

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2018

38 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes), Craig Mather (Avondale Heights), Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Colin Thompson (Treasurer), Julie Thompson (Buckley Park).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Nicole Hornsby (OLN)

SECONDED: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Draft Minutes of Metropolitan Associations Forum on 30 May 2018
2. Hillside TC — Protest — A Special semi-final
3. Taylors Lakes TC — Response to protest by Hillside TC — A Special semi-final
4. Tennis Victoria Metro Associations Forum — New Forum Chair and meeting date change
5. Tennis Victoria — Shared competition administrator resource
6. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal
7. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement confirmation
8. Deer Park TC — Committee update
9. Tennis Victoria — Possible governance constitutional changes — affiliate consultation
10. Tennis Victoria — Call for Directors nominations 2018
11. Sunbury LTC — Letter proposing honoraria for NSJTA Match Committee
12. Oak Park TC — Email regarding C Reserve 3 Mixed match against St Thereses/OLN on 26 May 2018

OUT

1. Princes Hill TC — Response to request to reconsider refusal of additional registration
2. Strathmore TC — Response to request for permission to play Friday night Mixed teams at Strathmore with fewer than required number of courts
3. Hillside TC and Taylors Lakes TC — Outcome of protest — A Special semi-final
4. All Clubs — 2018 Season 2 fixture to check
5. All Clubs — 2018 Season 2 Pick Up day reminder
6. Tennis Victoria — Response to shared competition administrator resource

7. All Clubs — Agenda for 6 August 2018 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 28 May 2018, discussion paper regarding competition format and copy of letter from Sunbury LTC proposing honoraria for NSJTA Match Committee

#### CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2018/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Craigieburn TC regarding D Special 3 Unisex match against Deer Park on 2 June 2018
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Deer Park TC
	In	Response from Deer Park TC
	Out	Letters to Craigieburn TC and Deer Park TC advising outcome of complaint
2018/03	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Hume TCC regarding D Special 3 Unisex semi-final match against Deer Park on 16 June 2018
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Deer Park TC
	In	Response from Deer Park TC
	In	Witness statements from Westmeadows umpire and court supervisor
	Out	Letters to Hume TCC and Deer Park TC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report as the Treasurer was not present.

Clubs were advised they should have all received invoices by email for payment. Glencairn advised they had not received their invoice and it was suggested more time be provided for payment in future as invoices were sent out during school holidays.

#### TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

##### 1. Frank Sedgman Cup

The Frank Sedgman Cup was played on 28 and 29 July 2018 in Bairnsdale. The NSJTA team finished 5th out of 12 teams. They lost to Waverley in the pool stage, which was a tough draw, and meant they missed out of the play off for 1st to 4th. However, they performed strongly winning the play off for 5th to 8th.

##### 2. Associations Junior League 2018

We have entered our teams and are currently waiting for grading and fixture details. The NSJTA has entered 12 teams this season, which is one more than last season. Once again, very few teams have been entered in the 16 & Under girls division — only 3 teams have been entered and Tennis Victoria are trying to find a fourth team so the division can go ahead. Thanks go to all the club who have agreed to provide courts for the NSJTA teams.

##### 3. Alicia Molik Cup

The next representative event is the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December.

#### TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

##### 1. Associations Forum

Aaron attended the next Metropolitan Associations Forum in May. Tennis Victoria President, Emma Sherry, was the temporary chair of the forum, and a new chair, Peter Owen, has been appointed for future forums. The main topic of the forum was the maximising the success of junior competitions project.

## MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Welcome to our new players, new parents, new delegates and new grade secretaries.
2. There are 317 teams for Season 2 2018. This number is down compared to Season 2 2017 with 325 teams.
3. There are several alterations to the fixture:
  - A2 Boys Friday — Coburg/Merlynston has withdrawn from competition
  - D+3 Unisex — Craigieburn has withdrawn from competition
  - C-6 Unisex — Keilor East has a 9.30am start time for home games
  - C-6 Unisex — Mt Carmel has a 9.30am start time for home games
  - C-3 Unisex — Sydenham has a 9.30am start time for home games
  - C1 Mixed — North Park has an 8.30am start for home games
  - A4 Mixed — position No. 5 is now Buckley Park @ ESS and position No. 6 is Essendon
  - The next delegates meeting is Monday 3 September, not 4 September.
4. It has been a quite a good start to the season. We encourage all delegates, in particular our new delegates, to read the by-laws to make themselves familiar with some basic guidelines.
5. In the first three weeks, we have had numerous instances of the wrong players playing each other. Both team managers should carefully check the match result sheet to make sure the children know the name of the opposition player. The home club should double check everything. If there is time, replay the set/s involved. If there is no time then the Match Committee will be forced to make the decision — which either team may not like.
6. Foot faults in D Grade and D Special.  
By-Law 21: Foot faults cannot be called in D Special or D Grade.
7. **Wet Weather**
  - Friday nights — The NSJTA is very aware that some teams consist of players who may travel extensive distances to play competition tennis. Please remember the notification of a blanket washout will only occur if the weather is extreme or if we have notification/weather bureau forecasts of continuous rain and wild weather over several hours. Please don't ring before 5.30 pm and then constantly after that. With normal rain, it is expected for your whole team to turn up to the venue unless the home venue delegate has rung the away club delegate to inform you the venue courts are unplayable. The NSJTA will inform you through our website and various social media options if it is a blanket washout.
  - Saturday mornings — Your teams are expected to turn up. Any extreme wet weather notifications will our website and various social media options.
  - If players don't turn up, even if it is called a venue washout (upon arrival), it will result in loss of sets.
8. Parents — Please encourage your club's parents to communicate with you, the Club Delegate. Quite often we receive feedback messages from parents, and we then ask them to contact yourselves. Please have your contact details at your own clubs on the walls.
9. Team withdrawals — once again, the Committee is asking for some sort of commitment from teams and clubs. It takes hours to put the fixture together, and when a team is withdrawn it gets frustrating, for you and us.  
There were also a lot of fixture requests with most able to be granted. Please remember that a 7.45 am request for a C grade team will not be granted automatically. There has to be a reason submitted with the request and we will determine the result of that request.
10. Thanks for your attendance tonight. Good luck to all for 2018.

## 11. Important Dates

- 3 September — Next meeting
- 7/8 September — A Grade teams can change seedings order
- 19/20 October — Last opportunity for additional registrations
- 20 October — Transfers close 6.00 pm
- 10 November — All A grade teams must be entered
- 12 November — Final meeting

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Sunbury circulated a letter proposing honoraria for NSJTA Match Committee. Dave Theuma addressed the meeting and explained the reasons for the proposal. The meeting was advised that the NSJTA Match Committee appreciated the acknowledgement of their efforts, but suggested that lower amounts would be more appropriate.

After discussion, the following motion was proposed:

That the following honoraria be approved for the 2017–18 NSJTA Match Committee:

- Match Secretary — \$1,000
- Tennis Events Convenor — \$400 (in addition to reimbursement of travel expenses)
- Secretary — \$250
- Treasurer — \$250
- Other Committee members (x4) — \$150
- **Total — \$2,500**

MOVED: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

SECONDED: Adam McKay (Tullamarine)

Carried by a majority.

The Treasurer will be requested to assess whether these amounts are financially sustainable or if increases to team entry or affiliation fees are required.

2. A discussion paper relating to the NSJTA competition format was circulated and discussed.

Two main proposals were discussed:

- changing the Saturday mixed format to 2 boys and 2 girls instead of 3 boys and 3 girls
- replacing C Unisex with C Boys, so the only formats offered are C Mixed and C Boys.

A range of views were put forward in favour and against each of the proposals. Clubs will be given the opportunity to discuss the issues further and formal proposals to amend the By-laws will be prepared and voted on at the next meeting. Clubs will have the option of supporting both proposals, one of the proposals or neither proposal (in which case the competition format would remain unchanged).

3. General discussion took place about D Special players umpiring their own matches, with an umpire only being provided on request as currently occurs in A, B and C grades. There was general support for the proposal, to take effect from next season. A formal proposal to amend the By-laws will be prepared and voted on at the next meeting.
4. The following proposal to increase the number of played up matches allowed before a player is moved permanently to a higher grade from 3 matches to 5 matches was proposed and debated:

*Replace By-law 34(d) with the following, to take immediate effect:*

- d) A player may play in any grades which are HIGHER than the grade in which that player was originally registered but should that player play more than five (5) times in a higher grade he/she may not return to the lower grade. As an example of the above, if a player registered in D Grade

plays three times in D Special and three times in C Grade, he/she cannot go back to D Grade, but can play in either D Special or C Grade, at the club's discretion. Similarly, if a player registered in B Grade 2 plays three times in B Grade 1 (Black) and three times in in B Grade 1 (Red) he/she cannot go back to B Grade 2, but can play in either B Grade 1 team at the club's discretion.

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Riverside)

Carried by a majority.

5. It was suggested the amount of time allowed before a late player forfeits their first set be reduced from 30 minutes to 15 minutes. This would need to be put forward as a formal proposal to amend the By-laws by a club wishing to change the rule.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9:40 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 8.00 PM**