

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

32 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Craig Mather (Avondale Heights), Neil Campbell (Fawkner), Linda Delahey (Glencairn), Kim Peters (Greenvale), Glenn Ferris (Oak Park), Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Rose Micallef (Riverside).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Alicia Dachs (St Thereses)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — 2017-18 Affiliation Payment Receipt
2. Fawkner TC — Copy of complaint sent to Royal Park TC about player behaviour
3. Hillside TC — Request for review of refusal of additional registration
4. Strathmore TC — Complaint regarding washout — A Reserve 4 Boys Friday on 18 August 2017
5. Moomba Park TC — Response to complaint from Strathmore TC regarding washout — A Reserve 4 Boys Friday on 18 August 2017
6. Tennis Victoria — Association Competition Research in Victoria

OUT

1. Moomba Park TC — Copy of complaint from Strathmore TC regarding washout — A Reserve 4 Boys Friday on 18 August 2017
2. Hillside TC — Response to request for review of refusal of additional registration
3. Strathmore TC — Response to complaint regarding washout — A Reserve 4 Boys Friday on 18 August 2017
4. All Clubs — Agenda for 4 September 2017 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 7 August 2017 and proposal from Essendon Tennis Club regarding A Special format
5. 14 Clubs — Reminder about overdue team entry fees

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2017/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Westmeadows TC regarding D Grade 4 Unisex match against Taylors Lakes TC on 12 August 2017
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Taylors Lakes TC

	In	Response from Taylors Lakes TC
	Out	Copy of response from Taylors Lakes TC to Westmeadows TC offering opportunity to provide further information
	In	Further information from Westmeadows TC
	In	Request to withdraw complaint from Westmeadows TC
	Out	Letters to Westmeadows TC and Taylors Lakes TC advising outcome of complaint
2017/04	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Green Gully TC regarding A Grade 4 Mixed match against Maribyrnong Park TC on 11 August 2017
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Maribyrnong Park TC
	In	Response from Maribyrnong Park TC
	Out	Letters to Green Gully TC and Maribyrnong Park TC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 31 May 2017	\$3,449.72
Payments received since 31 May 2017	\$8,699.50
Payments out since 31 May 2017	-\$9,962.74
Balance in transaction account as at 4 September 2017	\$2,186.48
Balance in investment account as at 4 September 2017	\$18,779.46

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

Fines for Season 1 2017 are now due. Fine notices were handed out to clubs at the meeting.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

The season has started and a couple of rounds have been played. Unfortunately, four teams, including two 16 & Under girls teams and an 18 & Under team were not accepted as there were not enough entries from other associations. Despite the efforts from Tennis Victoria to promote the competition, numbers of teams are down on previous years.

2. Alicia Molik Cup

The next representative event is the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December. Application forms will be going up on the website soon.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Competitions survey

Tennis Victoria is surveying all Associations to get updated information about competition formats, participation rates and trends. Aarons Sharpe will be speaking to Tennis Victoria tomorrow to provide the NSJTA input.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs have the opportunity to change their A Grade singles seeding for the second half of the season this Friday night and Saturday morning. This will include A Special, even though it is a 15 week season. Please fill out the pro-forma handed out before the season and email this with the next rounds match result sheet. 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 30 approved registrations and one 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: three games in A-4 and one game in A-1 adds up to a total of four games played up. A couple of delegates have been caught out previously.
5. Filling out sheets. When Match 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 will not chase 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. 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.
 - Please encourage your team managers to write legibly. Grade Secretaries have been sending back sheets they just can't read. Also when the emergency details are written down, if these aren't legible, wrong names are entered by the Grade Secretary. In some cases we are missing players who have actually played three games.
 - The quality of photos has been an issue. Please check the photo to ensure it is in focus and the result is legible before it is sent.
7. 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
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. Our recent horrible weather has caused many 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 set stopped when the score was 4-3 should be entered as such. All games count towards the percentages.

11. Important Dates:

- Sep 08 / 09 — A Grade teams Friday/Saturday may change their seeding order.
- Oct 20 / 21 — Last Opportunity for additional registrations – emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates
- Oct 20 / 21 — Transfers for next season close — transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6pm
- Nov 4 — All A Special team entries must be placed on the web site on or before this date
- Nov 11 — All A Grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the website on or before this date
- Nov Mon 13 — Third and final Delegates meeting at BPTC 8pm
- Nov 18 — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the By-laws to change A Special back to the previous format of 3 boys and 3 girls with matches to be played as per other A Grade Mixed grades was proposed and debated.

Replace paragraphs (a) to (d) of By-law 14 with the following:

A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades

- 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.

and replace paragraph (a) of By-law 29 with the following:

- 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 Boys home matches.

MOVED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

SECONDED: Nick Cheal (Hillside)

Carried unanimously.

2. There was a general discussion about age limits. The current age limit allows players to keep playing up until the season they turn 18. Some clubs reported that 17 year olds can be unreliable and have limited availability due to school and work commitments, which has been causing issues. It was queried whether the age limit was too high. It was noted that the age limit was raised a few years ago so that juniors can keep playing until they are old enough to get their drivers licence which makes it easier to play adult night or Saturday afternoon competition.
3. It was queried whether forfeits can be given at the No. 1 position in B and C Grades. By-law 42(d) states:

Teams are allowed to play one player short, however will forfeit those sets 6-0. The forfeit must be taken in the number three position for mixed grades or the number four position in boys and unisex grades. If a team inadvertently gives a forfeit at a higher position, the opposing team has the option of replaying the affected sets if they so desire.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2017 at 8.00 PM