

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 25 MARCH 2019

30 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Brendon Noonan (Delahey), Colin Thompson (Treasurer), Julie Thompson (Buckley Park), Kata Pinter (Royal Park), Sindy Martino (Princes Hill), Tannith Galllott (St Vincents), Liam Todd (Mt. Carmel), Kathleen Nolan (North Park)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Kathy Porter (Oak Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

Nil.

OUT

1. Craigieburn TC — Letter regarding team withdrawals
2. All Clubs — Information about donating unwanted tennis equipment to Fiji
3. All Clubs — Agenda for 25 March 2019 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 18 February 2019 and proposal to amend By-laws to clarify late player rules

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

Nil.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 25 March 2019 **\$2,956.44**

Balance in investment account as at 25 March 2019 **\$20,943.71**

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

Three clubs still have fees outstanding, which the Treasurer is chasing up.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Wayne Arthurs Cup — 6 and 7 April 2019

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.

2. Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge

The Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge has been postponed until July due to a clash with the tournament schedule in Eastern Region. This will hopefully be avoided for next year.

3. Associations Junior League

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

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. The next Associations Forum meeting is not until June.
2. Tennis Victoria are seeking expressions of interest for a pilot program to get 12 to 17 year olds more active in a non-competitive/social environment, known as Tennis 4 Teens. Tennis 4 Teens is a non-competitive, stress-free, fun, social program that offers participants activities both on and off court.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs can now change their A Grade singles seedings for the second half of the season this Friday night and Saturday morning. 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. In the finals you can play your team as either Rounds 1-7 or Rounds 8-14. Whichever order you choose for the Semi Finals must be used in the Grand Finals
2. This season has already had 49 approved registrations and new to tennis registrations. We have had 1 player 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 6b 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 3 games in A-1 adds up to a total of six games played up. New delegates please note it is a combined total of games played up.
5. **Filling out sheets** — When match sheets are not filled out correctly the grade secretaries find it impossible to alter scores. 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.
6. These are a list of problems from this Saturday. None of these problems should have happened.
 1. One team never arrived to play tennis.
 2. One team locked out of the club and finally got in at 9.45 am.
 3. One team the Club changed its gate password key and the team finally got in.

With work on Saturdays it is understandably harder to contact people. We can only suggest that all Committees are aware how some of the above points can affect junior tennis.

7. **Wet weather rules** — On Saturday there were some phone calls in regards to the rain.

By-law 39 — Washouts – Both teams at venue

- a) In wet weather, every effort must be made, mopping courts if necessary, to ensure that play starts as soon as possible after the scheduled starting time, and that delays during play due to showers are minimised.
- b) If it has not been possible to commence the match within one hour of the scheduled starting time, or during the match is more than one hour of play is lost due to wet weather, either team may declare a washout.
- c) The Court Supervisor may also declare a washout of some matches at that venue if they deem that, due to the time lost, it has become impossible to complete all matches at that venue. They may draw straws to decide which matches are washed out.
- d) All washouts must be ratified by the Court Supervisor. The circumstances of the washout must be stated on the back of the match result sheet and signed by the Court Supervisor.
- e) The Court Supervisor is also responsible for deciding when, after the rain has stopped, the courts are safe enough for play to resume. If either team is unwilling to return to the courts after this decision has been made, the Court Supervisor shall award forfeits for all remaining sets.
- f) If either team is unhappy about the decision/s made by the Court Supervisor, the Team Manager should sign the back of the sheet ‘under protest’.

8. The following are a few points that have come up recently.

- i) When a player has not turned up and the players games are forfeited, please write forfeit. Please do not just write in 6-0. Even if you start with the Doubles set, it is the singles set that is forfeited.
- ii) Please encourage your team managers to write legibly.

Reminder : 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 I would like to remind all Delegates that if possible could the Team Managers be starting to 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

- iii) 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. If it is not written on the score sheet 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.
- iv) Delegates please ring Brendon re A Special enquiries 0400 112 595.
- v) As we progress further into the season and get closer to finals, I once again ask Clubs to encourage fair line calls. We all make mistakes, but I have seen some very confronting calls. Please encourage all players to be fair.
- vi) There have been a small number of Complaints about Parents being vocal from the side lines. Some parents have not been kind with their words. Could we please note the following Code of Conduct information.

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.

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:

- a) 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.
- b) Poor behaviour by players ie: swearing, racquet throwing, intimidation and 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.

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.

9. 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.
10. 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).
11. Our recent weather has caused washouts and partial washouts. I would like to remind Delegates to check that your grade secretaries have entered the results correctly. Every game that is played before the "Washout decision" must be entered on the computer. A game that ceased at 4-3 should be entered as such. All games count towards the final percentages.

12. IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mar 29/30**— A Grade teams may now change their seedings for the second half of the season. Please take a photo of your seedings sheet and email with the match result sheet.
- **May 10/11**— Last opportunity for additional registrations - emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.
- **May 11** — Transfers for next season close - transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6PM. It is preferred for money to be direct deposited. Bank Details are BSB 063153 ACCT 00901831 Please have child's name as the reference. The form and proof of deposit can be emailed to myself kymjlbaker@gmail.com. Without proof of deposit your child will not be transferred
- **May 25** — All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the web-site on or before this date.
- **Mon May 27** — Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8PM at B.P.T.C.
- **Jun 1** — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date.

13. Please let Kym know tonight if you wish to be a Grade Secretary. We thank our outgoing Grade Secretary Lyndell Grech. Her children are now all finished with juniors and Lyndell has decided to do other things. Many thanks for your tireless work.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to clarify the late player rules was proposed and debated:

Replace By-law 26 with the following to take effect immediately:

- 26) a) Play must commence on all available courts no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.

- b) If any players are missing at the start of play, sets must be played out of order if necessary to allow play to start and be continuous.
- c) If sets cannot commence 15 minutes after the scheduled start time due to players being late or unwilling to commence play, the team not at fault may claim up to two sets (the next two sets as listed on the match result sheet), provided that courts are available and those sets would be able to start immediately if the players were present and willing to commence play.
- d) The team not at fault may claim up to a further two sets (the next two sets as listed on the match result sheet) every 15 minutes, provided that courts are available and those sets would be able to start immediately if the players were present and willing to commence play.

***Example:** A club has sufficient courts available to enable all singles to commence for a Friday night match. A player not present at 7:16pm will forfeit his or her singles set as he/she was not present at 7.16 pm. If he/she is still not present at 7.31 pm the doubles set can only be claimed if all the other players in that set have finished their singles, and the set would be able to start immediately if he/she were present. This example is specific to Friday night matches but the same logic applies for all Saturday morning matches.*

- e) If, after arrival, any player when called upon to play does not do so, then the player shall forfeit that set.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

Carried unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.25 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 27 MAY 2019 at 8.00 PM