

WEMBLEY TENNIS CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 89TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF WEMBLEY TENNIS CLUB HELD ON MONDAY, 23RD MARCH 2026 AT 17:30

Rodney welcomed to all those present

1. ATTENDANCE REGISTER – all in attendance have signed
2. APOLOGIES
Renette, Shuaib
3. PROXIES
 1. Jason Aitken – Sharne Feinauer
 2. Nadine Munton – Sharne Feinauer
 3. Jenny Lopes – Sharne Feinauer
 4. Andrew van Gruting – Hildy Ludick
 5. Kianu Jonker – Geneive van Zyl
 6. Christel Stuart – Sharne Feinauer
 7. Andrew Stuart – Sharne Feinauer
 8. Reino Verster – Mike van Wyk
 9. Cathy Golightly – Kevin Golightly
 10. Nicole Schroeder – Jayson Jordaan
 11. Aneldi Bestbier – Jayson Jordaan
 12. Paula Murray – Jayson Jordaan
 13. Stefan du Toit – Jayson Jordaan
 14. Cornel Payne – Lundie Payne
 15. Julia McGhee – Sharon Cullan
 16. Gillian Dold-Chapman – Rodney Dold-Chapman
 17. Daniel Dold-Chapman – Rodney Dold-Chapman
 18. Vicky Goodall – Jayson Jordaan
4. NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING
Sent via the What's App Wembley Members group on 6 March
Proposed: Colleen
Second: Sharon
5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM

Proposed by Paul
Seconded by Kevin

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6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by Bev Duckworth

Interesting Facts: Processed nearly 900 transactions equating to approximately R2mil

Biggest expenses for the year: Courts 5 & 6, roofing, bar costs

Barman costs, lights, water

Bar Profitability needs to be managed carefully

Running Club and TBTC covers at least 50% of Bar costs

There was a slight increase in cool drink costs

The 2 x tournaments – contributed nicely to our income stream

Annual court hire for the year – managed to cover most of the general expenses of the club

Investec account – we managed to put back R39 000.00

Cash reserves increased, but we wrote off the R69 000.00 SARS amount – therefore we ended in a loss.

Our Auditor needs to be considered – for more timeous efficiency and accuracy in preparing the end of year financials.

Directors of the Club: Lesley Young and Chris Hoop – need to be cancelled. We need 2 additional members to stand.

Jason: Well done. Bar sales increased nicely and not many complaints from members. A pity about the Tax amount. Suggestion to appoint independent auditors. Get a comparative fee structure.

Gavin – Bar question – 20% profit only. Why not more of a 30% profit? Is stock taking happening? The low margin is a concern.

Rodney replied: tried to keep the bar pricing reasonable for our members.

Kevin G – suggested approaching Grey and Linkside to make our club their permanent venue for their school functions

Paul – suggested making the fast moving items a bit more. Currently, we price according to cost.

Bev – lots of stock takes over the year. A problem area – change of shift: stock – opening and closing

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General feeling is that our own members are not supporting the bar.
Survey members why they are not staying? What can we do to encourage them to stay?
Social night once a month – to encourage our members to come and support.
Open day – for all our casual members
Food trucks

Jayson – Bar Running costs include: cost of liquor, cost of barmen, general bar costs and tuckshop – Barmen costs – could be removed from this line item – it would increase the profit margin by at least 15% - which would make up the 20% bar profits (referred to by Gavin)

Bar Opening Times notice – needs to be updated to indicate bar closing times
Price List needed
United Distributors – supply our liquor – direct wholesalers. Free delivery

Proposed: Jayson
Seconded: Di G

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sharne delivered her Chairman's report

Intro

Good evening everyone, and thank you for being here tonight.

It is a real privilege to stand here as Chairperson of Wembley Tennis Club. Public speaking may not be my strongest skill, but what I can say with confidence is how much this club means to me.

Wembley is more than just a tennis club – it is a community, a place of friendship, and something we can all be proud of.

This past year has brought both great highs and some very sad lows.

We said goodbye to two very special members, Dot Gombert and Peter Bain. Dot and Peter were part of the heart of this club, and they are deeply missed.

The highlight of the year was being crowned Amex National Club Champions.

A huge congratulations to Danie, Vicky, Leila, and Kianu for winning this prestigious tournament and flying the Wembley flag high. We are very grateful for the hard work and sacrifice behind this achievement. People often see the trophy – but not the hours and

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dedication it took to get there.

1 – Club Champs 2025

Club Champs was very well run, and congratulations again to all our winners.

A big thank you to Brendan and Danie for organising such a successful event. It is no small task, and you both did an outstanding job.

2 – League Results

We have had an exceptional year on the courts.

Summer League 2025

Mixed 1 – Winners

Mixed 2 – 3rd

Mixed 3 – 2nd

Mixed 4 – Winners

Winter League 2025

Ladies 1 – Winners

Ladies 2 – 2nd

Men's Premier – 4th (just missing 1st place by 4 sets)

Men's 1 – 3rd

Men's 4 – Winners

That is a total of four league shields received from Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay – a fantastic achievement.

Thank you to all our league players and captains. These results reflect the strength and spirit of Wembley.

A special mention to Mike van Wyk, our League Captain of the Year, for winning both summer and winter in the 4th league.

3 – Grounds & Facilities

A sincere thank you to all members who help maintain our grounds and gardens.

Your efforts do not go unnoticed and keep Wembley looking its best.

A special thank you to Mike for the time and effort you put into keeping our courts and facilities in top condition.

4 – Men's and Ladies Tournaments

Our Men's and Ladies tournaments were a huge success.

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These events have become favourites in the tennis community, thanks to a real team effort – especially Di and Steeve.

Thank you both for your leadership and hard work.

Thank you as well to every member who contributed, whether through donations, helping out, or taking part.

5 – Cradock vs Wembley derby

This year's derby was held in Cradock. While the result did not go our way, it was a fantastic weekend enjoyed by all.

As always, their hospitality was excellent. We look forward to hosting this year – and doing it the Wembley way.

6 – Westview vs Wembley derby

We finally got the win – by just four games – and I could not be more proud. Even without some of our usual players, the team really pulled through.

A special thank you to our junior members – your energy and commitment made a real difference.

7 – Membership

Membership Type	Total
CASUAL FAMILY	34
CASUAL MEMBER	17
COUNTRY MEMBER	2
FAMILY MEMBER	22
FULL MEMBER	23
GREY HS	1
JUNIOR MEMBER	2
PENSIONER	30
STUDENT	17

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Our membership currently stands at 148 members, which is down by 17 from last year, mostly in the casual membership category.

Growing our membership will be a key focus for the committee this year. With your support, we have a real opportunity to grow these numbers again – especially in our full membership category.

One simple way to help is by increasing participation on our Tuesday and Saturday Club Days. We all have busy lives, but even a small increase in attendance will make a big difference.

8 – Closing & Thanks

I would like to start by thanking our previous Chairman, Jayson Jordaan.

Your more than five years of leadership, and your role in taking Wembley from strength to strength, truly deserves recognition. What Wembley is today is largely thanks to you.

Finally, I would like to thank my committee.

Your time, effort, and dedication – often behind the scenes – do not go unnoticed. I truly appreciate your support and teamwork.

And to all our valued members – thank you. Your involvement, your energy, and your care are what make Wembley such a special club.

I truly believe Wembley is the best tennis club in town, and a strong force in our tennis community.

Thank you.

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8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Mike
Stuart
Steve
Danie
Brendan
Sharne – Chairperson
Rodney – vice
Bev – Treasurer
Di – Secretary

Proposed by: Paul
Seconded by: Sharon

Paul raised a point that 4 years of the same committee is the secret behind a well-run club

9. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY AUDITOR

Committee to review appointment of the Auditor

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS & FEES

Committee has the right to re-assess membership fees and increase as needed

Gavin: is it possible to implement one stream of membership? Rodney explained that the categories keep the standard of tennis up.

Subs: Need to see what other clubs are paying. Pensioner age considered to up age limit to 65?

11. GENERAL

Thank you to Sharon for always opening and closing on a Tuesday Club day.
To the Goldings and the Tuesday ladies – for up keeping our gardens
Mike and Blessing – Thank you for all your hard work

Sharne & Rodney were at the municipality today wrt the lease renewal – the time frame for this process is 12-18 months. We tick all the boxes, so it should be a simple process. This needs to be done every 5 years. Actual date: in May. Additional Fees will be incurred ie: advertising, etc..

Paul - Clubhouse maintenance – is there any plans to have another day? The committee to discuss and arrange.

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Jayson – EC Open 21 May – 24 May 2026. Please push/promote on member's group EARLY. Need 100 participants – otherwise this event will be cancelled. Entries are per age group and players of your standard. Singles, Doubles, mixed R650 for the entire tournament. TSA membership needed. Jayson to guide and give explanations/information to be shared.

Kevin G – pointed out that society offers Pensioner's discount. Wembley should not do away with this.

Gavin – The club is a non-profit company. Should we not do away with this? It would take away the responsibility and red tape. There is an option to just be a social tennis club. In the municipality meeting today, they specifically asked if we are non-profit, due to rebates on municipal bills, rates, etc. Jason commented: the suggestion of getting a formal auditor employed to handle the directorship is once again a good reason.

The need for 2 additional directors is needed. Members are encouraged to think about this position.

Jayson – suggestion: Treasure to receive remuneration for the work done. Or horary membership for time served.

Rodney – the committee has considered to go cashless! Committee to check if Yoco has the QR code option for payments.

There being no further items to be discussed, The Vice-Chairperson closed the meeting at 18:40

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