

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2016

36 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Karen Price (West Brunswick)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Steven Seinor (Sydenham)

SECONDED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Email regarding possible governance and constitutional changes from Tennis Victoria
2. Protest from OLN Tennis Club regarding D Special 1 Unisex Grand Final
3. Minutes of the Metropolitan Associations Forum held on 28 October 2015 from Tennis Victoria
4. Resignation of Christine Knutson from the Tennis Events Committee
5. Notification from Taylors Lakes Tennis Club and Brimbank City Council regarding fallen light pole, which is impacting lighting levels on two courts
6. Letter from Fawkner Tennis Club regarding grading of A Grade 3 Boys Friday team
7. Agenda for Metropolitan Associations Forum to be held on 9 March 2016 from Tennis Victoria

OUT

1. Response to OLN Tennis Club regarding D Special 1 Unisex Grand Final
2. Email to Essendon Tennis Club regarding a player transfer
3. Reminder to all Clubs regarding pick up day on Sunday, 17 January 2016
4. Emails to Taylors Lakes Tennis Club regarding arrangements for matches while lighting levels are impacted on two courts
5. Reminder regarding fees for Season 1 2016 to Fawkner, Green Gully, Greenvale, Hadfield, North Park, Oak Park, OLN, Princes Hill, St Thereses, Sydenham, Taylors Lakes and Westmeadows
6. Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 9 November 2015 and Agenda for 15 February 2015 Delegates Meeting to all Clubs

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Margaret Mugavin (Tullamarine)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 9 November 2015	\$4,623.57
Payments received since 9 November 2015	\$8,162.66
Payments out since 9 November 2015	-\$8,927.33
Balance in transaction account as at 15 February 2016	\$3,858.90
Balance in investment account as at 15 February 2016	\$26,049.99

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)

Team entry fees are overdue from Green Gully, Hadfield and Princes Hill.

Fines notices were handed out at the meeting to Avondale Heights, Coburg, Craigieburn, Essendon, Glencairn, Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Green Gully, North Park, Princes Hill, Riverside, Royal Park, St Monicas, St Thereses, St John Bosco, Taylors Lakes and West Brunswick.

Score books will be ordered for the next meeting.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Alicia Molik Cup

The Alicia Molik Cup was held in December. It is an event for 12 & under players, with 2 boys and 2 girls representing each association. The team did well and finished third.

2. Daphne Fancutt Shield

The Daphne Fancutt Shield was held the weekend before the Australian Open and hosted by Waverley Tennis at Doveton. The team comprised ten players — 1 boy and 1 girl in 18 & Under, 2 boys and 2 girls in 16 & Under and 2 boys and 2 girls in 14 & Under. The team tried hard but the results were not great. The team finished fifth out of five teams. The event was won by Waverley.

3. Association Regional Challenge — 27 and 28 February 2016 at Warrnambool Tennis Club

The Association has not been able to put together a team for the Association/Regional Teams Challenge due to insufficient entries. We have not been able to put together a team for the last few years for this event.

4. Christine Knutson has resigned from the Tennis Events Committee. We thank her for her efforts during her time on the committee.

5. Mrs Pat Pearce Memorial Shield — 25 to 27 March 2016

The Pat Pearce Shield will be held over Easter. Application forms are on the NSJTA website and close soon. This year, the event is scheduled to be hosted by Waverley Tennis at Doveton. The team consists of 16 players, being 4 boys and 4 girls in 15 & Under and 4 boys and 4 girls in 13 & Under. There have already been a number of applications. Squads will be organised once entries have closed.

6. The yellow NSJTA shirt is no longer being made, so a new shirt is being designed. A survey was put on the NSJTA website so players could provide input into the design. There were over 190 responses and one design was a clear favourite. The new shirts will be available soon.

7. Nomination forms for junior pennant teams will be given out in May.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

Nil.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. There are 339 teams this season, two more than last season, and 44 grades, the same as last season.
2. There are some alterations to the fixture:
 - The correct phone number for the A Reserve 4 Boys Grade Secretary, James Stephen, is 0419 769 789.
 - B Reserve 2 Boys — Number 6 is a Bye
 - C Special 1 Unisex — Number 6 is Craigieburn Blue
 - C Special 1 Unisex — Number 6 — Craigieburn Blue is a 8.30 am start not 7.45 am
 - C Grade 4 Unisex — Number 1 — Oak Park is a Bye
 - D Grade 4 Unisex — Number 6 — Oak Park is a Bye
3. Clubs are reminded that every effort must be made to start all A Grade matches by 7.00pm Friday nights and 7.45am Saturday mornings and not walk out on the court for your warm up at this time. The same applies for all other grades with 8.30am and 9.30am start times (to your best ability). Try and keep play moving at all times.
4. Thank you to all our new grade secretaries. The NSJTA appreciates all the work done by grade secretaries. This season we have introduced a new process where home teams email match result sheets to grade secretaries. To date it seems to be working well. Please ensure the photo is big enough so the grade secretary can read the information, and please send the photo in portrait format, not landscape, to make it easier for the grade secretary to read.
5. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration. In 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 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.
6. REGISTERING PLAYERS WITHOUT PREVIOUS MATCH EXPERIENCE. Please make sure that paperwork is emailed to Kym Stephen (kstephen@stepbak.com.au) by Friday night prior to their first game so that she can enter the child into your team.
7. Please remind your Team Managers in regard to where to play a game Eg Avondale Heights/Airport West. This game is played at the first named club which is Avondale Heights. If it is Avondale Heights (@Airport West) then the game is played at Airport West.
8. Pre-Season Match Fixture. A lot of time goes into preparing this fixture and trying to accommodate all the requests from clubs. It is very important that when the fixture is emailed to all Club Delegates that the fixture is checked for start times and anything else we may have missed. Your help with this is a vital component of the NSJTA being able to run smoothly. As of next season we will take only a small amount of requests from clubs relating to siblings, starting times, balancing out teams, and other important requests. No more than three requests will be considered.
9. Some very important points that have occurred already this season.
 - It is very important to write the correct starting time on your sheets. We have had several phone calls regarding late starting times, but nothing can be done if the sheet is signed with a different time on it.
 - Item 18 on Advice for All Team Managers: at the completion of a match check that the result sheet has been filled out completely and properly, especially adding up scores, and also making sure the sheet is signed. We have recently had two circumstances where the scores were written backwards and not picked up for a few days. It is not a situation that we want to happen.

- Please encourage your team captains and parents to communicate with you (the delegate). Information can be blown right out of proportion by the time it gets to the correct people. You (the delegate) can then ring the Match Secretary or a Match Committee person.
- From time to time decisions are made by the Match Committee. We don't make decisions lightly. If you ever have a question in regard to this, by all means talk to us direct so as to get factual information.
- Advice for All Team Managers Item 4: For away matches you may take the first set on forfeit if the home club have not provided you with a court within 15 minutes of the starting time. However you may agree not to do so if informed that an A or B grade singles match is about to finish.

Please note: A set may be taken off the court and then resumed when a free court is available (if there is going to be a significantly delayed starting time) so as to make way for a team to commence.

- Advice for All Team Managers Item 17: Poor behaviour by players eg: swearing, racquet throwing, intimidation, deliberate time-wasting should not be tolerated. Team Managers or Home Club Supervisors should first warn the child and then declare a forfeit of that set if the behaviour continues.
- By-law 34e (example): For non-seeded grades, players from the same club can fill in for teams at the same level as an emergency for a maximum of three matches (eg a player registered in B Grade 1 boys can play as an emergency in B Grade 1 Mixed). This rule does not apply for finals matches.
- A blanket washout will only be called in extreme weather. Just recently we had some wet weather conditions (not extreme weather). Our social media devices went crazy with questions in regard to this. Please refer to Item 10 in Advice for All Team Managers (below).

On extremely wet days, the Match Secretary, after consulting at least one other Committee member, may declare washouts for all matches and will notify Clubs through the NSJTA website and other available methods of communication (including electronic messages and social media). In such cases, teams are not required to attend the venue and match result sheets do not need to be filled out. Grade Secretaries will automatically record all matches as washouts. The Match Secretary will make a decision whether or not to abandon all matches by:

- 6.00 pm for Friday night matches
- 7.00 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 7.45 am or 8.30 am
- 8.30 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 9.30 am

10. Delegates should ring Kym Stephen on 0413 527 902 if they have any questions. Leave a message if Kym can't answer and she will ring you back.
11. The Committee is looking at changing arrangements for Friday night finals. A proposal will be put to Clubs at the next meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Moomba Park are holding a junior tournament in April. Entry forms were handed out at the meeting.
2. David Qariaqus from Corpus Christi is currently overseas playing in tournaments in England, The Netherlands and Qatar.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016 at 8.00 PM