

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2016

32 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Meagan Bourke (St. Monicas), Sam Mento (St. John Bosco), Kim Peters (Greenvale), Brendon Noonan (Delahey), Colin Thompson (Life Member), Julie Thompson (Buckley Park), Kelly Townsend-Booth (OLN).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Christine Knutson (OLN)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Agenda for Metropolitan Associations Forum on 17 August 2016
2. Essendon TC — Response to letter from NSJTA regarding washouts
3. Tennis Victoria — Junior Pennant Review information
4. Tennis Victoria — New Victorian Child Safety Standards

OUT

1. Essendon TC — Letter regarding washouts
2. Hume Tennis and Community Centre — Letter confirming affiliation had been approved at 1 August 2016 Delegates meeting and requesting payment of affiliation fee
3. All Clubs:
 - Reminder about survey regarding printed fixture
 - Agenda for 29 August 2016 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 1 August 2016 and proposed amendments to By-laws regarding washouts in finals

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Kevin Riley (Corpus Christi)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report as the Treasurer was not present.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Junior pennant has started. Two rounds have been played.

2. 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.
3. There is then a busy period of representative events in January, February and April. Details will be going up on the website soon.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria is still conducting its junior pennant review, as there has been a steady decline in participation over the past few years. Possible changes to the format have been proposed and Tennis Victoria is seeking feedback from Associations, with a view to making the changes for 2017. Anyone with views on the junior pennant format should contact Aaron Sharpe.
2. Peter Cuxon, who is currently the Metropolitan Associations' Director is not standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in October.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs have the opportunity to change their A Grade singles seedings for the second half of the season this Friday night and Saturday morning. Please fill out the pro-forma handed out before the season and email this with the next round's match result sheet. Teams which change their seedings without informing the Grade Secretary will be immediately penalised with singles sets being forfeited.
2. This season has already had 43 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. Most additional registrations will be automatic, unless the child's results indicate that they he/she appears to be a significantly better player than two other team members. Delegates must keep an eye on the site to see if their player has been approved. Sometimes a fourth game may need to be played but under NO circumstances should a child play a fifth game without confirmation from the Match Secretary. If a registration is rejected a child may play as an emergency for a higher team. (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 1 game in A-1 adds up to a total of four games played up. A couple of delegates have been caught out this season.
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 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. The following are a few points that have come up recently.
 - **Emergencies** — By Law 34c... If a Club has two or more teams in one grade, no registered player is permitted to change from one team to the other without the prior approval of the Match Committee (eg a player registered in the Black team cannot play in the Red team).
By Law 34f...For seeded grades, a club may apply for permission from the Match Committee for a player from one team to fill in for another team at the same lever (eg A Reserve 2 Boys and A Reserve 2 Mixed) for a maximum of three matches. Permission must be sought in advance and will

only be granted where in the opinion of the Match Committee the replacement player will not strengthen the team and in such cases the Match Committee will determine the seeding to be used. This rule does not apply for finals matches.

- **Walkovers** — By Law 42e... Teams which are two or more players short must give a walkover.
- **Late rules** — By Law 26a...At least half the team must be present and ready to start the match within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, otherwise the first set listed on the match result sheet must be forfeited.

By Law 26b...If any players are missing at the start of play, sets should be played out of order if necessary to allow play to start and be continuous.

By Law 26c...If any player is more than 30 minutes late, the players first set must be forfeited.

By Law 26d...If any player is more than 60 minutes late, the players first two sets must be forfeited.

By Law 26e...If a player in D Grade is more than 90 minutes late than that player must forfeit all three sets.

7. Player transfer forms were handed out at the meeting. Please give a copy to anyone wanting to transfer to or from your club. Please adhere to the dates.
- 8 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).
9. Important Dates
 - Sep 2/3 — A Grade teams Friday/Saturday may change their seeding order.
 - Oct 14/15 — Last opportunity for additional registrations – emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates
 - Oct 15 — Transfers for next season close – transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6pm
 - Oct 29 — All A Special team entries must be placed on the web site on or before this date
 - Nov 5 — All A Grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the website on or before this date
 - Nov 7 — Third and final Delegates meeting at BPTC 8pm
 - Nov 12 — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date.
10. Please ring Kym on 0413 527 902 if you wish to talk to her or leave a message and she will ring you back.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the By-laws relating to washouts in finals was proposed and debated:

Insert a new By-law 58 as follows:

Washouts in finals

58. In the case of a washout in finals at the first attempt, the following applies:

- a) If the **match has not commenced**, both teams can change players and the order of play and complete a new match result sheet prior to the match commencing the following week.
- b) If the **match has commenced**:
 - i) All completed games in an unfinished set will stand, but not the points in an unfinished game.

- ii) Both Team Managers must initial the match result sheet and the match result sheet will be held by the host club for the following week.
- iii) The players whose names appear on the match result sheet will be required to complete the match the following week and in the same order as set down on the sheet.
- iv) If a player originally listed on the match result sheet is unable to continue the match the following week, that player must forfeit the remainder of any set still in progress when the match was washed out, but the player may be substituted for sets that have not commenced.
 - A) For non-seeded grades, the substitute must take the place of the unavailable player and other changes to the match result sheet are not permitted unless both Team Managers agree.
 - B) For seeded grades, singles sets should be played in seeded order where possible. Changes should be made to the order of any singles sets that have not commenced, so that the singles sets are played in seeded order.

If some singles sets have commenced, and other singles sets have not commenced, and it is not possible to reorder the players in the singles sets that have not commenced and maintain the seeded order, a player that is no longer available can only be replaced for the singles set by a lower seeded player or player from a lower team.

If a doubles set has not commenced, a player that is no longer available can be replaced by any eligible player, regardless of seeding.

Remaining By-law renumbered consequentially.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Kevin Walsh (Royal Park)

Carried unanimously.

- 2. Essendon Tennis Club will be hosting a tournament from 20 to 22 September 2016. Entries are due in two weeks.
- 3. A query was raised about the rules regarding washouts in Grand Finals. The current By-laws do not specify what happens if a Grand Final is washed out, unlike semi-finals. This is because a different approach may need to be taken depending on whether the semi-finals were washed out and how many spare weekends are available. In the absence of specific rules, the Committee will make a decision how to deal with washouts in Grand Finals on a case by case basis. Where possible, washed out Grand Finals will be played on the following weekend.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.28 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2016 at 8.00 PM