

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2019

38 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Brian Draper (Deer Park), Nicole Hornsby (OLN), Michelle Coffey (St Monicas), Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation receipt
2. Tullamarine TC — Copy of response to Royal Park TC regarding parent incident in A Reserve 2 Mixed match played on 20 July 2019
3. Royal Park TC — Protest regarding A Grade 1 Mixed match on 16 August 2019
4. Buckley Park TC — Response to protest regarding A Grade 1 Mixed match on 16 August 2019
5. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement confirmation and receipt
6. Tennis Victoria — Invitation to the Metropolitan Associations Forum on 18 September 2019
7. Ascot Vale TC — Email regarding D Special 4 Unisex match played at Hume on 24 August 2019
8. Hume TCC — Response to email regarding D Special 4 Unisex match played at Hume on 24 August 2019

OUT

1. Airport West TC — Letter of support for LED lighting upgrade
2. All Clubs — Agenda for 2 September 2019 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 5 August 2019, copy of Green Gully TC proposals to amend By-laws regarding D Special umpiring and D level singles, and proposal regarding grand finals.
3. Hume TCC — Copy of email regarding D Special 4 Unisex match played at Hume on 24 August 2019

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Marg Mugavin (Tullamarine)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 5 August 2019	\$3,175.98
Payments received since 5 August 2019	\$1,717.50
Payments out since 5 August 2019	-\$3,725.83
Balance in transaction account as at 2 September 2019	\$1,167.65
Balance in investment account as at 2 September 2019	\$23,219.54

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer) SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

We are currently 3 weeks into the 10 round season. Most of the teams are going well. Thanks to the clubs that have made their courts available, particularly Strathmore and Coburg who have been required to provide courts on different weeks due to the home and away fixture.

2. Alicia Molik Cup

The next representative event is the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December. Information will go on the NSJTA website soon.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Nil.

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 18 approved additional registrations and new to tennis registrations.
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. The rules were changed recently so players can now play in a higher grade up to 5 times and remain in their team. Once a player plays in a higher grade for a sixth time, they become tied to the higher grade. Please remember it is a combined total of matches in a higher grade eg: a B Grade play who plays 3 games in A-4 and 3 games in A-1 adds up to a total of six 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. Also, please ensure surnames are included for all players.
6. **Wet weather rules** — Over the past couple of rounds 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 and more than one hour of play is lost due to wet weather, NSJTA By Laws 13 (as at January 2019), 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’.
7. The following are a few points that have come up recently:
- a) In D Grade both teams must supply umpires. It usually works out 3 sets each. If either team has parents who do not know how to umpire, invite them out to stand by the side of other umpires to learn. It is just not acceptable to expect other clubs to umpire all the games.
 - b) On Friday nights and Saturday mornings there must be an allocated Court Supervisor. We have the yellow fluoro vests that Aaron had organised to wear on Friday nights and Saturday mornings so people know who to approach if there is an issue. If your club hasn't got one, please see Aaron tonight before you leave.
 - c) A huge thankyou to all our Grade Secretaries. They are the very silent volunteers in the background. Sometimes they go on holidays. Please don't send them messages of complaint re late results. Most times they get someone to cover them but sometime this cannot happen.
 - d) Could all Grade Secretaries of “A Grade” teams, please use the system to put their seedings in the online system. We have recently had an issue and an out of order player was not picked up until week 3. Also, on occasions I have been asked the order of children in a particular A Grade team. I could not advise them. Although this rarely happens it is preferable to use the system.
8. Other points
- a) 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.
 - b) Please encourage your team managers to write legibly.
 - c) Occasionally the Match Committee will specify where an emergency player 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.
 - d) Delegates please ring Brendon for A Special inquiries on 0400 112 595.
 - e) 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.

9. Parent behaviour and involvement in matches

We have had an increasing number of complaints about parent involvement in matches. Other than team managers and umpires, parents should not be involved in matches. In particular, parents should not make any negative comments to or about opposition players in relation to any aspect of a match. They should congratulate players on a match well played, applaud good play and create a positive environment for children.

Please remember the NSJTA Safeguarding Children Commitment Statement, which includes:

- We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of every child who takes part in our activities, programs and events
- We will strive to ensure that children are protected
- We will strive to ensure that children are not exploited, abused or harmed during their involvement with our activities, programs, events or services
- We will listen to children and address any concerns that they raise with us

Comments such as “there were a lot of close line calls” or “you should watch your calls in future” are inappropriate and a breach of the Code of Conduct. Parents implying or directly stating players have “cheated” or “made bad line calls” are even worse. It does not matter if comments like this are made between parents, or not directed at the opposition, as they can easily be overheard. Court Supervisors should intervene immediately if they become aware of parents making comments like this.

All players have the right to call for an umpire, and children should be educated to request assistance if they think there are bad calls. Parents should not intervene. If they observe serious issues, parents should report them to the team manager, and both team managers can monitor a match together. Parents cannot under any circumstances directly approach an opposition player and speak to them about issues.

10. Player transfer forms can be downloaded from the NSJTA website. Please give a copy to anyone wanting to transfer to or from your club. Please adhere to the dates.
11. Clubs can advertise on our web site for players shortly. 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).
12. 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.
13. Recently the newly formed Ascot Vale Tennis Club joined our competition. Please notify your parents in those grades that the courts are at the old Riverside location. We have had a few lost parents. Signage will be up soon at the Ascot Vale (formerly Riverside) Tennis Club.
14. **Important Dates**
 - **Sep 06/07** — 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.
 - **Oct 18/19** — Last opportunity for additional registrations - emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.
 - **Oct 19** — 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

- **Nov 09** — All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the web-site on or before this date.
- **Mon Nov 11** — Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8PM at B.P.T.C.
- **Nov 16** — 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 introduce singles in D Special and D Grade was proposed and debated:

Replace By-law 19 with the following to take effect from Season 1 2020:

- 19) a) Competing teams shall be composed of four (4) players of any gender.
- b) A match shall consist of six (6) sets made up of four (4) singles sets of six (6) games with no tie-break and two (2) doubles sets each of six (6) games with no tie-breaker.
- c) Games shall be decided by sudden-death at deuce. This applies to both home and away and finals matches

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Neil Campbell (Fawkner)

Defeated by a majority.

2. The following proposal to have players umpire themselves in D Special was proposed and debated:

Replace By-law 31 with the following to take effect from Season 1 2020:

- 31) D Grade matches are to be umpired under supervision of the host club. Each competing team is required to supply an umpire on an alternative basis. Umpires are to keep written record of the scoring in each set, on a score sheet.

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

Defeated by a majority.

3. A proposal was discussed regarding consolidating a number of grand finals for Season 2, 2019 at Hume Tennis and Community Centre (HTCC) and Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club (SLTC). The Committee is considering scheduling A Special, A Grade 1 and A Grade 2 Mixed at SLTC and all seven Saturday mixed grades at HTCC. This is a one-off opportunity due to these clubs not entering teams in those grades. If it is successful, other venues could be tried in future. Some concerns were raised about the ability to view all courts at Hume, as some courts may have restricted viewing due to wind breaks. The Committee will look into this before finalising the venues.
4. Sunbury LTC will be holding a junior tennis team challenge during the September school holidays. Details are on the NSJTA website.
5. The Match Committee are in the process of setting up the current season in League Manager. We then plan to move to League Manager for Season 1 2020, as the current NSJTA website is no longer supported. This may generate some emails to players as they are assigned to teams, particularly those in combined teams.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2019 at 8.00 PM