

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2017

36 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:08 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Ryan Lazzaro (Sydenham), Kevin Riley (Corpus Christi), Virginia Poretous (Gladstone Park), Kelly Townsend-Booth (OLN)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Alicia Dachs (St Thereses)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — 2017 Associations Junior League information
2. Tennis Victoria — Female Participation Grants
3. Tennis Victoria — Call for expressions of interest for nominations committee vacancy
4. Taylors Lakes — Code of Conduct Complaint — B Grade 2 Mixed match played on 29 April 2017
5. Airport West Tennis Club — Proposed amendment to the By-laws regarding D Special and D Grade umpires

OUT

1. All Clubs — Agenda for 22 May 2017 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 27 March 2017 and proposal from Airport West Tennis Club regarding D Special and D Grade umpires
2. Princes Hill TC — Code of Conduct Complaint outcome — B Grade 2 Mixed match played on 29 April 2017

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 27 March 2017	\$3,425.24
Payments received since 27 March 2017	\$1,705.00
Payments out since 27 March 2017	-\$2,258.85
Balance in transaction account as at 21 May 2017	\$2,871.39
Balance in investment account as at 21 May 2017	\$18,779.46

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Christine Knutson (OLN)

Pro forma invoices for team fees for Season 2, 2017 were given out at the meeting. Team fees should be paid by this Saturday, 27 May 2017.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Pat Pearce Shield 2017

The Pat Pearce Shield was held in April at North Ringwood Tennis Club. The competition was strong and the NSJTA team came fourth out of four teams. However, all players put in a great effort and there were some tight matches. The Bob Pascoe aware winner was Harry Buttifant.

2. Associations Junior League

Entries are now open for the 2017 Associations Junior League (formerly junior pennant). Marketing material is out, including promotional videos. Players can enter using the online form on the NSJTA website under the NSJTA Events link. Nominations are due by 11 June 2017. The season starts on 20 August 2017. Clubs were requested to let Aaron know if they can make courts available for junior pennant matches.

Further information on the dates and format can be found on the Tennis Victoria website: <https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/players/competitions/associations-junior-league>

3. Frank Sedgman Cup — 29 and 30 July 2017

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 29 and 30 July 2017 in Bendigo. Two boys and two girls are needed to represent the NSJTA. Players can nominate through the online form under the NSJTA Events link on the website.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Maria Keys and Anne Baldwin from Tennis Victoria presented a service award to NSJTA President, Ron Morton:

Ron Morton — Highly Commended Service Award

- NSJTA President 2009 to present
- Merlynston Tennis Club Life Member
- Merlynston Tennis Club Secretary 1989 to 2011
- Merlynston Tennis Club President for a year
- Merlynston NSNTA, NSJTA and NSTA Delegate
- NSTA Match and Permit Committee and currently Chairman
- NSNTA Match and Permit Committee 1999 to 2002

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 27th (please ring Kym and notify reason before sending).
2. Clubs are reminded that June 23/24 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 put up much quicker than previous seasons.

A draft semi-final draw 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. Please encourage the email process. Please do not assumed the draft draw will be the final copy. Please email Kym if you think something is wrong.

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 to a venue so as to add more atmosphere to the night.

4. **Semi Finals:** For semi-finals on June 2/3, 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 email a copy of the score sheets to results@nsjta.asn.au. Please bring sheets with you to Grand Final Pick Up Night on Monday June 5 at BPTC at 8pm.

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 names, the sheet can be unfolded. In both the semi and grand finals the majority of players from each team can play. Guidelines for finals teams are on the NSJTA website.

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 5th at BPTC. Host venues for grand finals will be Buckley Park, Green Gully, Greenvale, Maribyrnong Park, Royal Park, Sydenham, Westmeadows and West Brunswick. If a club has courts unavailable during the finals, please let Kym know.

Saturday Grand Finals clubs are reminded that they must provide adult umpires from 8.30 am as follows:

1-4 Saturday teams – 1 umpire, 5-8 Saturday teams – 2 umpires, 9-12 Saturday teams – 3 umpires

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 semi-finals. D Grade 1 to D Grade 6 teams must supply new 75 per cent compression balls. All A, B and C level 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 level matches are umpired.

6. Important Dates:

- June 2/3 — Semi Finals
- June 5 — Grand Final Pick up & AGM
- June 9/10 — Queens Birthday Weekend
- June 16/17 — Grand Finals
- July 9 (Sunday) — Fixtures Pick Up 9.30 am to 10.00 am at Essendon TC
- July 21/22 — Season Two Starts

7. Season Two 2017 information:

Friday night team entries have been reviewed by the Committee. All teams have been accepted, except one Friday night boys team may need to be knocked back as there are currently 33 teams. The following teams have been accepted for A Special at this stage: Buckley Park, Maribyrnong Park, Royal Park/Essendon, Essendon, Hillside, Taylors Lakes and Keilor East/OLN.

The deadline for submitting your other Saturday team entries is next Saturday, May 27th (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 or 9-30 start and on D Grade entries if you want the alternative 8-30am start. Please note that C Grade 7.45 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.

8. Dates for Season 2 2017 are:

- July — 21/22, 28/29
- August — 04/05, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26
- September — 01/02, 08/09, 15/16
- October — 13/14, 20/21, 27/28
- November — 10/11, 17/18, 24/25 (Semi Finals)
- December — 01/02 (Grand Finals), 08/09 (Spare Finals Weekend)

9. 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 By-laws regarding D Special and D Grade umpires was proposed and debated:

Amend By-law 31 as follows:

- 31) a) D Special and D Grade matches must be umpired.

- b) Umpires are to keep written record of the scoring in each set on a score sheet.
- c) Unless the Team Managers agree otherwise, each competing team is required to supply an umpire for sets on an alternating basis, with each team umpiring three out of the six sets.
- d) Once a court becomes available, a team has 10 minutes to provide an umpire for a set that they are responsible for umpiring. If, after 10 minutes, the team cannot provide an umpire, the opposition can claim the set on forfeit.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

Defeated by a majority.

2. The meeting noted that Bernie Russell, who had a long involvement with the NSJTA, including as Avondale Heights and Essendon Delegate, had passed away. The Association passes on its condolences to his family.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.02 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2017 at 8.00 PM