

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2016

42 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)

SECONDED: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Draft minutes from the Metropolitan Associations Forum on 9 March 2016 and invite to the junior pennant review workshop from Tennis Victoria
2. Email from Tennis Victoria advising they would be meeting with Craigieburn TC and Greenvale TC to discuss matters related to Hume Tennis and Community Centre
3. Survey from Tennis Victoria regarding the Association's position on blended lines
4. Possible governance and constitutional changes from Tennis Victoria
5. Protest from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 2 Mixed match against Green Gully on 29 April 2016
6. Notification of change of delegate from Oak Park TC
7. Response from Green Gully TC to protest from Essendon TC regarding A Grade 2 Mixed match on 29 April 2016
8. Letter from East Coburg TC regarding affiliation with the NSJTA
9. Reminder about Metropolitan Associations Forum on 8 June 2016 and junior pennant season dates from Tennis Victoria
10. Email from Tennis Victoria advising they had met with Craigieburn TC and Greenvale TC to discuss matters related to Hume Tennis and Community Centre

OUT

1. Letter to Hume Tennis and Community Centre regarding application for affiliation with the NSJTA
2. Copy of letter to Hume Tennis and Community Centre regarding application for affiliation with the NSJTA to Tennis Victoria
3. Email to Club Delegates regarding A Special teams and doubles format
4. Response to survey from Tennis Victoria regarding the Association's position on blended lines
5. Application form and information relating to process for affiliation with the NSJTA to East Coburg TC

6. To all Clubs:

- Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 21 March 2016
- Agenda for 23 May Delegates Meeting
- Proposed changes to By-laws relating to player transfers
- Proposed changes to By-laws relating to A Special doubles format

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2016/01	In	Code of Conduct complaint from OLN TC regarding C Special 3 Mixed match against Essendon TC on 7 May 2016
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Essendon TC
	In	Response from Essendon TC
	Out	Letters to Essendon TC and OLN TC advising outcome of complaint
2016/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Merlynston TC regarding C Reserve 4 Unisex match against St. Vincent's on 14 May 2016
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to St. Vincent's TC
	In	Response from St Vincent's TC
2016/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from St. Vincent's TC regarding C Reserve 4 Unisex match against Merlynston on 14 May 2016
2016/04	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Craigieburn TC regarding A Reserve 4 Boys match against Deer Park TC on 21 May 2016
	Out	Copy of Conduct complaint to Deer Park TC

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Marg Mugavin (Tullamarine)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 21 March 2016	\$2,625.92
Payments received since 21 March 2016	\$3,490.02
Payments out since 21 March 2016	-\$5,560.00
Balance in transaction account as at 23 May 2016	\$555.94
 Balance in investment account as at 23 May 2016	 \$23,076.90

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Christine Knutson (OLN)

The following clubs still have fines from last season outstanding: Taylors Lakes, Craigieburn, West Brunswick, Green Gully, St John Bosco, Avondale Heights, Glencairn and Princes Hill. They must be paid as soon as possible.

Pro forma invoices for team fees for Season 2, 2016 were given out at the meeting. Clubs now have the option of paying by direct debit. Team fees should be paid by this Saturday, 28 May 2016.

Using the money saved on postage, the Association will provide balls for Grand Finals this season.

An order has been placed for new uniforms for representative teams. Players who have the existing shirt will be given a new for old swap. Jackets can be loaned or bought. Shorts are now also able to be purchased.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Junior pennant

Entries are now open for junior pennant teams for 2016. Players can now enter using the online form on the NSJTA website under the NSJTA Events link. Nominations are due by the end of June 2016. The season starts mid-August 2016. The new uniforms will be ready for junior pennant.

2. Pat Pearce Shield 2016

The Pat Pearce Shield was held in March, hosted by Waverley Tennis at Doveton. The team came fourth out of four teams. Thanks to Christine Knutson and Bobby Dela Cruz for their assistance coordinating the team. The Bob Pascoe winner was Tyson Barfoot.

2. Frank Sedgman Cup

The Frank Sedgman Cup is an annual event for 11 and Under boys and girls from across Victoria for teams from metropolitan associations and country regions. The competition is a round robin format with ties consisting of two boys singles, two girls singles and two mixed doubles rubbers. This year, the event will be held on 30 and 31 July 2016 in Bendigo. Two boys and two girls are needed to represent the NSJTA. Nomination details will go up on the NSJTA website soon.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria has conducted a junior pennant review workshop. A subcommittee has been established to make recommendations to the Tennis Victoria Competitions Committee for changes to junior pennant from 2017 onwards.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. A list of player transfers was handed out at the meeting. If there are any extraordinary transfers they must reach the Match Secretary, along with the \$20 transfer fee, by next Saturday, May 28th (please ring Kym and notify reason before sending).
2. Clubs are reminded that June 24/25 listed on the fixture as a "Spare Finals Weekend" and will be utilised if a majority of semi-finals or grand-finals are washed out. Delegates need to remind players that they need to still keep this date free.
3. **Round 14 results:** Team Managers must email results to their Grade Secretary as soon as possible after Round 14 matches. Grade Secretaries are asked to process all results by Saturday night if possible. This will allow the draw to be completed much quicker than previous seasons.
4. **Semi Finals:** A draft Indicative Semi Final copy was given out based on Round 12/13 results. Please use this to prepare teams who may be hosting semi-finals. A FINAL copy will be posted on-line as soon as possible.

For semi-finals on June 3/4, all members (and team manager) of host teams are expected to turn up to help with umpiring and bagging of courts. Delegates (or Venue Supervisors) are asked to print off results sheets from online. The host club should then email a copy of the score sheets to results@nsjta.asn.au on the day of the semi final. Please bring sheets with you to Grand Final Pick Up Night on Monday June 13 at BPTC at 8pm. An updated copy of the Guidelines for Hosting Finals was handed out at the meeting.

During the finals Team Managers can fold the sheet in half so that each team does not see each other's players. Once both clubs have put in their team then the sheet can be unfolded. In both the Semi and Grand finals in the majority of teams all players get the chance to play – see By-laws 53 to 56 for details.

5. **Grand Finals:** All A and B grade grand finals will be umpired by teams within those grades at their home venues. Match result sheets and pennants for the grand finals will be given out to the host clubs on Monday June 13th at BPTC at 8pm.

For Friday night Semi Finals clubs are reminded of the new By Law being that the Semi Finals are played using the home court advantage for positions one and two. For Grand Finals a nominated club has been chosen to add more games so as to add more atmosphere to the night. This is new for this season. Any feedback should be sent to kstephen@stepbak.com.au.

For Saturday grand finals, clubs are reminded that they must provide, from 8.30AM, adult umpires as follows: 1-4 Saturday teams – 1 umpire, 5-8 Saturday teams – 2 umpires, 9-12 Saturday teams – 3 umpires.

Host venues for Saturday grand finals will be Royal Park, Essendon, Buckley Park, Maribyrnong Park, Taylors Lakes, West Brunswick, Oak Park and Craigieburn. There are a couple of clubs with a single Grand Final. If any club has courts unavailable during the finals series, please let me know tonight.

The start time for all Friday night Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is 7.00 pm.

The start time for all Saturday Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is:

- All A & B grades 7.45 am
- All C grades 8.30 am
- All D grades 9.30 am

All Competing teams are reminded they must supply new balls for finals. D1 to D6 teams must supply new 75 per cent compression balls. All A, B and C Grade matches should start without an umpire, but host Clubs should have players on standby to umpire if there is a dispute during a set. All D Grade matches are umpired.

6. **Important Dates:**

- June 03/04 — Semi Finals
- June 10/11 — Queens Birthday Weekend
- June 13th — Grand Final Pick Up Night 8.00 pm Buckley Park TC
- June 17/18 — Grand Finals
- July 10 — (Sunday) Fixtures Pick Up 10.30 am to 11.00 am at Essendon TC
- July 15/16 — Season Two Starts

7. **Season Two 2016 information:**

Friday night teams:

- All A Special teams that were submitted have been accepted. The new format of four players for each match will be introduced from next season this season.
- 36 A Boys teams were submitted. All have been accepted making 5 grades with 4 byes.
- 56 A Mixed teams were submitted. All have been accepted making 7 grades with no byes.

The deadline for submitting your other Saturday team entries is next Saturday, May 28th (you can also make minor changes to your teams already entered up until this date). Make sure that the first name on the cover sheet is the name and phone number(s) to go on the fixture.

Clubs are reminded that

- By law 7) The NSJTA competition is open to juniors who are under the age of 18 as of 31 December the year prior for Season 1 and as of 30 June for Season 2 of any given year. Juniors may turn 18 during the season they are playing in.

- By law 8) Players who turn 14 or older during a given season are not eligible to play in D Grade 1 or below during that season. Those players must play D Special or higher. This age limit applies also to emergencies.

The entry fees of \$25 per team should have been given to Colin tonight, but otherwise at BPTC next Saturday.

Please indicate on B Grade entries if you want the alternative 8-30am start, on C Grade entries if you want the alternative 7.45 am or 9.30 am start and on D Grade entries if you want the alternative 8.30am start. Please note that C Grade 7.45 am starts will be scrutinised as for why it has been submitted. It should not be assumed that you will get this if there is no valid reason.

D Grade teams:

- Please note that all existing teams in the bottom D Grades will go up, even if their results are bad, as each season we get approximately 20 new teams which take up D Grade 6, D Grade 5 and most of D Grade 4
- To help the Committee grade new teams, please provide information about new players including how long they have been coached for and whether they have played an internal competition or Hot Shots.

The pickup for fixtures, match result sheets etc for next season will take place on Sunday July 10th 2016 between 10.30 am and 11.00 am at Essendon TC.

8. **Dates for Season 2 2016** are:

- July 16 23 30
- August 06 13 20 27
- September 03 10 (School Holidays 17 24 Football Grand Final Oct 01)
- October 08 15 22 (cup weekend 29)
- November 05 12
- Semi Finals November 19
- Grand Finals November 26
- Spare Weekend December 03

9. The role of a court supervisor was discussed:

- Players have responsibility to call balls down their own end
- Players should resolve their own disputes in the first instance
- A court supervisor can only overrule a call if they personally witnessed it
- If players are arguing repeatedly, the court supervisor should intervene. Court supervisors should just adjudicate sets if possible, which means standing on the court and watching the set, but letting the players continue to umpire. The court supervisor can then correct any incorrect calls.
- If players cant agree on the score, they should work out which points they can agree on, and then continue the game from the score taking out the disputed point

10. The NSJTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their assistance throughout the finals periods — Clubs, Umpires, Delegates, Parents and particularly all the children.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the clearance rules was proposed and debated:

Amend By-law 9)l) as follows:

- 9) 1) A maximum of 5 players may transfer from one club to another in any one season. When a club new club affiliates with the Association, a maximum of 2 players may transfer from each existing club to the new club per season for the first two seasons the new club enters teams in the competition. For the purposes of this by-law, multiple players from the same family will count as one transfer.

After discussion an alternative proposal was put forward:

- 9) 1) A maximum of 3 players may transfer from one club to another in any one season. For the purposes of this by-law, multiple players from the same family will count as one transfer.

MOVED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

SECONDED: Kelly Townsend-Booth (OLN)

Carried by a majority.

2. The following proposal to amend the format of A Special matches for next season was proposed and debated:

Amend By-laws 14 and 29 as follows:

A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades

- 14) a) For A special, the competing teams shall comprise two (2) girls and two (2) boys.
b) For A special, a match shall consist of six (6) sets made up of two (2) girls and two (2) boys singles of 8 games with a tie-breaker at 7 all. There will also be one (1) boys and one (1) girls doubles set each of eight (8) games with no tie-breaker.

Home and away matches

- 29) a) For Friday evening matches, Clubs must provide at least three courts for each A Mixed home match and at least two courts for A Special Mixed and A Boys home matches.

MOVED: Brendon Noonan (Delahey)

SECONDED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

Carried by a majority.

3. Graham Govan advised he did not intend to stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
4. David Qariaqus from Corpus Christi has been overseas playing in 14 & Under tournaments in Europe and Qatar. He qualified for three tournaments and won a tournament in Qatar.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.15 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2016 at 8.00 PM