

# MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DELEGATES

## TENNIS CANTERBURY REGION INCORPORATED

Held at Wilding Park on Tuesday 4 November 2025

The meeting was chaired by David Hawes. The meeting presided over an attendance of Clubs, Local Tennis Partners, Affiliates, TCRI Board Members, Life Members and other individuals in attendance.

**The meeting was declared open at 7:20p.m.**

### 1. Roll Call and Apologies

The following Delegates were present:

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| Clubs:                   | Mike Clarke (Avonhead), Cindy Logan (Beckenham), David James (Burnside Park), Maria Austin (Cashmere), Johnny Carter (Coldstream), Gill Cain (Elmwood), Lois Daniell (Kaiapoi), Sarah Malin (Riccarton Domain), Tom Hill-Taiaoroa (Shirley), Alex Hinchy (South Brighton), Kelly Perazzolo (Spreydon), Stuart Anderson, Aaron Stanley Hunt (Sumner), Tim Preston, Mark Stringer (TKHP), Rebecca Gilbert (Waimairi) |
| Local Tennis Partners:   | Belinda Edmond, Steve Kingston, David Bain (Selwyn), Tony Brosnahan (Mid-Canterbury),                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Affiliates:              | Bruce McDowell, Lyndsay Dick, (Tennis Canterbury Masters)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| TCRI Life Members:       | Glenys Cochrane, Jane Glentworth, Tony Ralfe, Peter Maciaszek, Ty Tiller, Paul Higgins, Sam Clarke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| WPF Board:               | Richard Austin, Francis Fitzgerald                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Others in Attendance:    | Phil Wright (Tennis NZ Board), David Hawes, Andrew de Lautour, Peter McCorkindale, Nicole Dring, Curtis Morton, Rory McKenzie (TCRI Board), Steve Scobie (Sport Canterbury), Paul Grubi                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Apologies received from: | Richard Austin (WPF Chair), Jo Moar (Burnside Park), Rhett Mason (Elmwood), Doug Stanton (Halswell), Ian Williams (Opawa), Lloyd Russell (Waimairi), Steven Baird (Selwyn), Bernie O’Fagan, Doug Dixon (WPF Board), David Munro (Life Member)                                                                                                                                                                      |

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 2024 TCRI AGM and the 2025 TCRI SGM

The minutes of the 2024 TCRI AGM and the 2025 TCRI SGM were circulated to all delegates. There were no amendments to the minutes received.

*It was moved that the minutes of the 2024 TCRI AGM held Thursday 24 October 2024 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**Moved** Tom Hill-Taiaoroa **Seconded:** Cindy Logan  
**Carried**

*It was moved that the minutes of the TCRI SGM held Thursday 5 March 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**Moved** David Hawes **Seconded:** Peter Maciaszek  
**Carried**

### 3. Chair & GM Report

David Hawes (Chair) and Bevan Johns (GM) spoke about the years highlights:

- Club membership up 15% over last 2 years – the highest they have been since 2015
- Interclub teams up 10%
- Surplus for the year of \$94k, cash reserves (including investments) now at \$400k
- Constitutions – 16 clubs have successfully re-registered under the 2022 act – hard deadline of 5 April 2025 for all entities to re-register
- Complimentary formats (Pickleball, Padel, Padder) encouraged to be explored as offerings at clubs to help with member engagement and sustainability. Tennis Australia report to be circulated.
- Congratulations to all clubs on a successful year, in particular those who have substantially increased membership over the past 12 months.

**Question** Bruce McDowell – How much money are we paying to support Tennis NZ via affiliation fees

**Answer** Bevan Johns/David Hawes/Phil Wright – Approximately \$18 per member, expected to increase by 2.5% this year. Fees to Tennis NZ go towards a range of services including Club Spark, the new MatchPoint software, development programmes and supporting tennis in general.

*\*2024/25 affiliation fees paid went to: TCRI \$72k, WPF 29k, Tennis NZ \$107k*

**Question** David Bain – We all like surpluses but can you explain your cash reserves target and are you just creating surpluses for the sake of it?

**Answer** Bevan Johns/David Hawes – our annual operating expenses are about \$1M and our cash reserves policy is to have \$400k available to cover essential costs for around 6 months – this is pretty standard business practice, and we are very happy to have now met that target. Without cash reserves businesses can get themselves into trouble very quickly and the Board has an obligation to ensure the organisation is able to continue if an unforeseen drop in revenue occurs. All surpluses are ultimately re-invested in tennis, and we are focused on ensuring our success benefits clubs and will look to continue to reduce affiliation fees sustainably.

### 4. Notices of Motion

#### **Motion 1**

*It was moved that the annual report and financial statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 be adopted.*

**Moved** David Hawes **Seconded:** Bruce McDowell  
**Carried**

#### **Motion 2**

*It was moved that members ratify the Board's recommendation and approve that PKF Goldsmith Fox Audit Limited be reappointed as auditors of Tennis Canterbury Region Inc. for the year ending 30 June 2026 and that the Board agree the audit fee*

**Moved:** Peter Maciaszek **Seconded:** Mike Clarke  
**Carried**

### 5. Board Appointments Panel Members Representative

Lloyd Russel appointed uncontested. David thanked Lloyd for his continued service.

## 6. Board Appointments & Vacancies

- Caroline Christie resigned during the year due to work commitments
- Three elected vacancies were advertised with nominations received from incumbents Nicole Dring and Peter McCorkindale

*It was moved that Nicole Dring and Peter McCorkindale be re-elected to the TCRI Board*

**Moved:** Andrew de Lautour **Seconded:** Peter Maciaszek  
**Carried**

- One Appointed vacancy was advertised. Applications were received from three candidates with Rory McKenzie successfully appointed
- Rory introduced himself and discussed his background in community sport and his current role of National Capability Officer with New Zealand Rugby League.

## 7. General Business

**Comment** Tom Hill-Taiaroa – *Re-iterated the importance of updating constitutions and getting them registered with incorporated societies before 5 April 2025*

**Question** Tom Hill-Taiaroa – *Organisations fortunes rise and fall with individuals and the energy they bring and it's pleasing to be at an AGM where we appear to be heading in the right direction. Bevan – what are your plans for the next 5 years and what are we doing to make sure we don't end up going backwards when you leave.*

**Answer** Bevan Johns – *it is tricky to have a comprehensive succession plan when we have a limited team but the Board and I have discussed plans to ensure that when I do move on, we have someone who knows enough to keep the wheels turning and can either step up or bridge the gap until we find someone new. We also now have a solid operations plan and strategy that can be passed on. I've no immediate plans to move on – it has been an enjoyable 3 years and there's a bit of life left in me yet.*

**Comment** Tim Preston(TKHP) and Paul Grubi (Padder Tennis NZ) spoke about the Padder tennis programme that is being delivered to schools and the conversations they are having with local coaches about offering Padder as an alternative or supplement to hotshots. Conversations with Tennis NZ are ongoing with a view to formalizing a Tennis NZ endorsed offering.

**Question** Mark Stringer – *Seeing a lot of Pickleball growth, how do you see Pickleball fitting into the picture?*

**Answer** Bevan Johns – *There is no National Pickleball governance currently and this is something that Tennis NZ are exploring. Pickleball is a complimentary format that we need to embrace – there are thousands of people playing or interested in playing pickleball and tennis clubs can meet some of this demand. As long as tennis remains our primary focus and complimentary formats are not negatively impacting our sport we should look to them as supportive to our growth and sustainability. Tim Preston also mentioned TKHP are looking for a Pickleball coach – please get in touch if interested.*

**Meeting closed 8.10pm**