

# ***Darwin Tennis Association Inc.***

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## **Summary of DTA Committee Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 7pm at Gardens Tennis**

### **Present:**

Charles Webb (Chair), Paul Kelly, Jamie O'Brien, Jane Sheehan Phillipa Tziolis, Natalie La Pira, Luke Black

### **Apologies:**

Jordyn Howarth and Ben McLachlan (Top End Tennis)

### **Tennis NT (Sam Gibson, Manager TNT, in attendance)**

#### *a) Infrastructure*

Discussion occurred regarding the renewal of infrastructure at Gardens Tennis.

#### *b) TNT Strategic Plan*

Discussion of TNT strategic plan (available on Tennis NT website), noting that the TNT Strategic Plan and actions of DTA/Gardens Tennis in support of the plan will be a standing item on the agenda for DTA Committee meetings in 2017.

Discussion focussed on:

- The 6 Main Objectives of the TNT plan
- Clubs to adopt those aspects that best fit their mission and objectives
- Indigenous engagement a TNT focus
- Coaches a current focus, with TNT to engage in talent (coach) management/retention
- TNT looking to value add to clubs collectively

#### *c) TNT Industry Leaders Workshop*

Committee was advised of the forthcoming TNT Industry Leaders Workshop which will be attended by the principals of TET and the DTA President. An invitation was extended to Committee members to suggest information/ideas/requests to be included in the workshop.

### **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the published summary of this meeting noted.

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence from Minister Fyles regarding the successful application for a major Community Benefit Fund Grant and renewal of the Special Liquor Licence by the Northern Territory Government were noted. It was agreed to send a letter of appreciation to Minister Fyles

### **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

The status of action items from the previous Committee meeting was noted.

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

Acquittal of NTG Sport and Active Grants for Women and Girls with Treasurer. Finalising of CBF grant agreement. Revised material on the new Gardens Tennis website. Meetings with a range of potential and actual sponsors. Painting of male changing rooms and toilet for people with a disability with Treasurer, Vice President and Ruth O'Brien. Activities undertaken with the Executive.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Total cash at bank \$200,295K comprising \$45.4K in Business account, \$4.9K in Junior account and \$149,983.3 in sinking fund. Current balance less un-acquitted grant balances is \$50.3K

### **Report from Executive of Committee:**

Met with Top End Tennis (TET) and discussed shared mission and objectives and the financial performance of TET, timing of the Pro-Shop renovation and possible projects to be supported by the NTG IWSP grant scheme, sponsorship opportunities, lease of the gym area, the performance of the new Gardens Tennis website, the club newsletter and a new format for reporting by TET to the DTA Committee.

### **Report from Top End Tennis:**

Memberships open for 2017. Online registration is the preferred method this year. School visits continued in term 4 2016 with schools lined up to visit in term 1 2017. Holiday program had 18 kids each day. 1 extra squad has been added and all squads extended to 1.5 hours. Facebook presence has been increased.

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## **Sponsorship:**

Meeting (President, Treasurer and Jordan Howarth), with Southern Cross television to discuss a contra sponsorship. Meeting (President and Treasurer) with Karl Phillips (ANZ) to confirm sponsorship based on monies paid when members take out loans through ANZ. Meeting (President and Treasurer) with *Halikos*, who are providing significant sponsorship to DTA/Gardens Tennis.

## **Report from Infrastructure sub-committee**

Lighting – CBF grant application has been successful and focus now turns to discussion with contractor to supply and install the new lights. Courts 1 and 2 to be done first as a test of optimal installation.

Changing rooms - painting of changing rooms was recently undertaken by Committee members and Ruth O'Brien and the changing room project is very close to completion.

Consideration was given to possible infrastructure projects that could be funded through the NTG Immediate Work Stimulus Package (IWSP) grant program and it was agreed that fencing to improve club security, the installation of a new shed to accommodate increased and more secure storage and a relocation and upgrade of the barbeque area would be the first three priorities for an application for IWSP funding.

## **Report from Grants sub-committee**

Grant for upgrade to pro-shop screens and benches focusing on disability access has been successful.

Builder to be engaged as per grant application

It was agreed that an Immediate Works Stimulus Package (IWSP) application be made for the priority areas identified above.

It was agreed that an application for a solar hot water system be re-submitted to the Holden Home Ground Advantage (HHGA) program.

The acquittal of the 2015-2016 Sport and Active Recreation Grants Program for Women and Girls Grant was noted.

## **DTA Governance and Planning**

The outcome of an Australian Government Club Health Check was considered and possible priority areas for improvement noted. Committee agreed to discuss improvement approaches at the next meeting.

Committee considered the recently released Tennis Australia Member Protection Policy and agreed to consider actions that might need to be undertaken prior to adopting and implementing the policy.

Strategies for communication with members and clients were considered.

Possible major goals for DTA in 2017 were discussed and will be re-considered at the next meeting.

## **Next meeting**

Monday 6th March 2017, 7pm at Gardens Tennis