TTV board members at the AW Vets tournament.

TC: We can acknowledge that most associations are worse off than AWTTA as they have increases in facilities rental as well as increased TTV fees. TTV could be made aware of the TTNSW fee structure and the possibility of TTNSW being a better financial choice for AWTTA.

At the MPTTA Keenager event, KB had discussions with committee members from MPTTA, Leongatha and Ballarat. We do need to keep all associations informed re correspondence to TTV (cc each email to other TTV affiliates).

It would have better if the increases had been happening over a number of years or at least TTV circulating possible fee structure depending on the available funding.

IR has seen comments that suggest that some “Together More Active” funding has actually been received by TTV

Bill Mitchell offered to write the initial draft of correspondence to TTV and the Committee agreed to accept his offer.

Agenda Item 8: Nominations for 2019-2020 Committee (28/19)

Mover: Radley, Ian **Seconder:** Woods, Rick

Bill Farrell and Barbara Manley are not standing as committee members. Bill will continue as Strategic Planning Group facilitator and will be happy to be seconded for other roles. Barbara will continue with Uniforms and Promotion activities.

President: Terry Caldwell; Vice President: Ian Radley; Secretary: Kerry Bell;
Treasurer: Rick Woods

General: Ivan Church, Cody Luton, Brett Sagers, Peter Burr, John Waters.

Agenda Item 9: Date of Next Meetings: AGM November 29, 7.00pm. (6.00pm BBQ), Dec 9 at 5.00pm (IR to confirm availability after consulting roster), then maybe January 13.

End of Meeting: 6.30pm

----- END OF MINUTES -----