

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 26 MARCH 2018

35 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:13 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Matthew Todd (St. Christopher's), Tannith Galliot (St. Vincent's), Yasemin Alcin (Westmeadows)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Royal Park TC — Response to letter regarding scheduling of a tournament during NSJTA finals

OUT

1. All Clubs — Invite to Team Events Award Night on Sunday 18 March 2018
2. All Clubs — Cancellation of Team Events Award Night
3. All Clubs — Agenda for 26 March 2018 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 19 February 2018 and proposals from Match Committee regarding A Special emergencies and alterations to match result sheets

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2018/01	In	Response from Greenvale to Code of Conduct complaint from Hume TCC regarding A Grade 1 Mixed match against Greenvale/Craigieburn on 9 February 2018
	Out	Letters to Hume TCC and Greenvale TC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 19 February 2018	\$3,025.58
Payments received since 19 February 2018	\$4,682.50
Payments out since 19 February 2018	-\$200.00
Transfer to investment account	-\$5,000.00
Balance in transaction account as at 26 March 2018	<b>\$2,508.08</b>

Balance in investment account as at 26 March 2018

**\$23,860.470**

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

All clubs have now paid their team entry fees and fines. Colin is putting together a list of email addresses to send out invoices next season. Let him know if you want to add your Treasurer's email address.

#### TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge — 30 and 31 March and 1 April 2018

The NSJTA will be hosting the Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge this weekend at Hume Tennis and Community Centre. It has been a bit of a struggle to put a team together as it clashes with some tournaments and some players are going away for Easter. The team has been training at Taylors Lakes. As the NSJTA is hosting, all Delegates are encouraged to come along and watch some high quality tennis.

2. Wayne Arthurs Cup — 7 and 8 April 2018

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. The team has been entered today and will comprise Evan Vasiliadis, Aerone Wolfgang Tabotabo, Arabelle Mancini and Emma Bosevski.

3. Associations Junior League 2018

Applications will open after Easter and players can register through the NSJTA website.

4. Pat Cash Cup

The Pat Cash Cup was played in Bendigo. The NSJTA came fourth out of 11 regions behind Eastern Region, Waverley and North Eastern. The team was even on rubbers and only lost on games in the third/fourth play off which was a great effort.

5. NSJTA Awards Night

Due to lack of RSVPs the Awards Night scheduled for Sunday 18 March 2018 did not proceed. The idea will be revisited in the future.

6. Events Committee restructure

The Match Committee has approved a restructure of the Tennis Events Committee to include more specific roles for each of the Committee members to help share the workload more evenly. The roles will include an Operations Manager, a Player Development Manger, Player Statistics Officer, Assistant Liaison Officer (Trophies, Awards Balls) and Assistant Liaison Officer (Uniforms). Each of the Committee members will be elected to their roles at the next Annual General meeting.

#### TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Competitions Summit

Tennis Victoria is held a Competitions Summit on Wednesday 28 February 2018 to look at ways to bridge the gap in participation between HotShots and junior competition and retaining players in the late teenage years. The event was well attended with over 200 people present, including Associations, coaches and clubs. The majority of the NSJTA Match Committee attended. Group workshops were held to discuss threats to junior tennis, attrition rates, retention of girls and solutions to keep players in the game. Tennis Victoria will be undertaking further research and reporting back around August. The information sent to attendees will be forwarded to Club Delegates for their information.

## MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs have the opportunity to change their A Grade singles seeding for the second half of the season from the next round. Please email changes to your Grade Secretary. Teams which change their seeding order without informing the Grade Secretary will be immediately penalised with singles sets being forfeited.
2. This season has already had 52 approved registrations and new to tennis registrations. We have had 4 players rejected. A reminder that if a child is found to be too strong in his/her team, they can play in higher teams and go through the emergency process there. Please encourage them to do so.
3. Round 7 was the last week that By-Law 6(b) could be used for registering children with no competition experience. All new players must now go through the emergency player process of playing 3 games before round 11. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet (see important dates listed at the bottom of report).
4. Please encourage your team managers to always go through the delegates to find emergency players. It is a combined total of emergency matches eg: 3 games in A-4 and 1 game in A-1 adds up to a total of four games played up. A couple of delegates have been caught out previously.
5. We encourage all Delegates to work with the team managers. Kym has had to ring two Delegates re players strengthening their team, and the Delegates were not aware of the players concerned. It is important to know what's happening. The exact same applies in regard to "withdrawing a team".
6. Filling out sheets — When match result sheets are not filled out correctly the grade secretaries find it impossible to alter scores if the sheet is signed and the teams have left the game premises. It is important to confirm all scores before signing the results sheet. The NSJTA cannot be chasing people and asking them if they remember the score or not. With us being half way through the season, an incorrect score could be what determines a finals berth. This has been very evident in the past few weeks.
7. The following are a few points that have come up recently.
  - When a player has not turned up and the player's games are forfeited, please write forfeit. Please do not just write in 6-0. Even if you start with the doubles sets, it is the singles set that is forfeited. Please encourage your team managers to write legibly.
  - For the first few weeks being a D Grade team manager can be a very daunting job. Score sheets, umpiring, rosters and phone calls and addresses of clubs etc. Names on sheets can be a bit muddled at times. We are now up to Round 8 and we would like to ask all Delegates for their assistance to ensure team managers put the names in the correct order. When it comes to finals the order needs to be correct. Hopefully the new style score sheet is helping ease this problem.
  - Occasionally the Match Committee will specify where an emergency should play. If you are given directions by a NSJTA Match Committee member then that information needs to be written on the score sheet for each match. If it is not written on the score sheet, in A grades the Grade Secretary will automatically put the player down as playing out of order and your team will lose points. It is also good for the opposing team to know this information on the sheet.
  - As we progress further into the season and get closer to finals, we once again ask Clubs to encourage fair line calls. We all make mistakes, but we have seen some very confronting calls. Please encourage everyone to be fair at all times.
  - There have been quite a number of complaints about parents being on the court and commenting or being quite vocal from the side lines. Some parents have not been kind with their words. Could we please note the following:

## CODE OF CONDUCT:

11. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS: A parent or spectator must not disrupt or interfere with the proper conduct of a match. For the purposes of this rule, interference includes physical abuse, verbal abuse, audible obscenities, visible obscenities, coaching, intimidation, excessive cheering or any unsportsmanlike conduct, whether directed towards a player, a parent, a spectator or an official.
3. AUDIBLE OBSCENITY Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the precincts of the competition venue. For the purposes of this rule audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the court officials or spectators.

## ADVICE FOR ALL TEAM MANAGERS:

16. Ensure there is no coaching or umpiring or other disturbances occurring from outside the courts. If this continues after warning the offenders report the situation to your home club supervisor who may ask the offender/s to leave the courts.
17. Poor behaviour by players ie: swearing, racquet throwing, intimidation, deliberate time wasting should not be tolerated. Team Managers or the Home Club Supervisor should first warn the child and then declare a forfeit of that set if the behaviour continues.

Just recently one club has mentioned that they have had to go to the Opposition Team Manager and ask them to warn their child about the obscenities.

- We must remind ourselves that this is kids' tennis, and we are all volunteers. Parental help is paramount in the lower grades. Let's make junior tennis a fun experience for our children. If there is a problem, it should be taken to the Team Manager and then the Club Delegate.
7. Please make sure you have collected a player transfer form from the back table. Please give a copy to anyone wanting to transfer to or from your club. Please adhere to the dates.
  8. Clubs can advertise on our web site for players. We ask that you only state that a player required will be needed in B to High B (example only). We will not advertise that a player is needed in A2 in the second position (example only).
  9. Last Saturday's horrible weather caused many washouts and partial washouts. Delegates should check that grade secretaries have entered the results correctly. Every game that is played before the "washout decision" must be entered on the computer. An incomplete set stopped at 4-3 should be entered as such. All games count towards the percentages.
  10. Hume D Grade 1 Unisex has been withdrawn and been replaced with a Bye and the ladder has been adjusted accordingly.
  11. IMPORTANT DATES
    - **Apr 20/21** — A Grade teams Friday/Saturday may change their seeding order.
    - **May 4/5** — Last Opportunity for additional registrations – emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates
    - **May 11** — Transfers for next season must be lodged by 6pm with Match Secretary
    - **May 26** — All A Grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the website on or before this date
    - **May 28** — Third and Final Delegates meeting BPTC 8pm
    - **June 2** — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date.
    - **June 18** — NSJTA Annual General meeting and Grand Final pick up

12. Please ring Kym on 0413 527 902 if you wish to talk to her or leave a message and she will ring you back.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the By-laws regarding A Special emergencies was proposed and debated:

*Replace By-law 14 with the following:*

- 14) a) For A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades, the competing teams shall comprise three (3) girls and three (3) boys.
- b) For A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades, a match shall consist of nine (9) sets made up of three (3) boys and three (3) girls singles of 8 games with a tie-breaker at 7 all. There will also be one (1) boys, one (1) girls and one (1) mixed doubles set each of six (6) games with no tie-breaker.
- c) During the first seven rounds of matches the singles shall be played in 'seeded' order as advised by the club. This 'seeding' may be varied by notification to the Grade Secretary concerned before commencement of the eighth round. In finals matches, EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER of these seedings shall be played for the series.
- d) In all grades other than A Special, an emergency player must play in the lowest seeded position.

In A Special only, if a club intends to play an unregistered emergency player that is stronger than other players in the team, they must contact the Match Committee in advance with details of the player and the Match Committee will determine the seedings to be used. If a club does not follow the direction of the Match Committee, the sets played out of order will be forfeited. If a club uses an unregistered emergency that is clearly stronger than the other players in the team and fails to contact the Match Committee, the singles set played by that player will be forfeited.

- e) In the event that a registered player from a lower grade and an unregistered emergency player both play in the same match, the unregistered emergency player must play in the lowest seeded position.
- f) In the event that two or more players registered in different lower grades play as emergencies in the same match, the player registered in the higher grade must play at a higher seeded position than the player registered in a lower grade.
- g) In the event that two or more players registered in the same A level team play as emergencies in a higher A level team in the same match, the higher seeded player in the players' original registered team must play at a higher seeded position.
- h) Any seeded player who plays at a lower seeded position than a lower seeded player, or plays at a lower seeded position than an emergency player, will forfeit the set.
- i) Any registered player who plays at a lower seeded position than required by subsections e), f) or g) of this By-law will forfeit the set.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

Carried unanimously.

2. The following proposal to amend the By-laws regarding alterations to match result sheets was proposed and debated:

*Replace By-law 11 with the following:*

- 11) a) The names of competing players must be written, first name and surname, on the match result

sheet for all sets, before the match commences. Once completed, changes to the result sheet can only be made with the agreement of both Team Managers, who must initial these changes.

- b) If changes are made to the match result sheet without the agreement of both Team Managers, all sets in which players have been changed will be forfeited by the team that made the changes.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

Carried unanimously.

- 3. The following proposal to amend the By-laws regarding pre-existing injuries was proposed and debated:

*Replace By-law 37 with the following:*

- 37) a) An eligible substitute, as in rules covering registered players including additional registrations and emergencies, shall be allowed to take the place of any player or substitute who is prevented from taking part or continuing in a match due to illness, injury sustained during play, accidental disablement, or any good and sufficient reason, EXCEPT IN CASE of pre-existing injury, disciplinary action or code of conduct violations.
- b) This substitute shall NOT BE ALLOWED TO take the place of the player in any set which has commenced.
- c) In the event of an injury incurred by a player whilst playing that set, an injury period of no more than 10 minutes shall be allowed, prior to forfeiting the set.
- d) An interval of ONE HOUR from the time of the occurrence of the event which led to the need for a substitute shall be allowed to enable a team to replace a player with a substitute. In this event, the match shall continue by the playing of the other sets listed on the match result sheet.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Alicia Dachs (St. Thereses)

Carried unanimously.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9:05 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 28 MAY 2018 at 8.00 PM**