

Vic Park Squash Club Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Held Saturday 22nd February at Barr Room, Leisurelife Centre, cnr Gloucester & Kent St,
East Victoria Park WA.

Meeting opened 11:42am.

Members present: Lisa Christou, Rebecca Barendrecht, Glenn Gould, Roger Schmidlin, Kay Uchiyama, Yasser El Fahham, Cindy Parsley, Lila Hayek, Steve Palmer, Graham Johnson, Jacques Giuffre, Niall Naghten, Sam Nichols, Ria Tinalisaa, Sam Hendy-Taylor, Pawel Gaca, Tanya Chapman, Sue Hillier, Alison Coburn, Mehdi Babaei, Trevor Cruickshank, Chester Cutinha.

Apologies: Wayne Bonner, Katherine Tonkin, Lachlan McVey, Emma Farinaccio, Pamela Harling, David Lillico.

Chaired by: Sam Nichols (SN)

Minute-taker: Rebecca Barendrecht (RB)

No disclosures made of any potential or perceived conflicts of interest

SN presented the minutes of the previous AGM. **RB moved a motion to accept the minutes of the previous AGM.** LC seconded. No objections. Motion passed unanimously – minutes are accepted.

SN presented the 2019 Annual Report, accompanied by verbal reports as follows:

President's report – Lisa Christou (LC)

See Annual Report for full report

LC welcomed everyone, stated that it has been a great year, club is thriving. Highlights include ever-popular Saturday social squash mornings, increased junior numbers, increased participation from VPS members in tournaments both metro and country, brand new club uniforms, Roger's "off the beaten track" workshop, two open days held for juniors, new annual awards night introduced, introduction of the annual Min Ford Award. Full report can be viewed in the Annual Report. LC extended her thanks to the committee for their support and hard work.

Captain's report – Alison Coburn (AC)

See Annual Report for full report

AC speaking on behalf of both herself and co-captain LM (sent his apologies for the meeting). Thank you to the members for participating and being so involved throughout the year. Refer to Annual Report for full overview of competition results from past year. Monday night comp has been the major focus for the club captains throughout the year. Many

changes rolled out across past twelve months, including SportyHQ, new tablets - thanks everyone for their patience in going through it with us.

Treasurer's report & financial statement - SN

See Annual Report for full report & financials

SN stated that the club is in very good shape financially, record amount of cash in bank account, good revenue from Monday comp, particularly now that fees are paid on an upfront seasonal basis. Opened new bank account (fee free), ANZ account to close within next few months. Club has introduced a payment square for EFT payments instead of cash-only (i.e. Sat social). Junior revenue has doubled thanks to various initiatives throughout the year - advertising, etc. Club has ability to spend money, open to suggestions from members.

Junior Report – Sue Hillier (SH)

See Annual Report for full report

SH reported that numbers have increased immensely, beginning to overflow court capacity, called out for more volunteers / helpers with this. SH mentioned that Abel Jin is currently the club's only locally based high-level junior, with others now based out-of-state (i.e. Greg Chan) or having moved to other clubs. Big thanks to LC, Katy Scott and Kay Uchiyama for all their help with the weekly Wednesday junior program

Saturday Social Report – Roger Schmidlin (RS)

See Annual Report for full report

RS reported that Sat social continues to run well and noted there was lots of representation from this group of players at this meeting, which shows the engagement and interest in the club that is generated from this program. He mentioned that he gets a lot of help from Yasser El Fahham (YEF) and Mehdi Babaei (MB) in particular to keep the program running each week.

Event Report - SN on behalf of Kat Tonkin (KT) & Wayne Bonner (WB)

See Annual Report for full report

Club increased its social activities run throughout the year, however SN mentioned there is still ample scope and funds to add new events. Members are encouraged to bring any ideas they may have to any member of the committee.

Motion to accept these reports, along with the presented 2019 Annual Report. Moved by Cindy Parsley (CP), seconded by SN. No objections. Motion passed unanimously - reports are accepted.

Elections of 2020 committee

*Election of 2020 Club President – RB nominated LC, seconded by Jacques Giuffre (JG). No other nominations received. **Lisa Christou is elected as president unopposed.***

Election of 2020 Club Captains – RB nominated RB & KT (in absentia). Seconded by Lisa. No other nominations received. **Rebecca Barendrecht & Katherine Tonkin (in absentia) are elected as club captains unopposed.**

Election of 2020 Club Secretary – LC nominated Tanya Chapman (TC). Seconded by SH. **Tanya Chapman is elected as secretary unopposed.**

Election of 2020 Club Treasurer – AC nominated SN. Seconded by RB. **Sam Nichols is elected as treasurer unopposed.**

Election of general committee members (6) – RB explained that the six general committee positions up for election are not assigned specific roles at this AGM (i.e. junior coordinator, events officer, social squash coordinator). These appointments are determined by the committee internally at their first meeting, as per constitution.

RS nominated YEF. Seconded by Chester Cutinha.

TC nominated CP, seconded by RB.

Trevor Cruickshank (TrC) nominated WB. Seconded by Sam HT.

TrC nominated Sam HT. Seconded by CP.

LC nominated SH. Seconded by JG.

Lila Hayek (LH) self-nominated. Seconded by SH.

No further nominations & no objections.

The following persons are elected unopposed to the general committee:

- Yasser El Fahham
- Cindy Parsley
- Wayne Bonner
- Sam Hendy-Taylor
- Sue Hillier
- Lila Hayek

General Business

SN: WA Squash AGM is on the 25th March at LLC. Invited current WA Squash Board Member TrC to speak to this.

TrC: Applauded the growth happening at VPS in contrast to many other clubs and the broader state of squash in WA. TrC stated that it has been a difficult twelve months for WA Squash, lots of work has been undertaken to improve the organisation's financial position. WA Squash also focussed on improving communication with clubs, who in turn communicate with their members. There have been some difficulties with Squash Aus which the board continues to work through. 2020 fee increases were consulted upon and passed through clubs prior to rolling out. Transparency is key.

TrC invited all members to attend the upcoming WA Squash AGM to learn more. Noted that on any motions and elections each club is only permitted one vote per club. TrC also mentioned that there is also currently a significant ref shortage in WA. WA Squash will be encouraging all clubs to nominate a member to train up as a club-level certified ref (at a minimum). Succession plan required.

SN: Noted that the club has received a request from TrC to be renominated to the WA Squash Board at their upcoming AGM (representing VPS). SN called for any other nominations from the members present for a position on the WA Squash board. None received.

Motion to nominate TrC to the WA Squash board. Moved by SN, seconded by LC. No objections. TrC's nomination to the WA Squash Board passes.

RS: WB approached him with the idea of a digital version of the current membership card. RS decided to take a step further by creating an app that will contain all of the daily requirements of being a VPS member. States your membership, has an expiry, contains links for common needs – (booking a court, paying fees, etc.). Can be edited / modified to meet the needs of the club). Currently in development, all feedback / suggestions welcome. Members in attendance discussed, idea well received. RS to liaise with committee once ready to launch.

RS: Thanks to all who have attended, great opportunity for communication with the committee about the club, hear what's been happening, and suggest any new ideas.

Vote of thanks to outgoing committee moved by AC, seconded by RB. Unanimously accepted.

SH: Keen to petition LLC for air conditioning up at the courts, will circulate to members for signatures and support. Could possibly be pitched as an H&S issue. SN suggested we could potentially wall off the area between the basketball court which would assist with keeping it cool, SH agreed as this new wall could potentially be used to display pennant shields on this) and other achievements.

Meeting closed at 12:20pm.