



# M.E.M.R.L.T.A. INC.



Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association Incorporated

President: Christine Shearer

Secretary: Fiona Dwyer  
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## **Minutes of 43rd Annual General Meeting held on 24th June, 2025 at Mount Waverley Community Centre 7.30pm**

Meeting commenced 7.33pm

### **WELCOME:**

President, Hope Stewart welcomed delegates from 34 Clubs.

### **APOLOGIES:**

Anne Hubbard- Life Member, Andrea Kick- Life Member, Judy Lambert - Life Member, Kathy Rehe – Life Member, Faye Berryman – Life Member, Jackie Aslett, Committee Member, Skye Berman – Kooyong, Jillina Kaminsky and Sally Addison – Kooyong, Tania Neale – Donvale, Hazel Rowe and Margaret Lecluse - Currawong, Fran Amos – Vermont South and Warrandyte T.C.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Minutes of the 42nd, as circulated.

Moved – Helen Williams, CUTC

Seconded – Ros Brereton, Parker Reserve

### **BUSINESS ARISING:**

Nil

### **CONDOLENCES:**

Hope read the names of those past MEMRLTA members and their history with the Association, who have sadly passed away since our last AGM and requested a moment of reflection for:-

Merle Bokulic – (Kathy Kempson's mother) – Glen Waverley

Silvia Giannattassio -Hallam

Rose Nash - Hallam

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Hope presented her report.

Hope pointed out a number of items in her report:-

- While the Summer Season 2024/25 saw fewer teams than last Summer Season, the Winter 2025 saw an increase in the number of teams competing than Winter 2024.
- Our Emergency Pool continues to grow
- 2 Premier Teams played in 2025 Tennis Victoria League Championship – namely Eley Park, S5 from the Winter 2024 and East Camberwell, S4 from Summer 2024/25.
- The creation of the MEMRLTA Emergency Contact Form for each team to utilise
- She thanked the Committee for their hard work for the past 12 months
- She also thanked the Clubs for making their courts available for our Final series and the prompt recording of scores on Match Centre, which helps our Records Secretaries.

Before Hope asked for her Report be seconded, Secretary, Fiona Dwyer, thanked Hope, on behalf of the Committee, for her last 3 years as President and the wonderful work she does on our Website.

Hope moved her Report  
Seconded – Fiona Dwyer

## **PRESENTATION OF THE ANNE HUBBARD AWARD:**

On behalf of Anne Hubbard, Ros Brereton, Committee Member presented the Anne Hubbard Trophy. Results as follows:-

- In 4<sup>th</sup> place – Camberwell United with 36.66 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kooyong with 36.83 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Donvale with 38.8 points
- in 1<sup>st</sup> place – Glen Waverley with 40 points

Ros asked Di Hawkins, representative from Glen Waverley, to come forward and accept the Trophy. Di thanked the Association for the Award.

## **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer, Christine Shearer, presented the Association's Financial Report, as circulated.

Christine announced for the first time for a number of years, the Association actually recorded a surplus of \$486.40.

Christine moved her report  
Seconded: Noelen Duckett – East Malvern

## **APPOINTMENT of AUDITOR:**

Christine Shearer proposed that we again appoint Ross Bardrick as our honorary Auditor for the 2025-26 Financial Year

Honouriums to remain the same as last year.

Affiliation Fees - \$45 per Club  
President-\$50  
Treasurer-\$125

Secretary- \$200  
 Record Secretary- \$150/season  
 Pool Record Secretary- \$50/season

Before President Hope stepped down from the chair, she explained that since the Agenda went out, we have had 2 more people nominate to join the Committee.

Hope Stewart then asked Libby Fergusson to Chair the Meeting for the nominations for the Executive Committee for 2025/26.

**ELECTION of OFFICE BEARERS:**

Hope passed the Chair to Libby.

**NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2025/26**

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> PROPOSER</b>
President:	Christine Shearer	Gardiner	Jessica Fary	Christine Youings
Vice President:	Jackie Aslett	Legend Park	Diane Turnbull	Jenny Leveleky
Secretary:	Fiona Dwyer	Vermont South	Libby Fergusson	Cath Kerr
Assistant Secretary:	Jessica Fary	Gardiner	Christine Youings	Christine Shearer
Treasurer:	Noelene Duckett	East Malvern	Jenny Turner	Jenny Brown
Record Secretaries:	Christine Youings	Gardiner	Jessica Fary	Christine Shearer
	Helen Williams	Camberwell Utd	Anne Sewell	Karyn Hannant
General Committee:	Sally Addison	Kooyong	Skye Berman	Shelly Hart
	Ros Brereton	Parker Reserve	Helen Williams	Jessica Fary
	Jillina Kaminsky	Kooyong	Kimberley Mustow	Angela Godwin
	Hope Stewart	East Camberwell	Nicole Hogan	Bee Urano
	Sandra Wolf	Kooyong	Justin Cox	Sally Addison

As there were enough nominations to fill the positions on the Executive Committee, there was no ballot required and all nominees were duly elected.

Libby congratulated all concerned, then called upon newly elected President, Christine Shearer, to take the Chair.

Christine thanked Libby for temporarily chairing the meeting and congratulated the incoming Committee.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Christine echoed the comments from Fiona Dwyer in thanking Hope for her last 3 years as President and her continued dedication to MEMRLTA remaining of the Committee as a General Member and her amazing work on our Website. Christine also thanked Skye Berman for her positive outlook and the fresh perspective she brought to the Committee.

She welcomed the 3 new Committee Members:-

- Jillina Kaminsky
- Sally Addison &
- Sandra Wolf

Christine Shearer then called upon Christine Youings to help clarify a few tennis rules:-

- Ball on court or behind a player – please call. This will avoid players either stepping on a ball, thus causing a possible injury or just purely a distraction
- Line calls – if in doubt it's not out. Always call in favour of the opposition.
- Ball marks are only accurate on en-tout-cas courts.
- Don't play 2
- Wash outs – it's the home team that adjudicates whether their courts are playable
- Wait an hour, either prior to the agreed start time or during the match but if both captains agree, the match can be declared a wash out.

Christine Turnbull from North Balwyn asked if there were any other situations that a let would be played. Christine Y explained that if a ball falls out of a pocket or hat were to come off, this would be deemed as an interference and 2 would be taken. If it were to happen again, the point would be awarded to the opposition.

Terry Harrison from Templestowe Park queried that if ball from one court rolls onto the other court, can players from the court where the ball rolled from, call the ball on the other court. Christine Y said no, it must come from the court where the ball has rolled to.

Christine Shearer then mentioned a number of items:-

- Morning Tea – strongly recommended that Home teams offer something to eat and drink through the match. This also promotes the social side of playing tennis.
- Facebook – she encouraged all Members to follow MEMRLTA's Facebook page and contribute to the page as well, such as photos
- Charity Day – the Committee is looking at bringing in a Charity Day
- Increase membership and more teams
- New players from outside our Association
- Branded items
- Develop strong relationships with our Club Contacts
- Pennants – major expenditure for the Association. Committee looking at other suppliers that may be cheaper but may need to either discontinue pennants or again, put up team fees to cover the cost
- To facilitate this, we will try and form a working party to review pennants, trophies etc. to come up with new ideas
- Also, form another working party to help increase player numbers in our Association. This would include members from the Committee and players outside the Committee. Christine asked for any members interested to come and speak to her

Christine then opened the floor to any other General Business.

- Helen Lucas – Doncaster – suggested that future AGMs be held in the day.
- Debra Harding – Bulleen – raised the issue of possibly, in finals, being able to use players from a team that has not made the finals when unable to secure an emergency, either from your own Club or from the Emergency Pool. It was explained that this would require a By-law amendment change and would need to be proposed at our next AGM

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Signed .....

Christine Shearer - President