

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017

**35 of 44 Clubs present**

Meeting opened: 8:15 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Elly Robinson (Princes Hill), Alicia Dachs (St Thereses), Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)

SECONDED: Marg Mugavin (Tullamarine)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Greenvale parent — Request for Committee to reconsider denial of late transfer
2. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum 9 November 2016 Reminder
3. Sunbury LTC — Request for permission for unregistered player to play in finals
4. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum 9 November 2016 draft minutes
5. Marsh Advantage Insurance — Certificate of Currency for period 1 November 2016 to 1 November 2017

OUT

1. Craigieburn TC — Response to complaint regarding D Grade 3 match on 22 October 2016
2. Greenvale TC and Hume TCC — Response to complaint regarding player transfer
3. Sunbury LTC — Denial of request for unregistered player to play in finals
4. Greenvale parent — Confirmation of Committee's decision to not allow late transfer
5. All Clubs — NSJTA Representative Opportunities
6. All Clubs — Season 1 2017 Fixture for review
7. All Clubs — Pick Up Day reminder
8. 22 Clubs — Overdue team entry fees
9. All Clubs — Agenda for 20 February 2017 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 7 November 2016

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| Balance in transaction account as at 7 November 2016  | \$3,285.44         |
| Payments received since 7 November 2016               | \$7,255.03         |
| Payments out since 7 November 2016                    | -\$7,501.07        |
| Balance in transaction account as at 20 February 2017 | <b>\$3,039.40</b>  |
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| Balance in investment account as at 20 February 2017  | <b>\$18,754.05</b> |

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Kelly Townsend-Booth (OLN)

**The following clubs still have overdue team entry fees, which must be paid as soon as possible:** Avondale Heights, Craigieburn, Gladstone Park, Glencairn, Hadfield, Hillside, Hume, Keilor Park, Mt. Carmel, OLN, Royal Park, St. Vincents, Tullamarine.

**The following clubs still have outstanding fines from Season 2 2016, which must be paid as soon as possible:** Coburg, Corpus Christi, Craigieburn, Delahey, Dousta Galla, Gladstone Park, Hadfield, Keilor Park, Merlynston, North Park, Oak Park, Princes Hill, Riverside, St. Thereses, Strathmore and Sydenham.

## TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

### 1. Daphne Fancutt Shield

The Daphne Fancutt Shield was held in January. The NSJTA team played well and finished fifth.

### 2. Association Regional Challenge — 25 and 26 February 2017 in Wodonga

The Association will be able to enter a team in the Association/Regional Teams Challenge this year, after not being able to field a team the last few years. Thanks to those Delegates who have assisted to find players. Due to late withdrawals, the NSJTA will not have players in the 18 & Under age group, but will have players for the 12 & Under, 14 & Under and 16 & Under age groups.

### 3. Mrs Pat Pearce Memorial Shield — 14 to 16 April 2017

The Pat Pearce Shield will be held over Easter. This year, the event is scheduled to be played at North Ringwood Tennis Club. The team consists of 16 players, being 4 boys and 4 girls in 15 & Under and 4 boys and 4 girls in 13 & Under. Application forms are on the NSJTA website. So far responses have been slow, so we ask all clubs to promote this event to their players.

### 4. Wayne Arthurs Cup — 8 and 9 April 2017

The Wayne Arthurs Cup will be held at Kooyong in April. The team comprises 2 boys and 2 girls in the 10 & Under age group. Nomination forms are on the website.

### 5. Junior Pennant

We have already received some inquiries about junior pennant. Applications will open in May. There are unlikely to be significant changes to the format following the junior pennant review undertaken last year. However, there may be a change of name to recognise it is an association based, not club based competition, and Tennis Victoria will put greater efforts into promoting it.

## TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Aaron attended that last the Metropolitan Associations Forum on 9 November 2016. There is a new Chair, Gary Clark, who is also the President of Tennis Victoria. Topics discussed included the need to attract more girls to the sport, particularly with greater competition from other sports, including AFLW.

2. Tennis Victoria can provide support to clubs for free tennis days (previously known as club open days). Details can be found at: <http://freetennisdays.tennis.com.au/>

### MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. The NSJTA would like to welcome all the new Delegates to their first meeting tonight. We could also like to welcome the Hume Tennis and Community Centre to the NSJTA Competition.
2. There are 346 teams entered this season across 44 grades. This is 6 teams more than last season. The number of grades did not change.
3. There are some alterations to the fixture: Please let us know tonight if you have any more changes.
  - C Reserve 3 Mixed OLN position 8 is now a 7.45am start.
  - D Special 2 Unisex Position 4 is now OLN.
  - C Grade 3 Unisex position 2 is now a Bye. North Park withdrew. C Grade 3 Unisex position 5 is now a Bye. Royal Park withdrew. Please note that C Grade 3 Unisex now has two byes in it.
  - D Grade 2 position 2 is now a Bye. Avondale Heights withdrew.
  - Glencairn played (FR) at Fraser Reserve address is Hopetoun Ave West Brunswick.
  - Due to court rebuilding please note that St Christopher's games are being played at Bulla Village TC. Please check each week for an update on the front of the NSJTA site.
4. Clubs are reminded that every effort must be made to start all matches by their required start time. It is preferable if teams could arrive earlier than the start time, to allow a limited hit up time before play commences. By-laws 27a, 27b and 27c all talk about 3-minute hit ups depending on the number of courts. It is important that the 7.45am games start on time and Friday night start time is 7pm. Saturday start times 7.45am, 8.30am and 9.30am. Please refer to By-law 26a for late players' information.

It is particularly important for clubs with three courts to have all teams arrive on time and to keep warm ups to a minimum and for games to flow consistently.

5. We have many new D Grade teams with lots of nervous parents taking their first steps on courts as umpires. In the initial weeks a parent (from either club) can take another parent onto the side of the court to learn how to umpire. It is important that we encourage all our new parents. An away game for their first match can be very daunting. It is equally as important to encourage and even guide our new juniors over the first weeks in particular.
6. It is very important to have a court supervisor to help keep the day operating smoothly, and especially important over the first few weeks with the new D Grade teams. Balls and paperwork need to be available. The Match Committee has received a couple of phone calls during week one and two where the teams were left on their own with no assistance.
7. Thank you to all our grade secretaries. The NSJTA appreciates all the work done by grade secretaries. Once again we are using the email system. It is fantastic to see how many results are being inputted prior to Monday. Please make sure all emergencies are checked for age and which grade they are playing "up" from. This season already we have had some players playing in the wrong grades as an emergency. Please try and encourage team managers to be careful who the play within their team as an emergency player.
8. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that in these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet. Please ensure names are spelt correctly and you included the gender, date of birth and player history. Most additional registrations will be automatic unless the child's results indicate that he/she appears to be a significantly better player than two other team members. Delegates must keep an eye on the site to see if their player has been approved. Sometimes a fourth game may need to be played but under NO circumstances should a child play a fifth game without confirmation

from the Match Secretary. If a registration is rejected a child may play as an emergency for a higher team.

9. Registering players without previous match experience: Please make sure that paperwork is emailed to Kym (kstephen@stepbak.com.au) by Friday night prior to their first game so that she can enter the child into the team.

10. The following very important points have occurred already this season.

- It is very important to write the correct starting time on your sheets.
- Item 16 on Advice for All Team Managers: At the completion of a match check that the result sheet has been filled out completely and properly, especially adding up scores, and also making sure the sheet is signed. We have already had two occasions where the scores were written backwards and not picked up for a few days. It is not a situation that we want to happen.
- Please encourage your team captains and parents to communicate with Delegates. Information can be blown right out of proportion by the time it gets to the correct people. The Delegate can then ring Kym or a Match Committee person. The Committee have recently referred many calls back to Club Delegates. Some team managers have also been sending messages to grade secretaries asking for the grades to be updated by Sunday afternoon. Please talk to your parents and team managers. Our Grade Secretaries are volunteers and do a wonderful job, within their busy working and home life.
- From time to time decisions are made by the Match Committee. We don't make decisions lightly. If you ever have a question in regard to this, by all means talk to us direct so as to get factual information.
- Advice for All Team Managers Item 4: For away matches you may take the first set on forfeit if the home club have not provided you with a court within 15 minutes of the starting time. However, you may agree not to do so if informed that an A or B grade singles match is about to finish. Please note: A game may be taken off the court and then resumed when a free court is available (if there is going to be a significantly delayed starting time) so as to make way for a team to commence.
- Please note that By-law 52d: For an injured or ill player allows 30 minutes to find a fill in. This By-law does not cover when a player leaves the courts or refuses to play for the rest of the match.
- Delegates — If you seek special approval for a particular situation, could you please make sure that your team manager states this approval on the sheet, and the Match Committee person they got the approval from. This helps our Grade Secretaries so that they do not take games off your team.
- Combined team players playing an emergency (eg only) St Monica's / Corpus Christi.

By law 34i: A player registered in a lower team from either of the clubs that form a combined team can play as an emergency in the combined team (players from either club can fill in combined team).

If a player from the combined team plays as an emergency in a higher team, then he/she can only play in a higher team from their own home club. (eg only) A St Monica's player can only fill in a higher St Monica's team. If a Corpus Christi player from the combined team fills in for a St Monica's higher team, the sets will be forfeited.

- If for some reason a game needs to be moved to an alternative venue, Match Committee approval must be given first.

11. Please note that the Team App is a very useful application to have on your phone. Lots of information is readily available and Aaron keeps it well updated with ongoing news.

12. Delegates should ring Kym Stephen on 0413 527 902 if they have any questions. Leave a message if Kym can't answer and she will ring you back.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Match Committee has discussed the challenges it faced last season with an increase in the number of D level teams, which resulted in D Special 1 to D Special 7 and D Grade 1 to D Grade 6. There has been some feedback from clubs that players are being held back in D Special, and more players should move up to singles. The Committee is considering limiting the number of D level grades to 10, being D Special 1 to D Special 5 and D Grade 1 to D Grade 5. This would force more teams up into C levels, and give clubs more certainty that higher level D Special players will go up to C Reserve due to the number of new teams entering D Grade each season.

Some clubs supported the proposal and believed it would be good for the players to play singles earlier. Some concerns were raised about players being too young and not being able to umpire themselves, and that there would be fewer grades where parents learnt to umpire, reducing the pool of parents for clubs to draw on to supply umpires for grand finals. One club also indicated it did not support C Unisex teams, so would like to be advised if they had a team that applied for D Special moved into C Reserve so it had the opportunity to rearrange the team.

The Committee will consider these issues and report back at the next meeting.

2. The Association is trialling Tennis Victoria's League Manager for six grades this season. At this stage only Grade Secretaries will be entering results, although this may be expanded to Team Managers if the trial is successful.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9.00 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 27 MARCH 2017 at 8.00 PM**