

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2019

37 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:06 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Kym Baker (Craigieburn), Virginia Porteous (Gladstone Park), Rose Micallef (Riverside), Chris Singh (Sydenham)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Linda Delahey (Glencairn)

SECONDED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Victoria update for metro Associations
2. David Benham — Invoice for website hosting
3. Fawkner TC — List of office bearers for 2018–19

OUT

1. All Clubs — 2019 Season 1 fixture to check
2. All Clubs — 2019 Season 1 Pick Up Day information
3. All Clubs — Agenda for 18 February 2019 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 12 November 2018

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2018/06	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Deer Park TC
	In	Response from Deer Park TC
	Out	Letters to Hillside TC and Deer Park TC advising outcome of complaints 2018/05 and 2018/06

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 12 November 2018	\$2,952.28
Payments received since 12 November 2018	\$8,956.78
Payments out since 12 November 2018	-\$7,842.68

Balance in transaction account as at 18 February 2019 **\$4,066.44**

Balance in investment account as at 12 November 2018 **\$16,938.16**

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Alicia Dachs (St Thereses)

Colin has sent all clubs invoices for team entry fees for Season 1 2019 and fines from Season 2 2018. Clubs with fees still outstanding are Craigieburn, Delahey, Essendon, Fawkner, Hadfield, Mt Carmel, North Park, Oak Park, OLN, St Christopher's and Westmeadows. These clubs are requested to pay their fees as soon as possible.

Additional flags from Season 1 2018 have been received for Corpus Christi, Maribyrnong Park, Oak Park, St Thereses and Tullamarine.

#### TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Daphne Fancutt Shield

The Daphne Fancutt Shield was held in January. The NSJTA finished fourth of six teams, but had chances until the final day. The teams was very competitive and the matches it lost were very close – 7 rubbers to 8 rubbers in one and 6 rubbers to 9 rubbers in another.

2. Wayne Arthurs Cup

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 will be put on the website shortly.

3. Pat Cash Cup

The Pat Cash Cup (previously known as the Association Team Challenge) will be held this weekend. Unfortunately, the NSJTA will not be able to field a team due to other commitments of players and clashes with tournaments.

4. Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge — 19 to 21 April 2019

The Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge will be hosted by the North Eastern Junior Tennis Association this year. Nomination details are on the NSJTA website.

5. Taylors Lakes tournament — 2 and 3 March 2019

Taylors Lakes are hosting a JDS tournament on 2 and 3 March 2019. The event is round robin and a good entry level tournament for players new to tournaments. Entries close next Monday.

6. Alicia Molik Cup

The Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players was played in December. The NSJTA finished third, after losing to strong team in the semi final. It was a particularly good effort as the NSJTA boys were playing above their age group.

#### TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

Nil.

#### MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

Presented by Ron Morton on behalf of Kym Baker:

1. There are 326 teams for Season 1 2019. This is almost the same as the 325 teams entered in Season 1 2018, and up on the 317 teams entered in Season 2 2018.

2. There were still a large number of fixture requests. These make it very complicated for the Committee to prepare the fixture. Please try to limit requests.
3. There have been six team withdrawals which are on the front of the website:
  - A Reserve 2 Mixed — Craigieburn
  - A Reserve 5 Mixed — Riverside
  - B Grade 2 Mixed — West Brunswick (Black)
  - B Reserve 1 Mixed — Royal Park
  - C Grade 2 Unisex — Sydenham
  - D Grade 1 Unisex — Craigieburn
4. There are also some other fixture changes:
  - A Grade 2 Boys Friday — Position No. 8 should be Greenvale
  - B Grade 1 Boys — Princes Hill — 8.30 am start
  - C Reserve 3 Unisex — Mt. Carmel — 9.30 am start
5. **New Saturday mixed format** — This has been the first season for the new Saturday mixed format of 2 boys and 2 girls. We were pleased to see the increase in the number of mixed teams entered, which has seen the number of mixed grades increase from 5 to 8. However, four Saturday mixed teams have now withdrawn. Hopefully this is a once off due to clubs adjusting to the change of format, and there will be fewer withdrawals next season.
6. **Grading** — We have had some queries about gradings for this season. With the increase in Saturday mixed grades, we made the deliberate decision to create three mixed B grades. We believe this is correcting the reduction in B grades in previous seasons (due to the high number of unisex teams, which are capped at C Special 1). We acknowledge some teams in C Special Unisex may be similar to, or even stronger than teams in B Reserve Mixed. However, this is because some teams in C Special Unisex are of B standard, but can't be graded in B as B Unisex grades are not offered. We hope this provides an incentive for clubs to change their C Unisex teams to boys or mixed teams in order to move into B grade next season.
7. **Substitute players, emergency players and players playing between two teams** — There are many different By-laws for these situations, and we ask that you all make yourself familiar with them. Mistakes are easily made and can cost you a match or a finals berth. If you have sought permission from the Match Committee it is important that their name is written on the sheet (eg: Permission granted by Stuart Ilsley).

***By-Law 34c***

If a club has two or more teams in one grade, no registered player is permitted to change from one team to the other without prior approval of the the Match Committee. (eg A player in the Black team cannot play in the Red team)

***By-Law 34f***

For seeded grades a club may apply for permission from the Match Committee for a player from one team to fill in for another team at the same level (A Reserve 2 Boys and A Reserve 2 Mixed). Permission must be sort in advance and will only be granted if in the opinion of the Match Committee the replacement player will not strengthen the team. In such cases the Match Committee will determine the seedings to be used. This rule does not apply in finals.

8. **Additional registrations** — 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. Most additional registrations will be granted 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 (kymjlbaker@gmail.com) by Friday night prior to their first game so that she can enter the child into your team. Applications close Round 7.
10. **Grade Secretaries** — Without our wonderful Grade Secretaries life would be a lot harder. I am one myself. I try to put the scores up as soon as I can. Sometimes I am late. It might be for more than one reason. But please encourage your team managers to NOT send through some not so nice complaints about lateness of the results being put up. Some people work, go interstate, are on a holiday etc.  
  
The other problem that could cause the lateness of entering results, is that they are so blurry, that we ask for them to be resent. That may not happen overnight. Please send CLEAR photos only.  
  
Please do not liquid paper out mistakes. It is acceptable to put line through the error. Get both team manager to initial the changes.
11. **Washouts** — Unfortunately many Saturday morning matches were washed out in round 2. We remind grade secretaries that if the match commenced, the score at the point the match was washed out should be entered into the system, and remaining sets marked incomplete. The washout button is only used for matches that did not commence due to wet weather.
12. **Parents** — Please encourage parents to communicate with you, the Club Delegate. Quite often we receive feedback messages from parents, and we direct them back to their delegate. Please have some contact details at your own clubs on the walls.
13. **Seedings** — All A level teams must play singles in seeded order. Please ensure team managers and parents understand what this means, as several teams have forfeited sets already due to players playing out of order.
14. **Late player rules** — Clubs are reminded that the new late player rules are in effect for this season, which means players will forfeit sets if they are more than 15 minutes late and courts are available.
15. **A Reserve 2 Mixed** — This grade has been changed to a six team draw as a result of a team withdrawing just before the season started. Ladders will be maintained through the League Manager system as the NSJTA website cannot handle a change to the draw after the season has started.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **NSTA Saturday competition** — A flyer promoting the competition was handed out at the meeting. Both mixed doubles and open singles/doubles format are available. They are hoping to find more teams for next season.
2. **Tennis Victoria senior pennant** — Entries are due in two weeks time. Clubs are encouraged to consider entering teams.
3. **Donations of unwanted tennis equipment** — There is an opportunity for clubs to donate unwanted tennis equipment to Fiji. Details will be circulated to clubs.
4. **Mixed 2 and 2 format** — Feedback was sought on the new Saturday mixed format being used this season. Most clubs indicated it has enabled them to enter more mixed teams, however, there have been some issues where one player pulls out, leaving teams short of players of one gender.
5. **League Manager** — Brendon is meeting with Tennis Victoria in coming weeks to set the NSJTA up on their League Manager system. It is necessary to explore a new system, as our current website has limited technical support available if something goes wrong. If things go well, we hope to use it for next season. This will allow teams to enter their own results, making ladders available even quicker.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 at 8.00 PM**