

# **NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.**

**Reg No. A0058168N**

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2018

**34 of 44 Clubs present**

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Craig Mather (Avondale Heights), Kim Peters (Greenvale), Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Sam Mento (St John Bosco), Michelle Velthuis (St John Bosco), Meagan Bourke (St Monica's), Loretta Joyce (St Monica's)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

SECONDED: Margot Knight (Keilor)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. OLN — Response to letter regarding team entry issues
2. Tennis Victoria — Minutes of Metropolitan Associations Forum on 8 November 2017 and attachments
3. Tennis Victoria — Advice on weather conditions — weekend of 1 and 2 December 2017
4. Tennis Victoria — Invitation to Competitions Summit on 28 February 2018
5. Royal Park TC — Advice of Clubhouse improvement works

OUT

1. All Clubs — Updated Grand Final Draw for Season 2, 2017
2. All Clubs — Request for expressions of interest to be Grade Secretaries
3. Princes Hill — Letter regarding attendance at NSJTA meetings
4. Royal Park — Letter regarding scheduling of a tournament during NSJTA finals
5. All Clubs — Proposed amendments to the By-laws regarding additional registrations and finals eligibility
6. All Clubs — 2018 Season 1 fixture to check
7. All Clubs — 2018 Season 1 Pick Up Day information
8. All Clubs — Agenda for 19 February 2018 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 13 November 2017 and proposals from Match Committee regarding additional registrations and finals eligibility

## CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2018/01	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Hume TCC regarding A Grade 1 Mixed match against Greenvale/Craigieburn on 9 February 2018
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Greenvale TC

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Lawrence Gileno (Hume)

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 13 November 2017	\$3,165.48
Payments received since 13 November 2017	\$8,050.50
Payments out since 13 November 2017	-\$8,190.40
Balance in transaction account as at 19 February 2018	<b>\$3,025.58</b>
Balance in investment account as at 19 February 2018	<b>\$18,939.74</b>

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

Team entry fees are still due from the following clubs: Avondale Heights, Deer Park, Fawkner, Glencairn, Green Gully, Hadfield, Mt Carmel, North Park, Riverside, St Vincent's, Sydenham, Taylors Lakes and West Brunswick. Clubs are requested to pay outstanding fees as soon as possible.

Due to clubs regularly failing to pay fees on time, Colin will be changing the system for paying invoices in future. Once team entries have been received and the fixture prepared, he will send each club an individualised invoice detailing the team entry fees due and any fines from the previous season. For combined teams, the team entry fee will be split, with each club paying \$12.50 for a combined team. The new system will be introduced for Season 2, 2018. Clubs can provide Colin with their Treasurer's details if they prefer the invoice to be sent directly to their Treasurer instead of the Delegate.

### TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Pat Cash Cup

The Associations Team Challenge has been renamed the Pat Cash Cup and will be played in Bendigo this weekend. The NSJTA has a team of 16 players who will compete.

2. Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge — 30 and 31 March and 1 April 2018

The NSJTA will be hosting the Pat Pearce Memorial Challenge this year at Hume Tennis and Community Centre. Nomination details are on the NSJTA website and details of tryouts will be announced shortly.

3. NSJTA Awards Night

The NSJTA will be holding an Awards Night on Sunday 18 March 2018 at Buckley Park TC at 6.00 pm. All Club Delegates and Presidents are invited. It is an opportunity to recognise all our 2017 representative players who will also be invited to the night. There will be a free BBQ with drinks and salads. Clubs are requested to RSVP if they are attending.

4. Associations Junior League 2018

Applications will open soon and players can register through the NSJTA website.

5. Wayne Arthurs Cup — 7 and 8 April 2018

The Wayne Arthurs Cup will be held at Kooyong in April. The team comprises 2 boys and 2 girls in the 10 & Under age group. Nomination will be put on the website shortly.

## TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

### 1. Competitions Summit

Tennis Victoria is holding a Competitions Summit on Wednesday 28 February 2018 to look at ways to bridge the gap in participation between HotShots and junior competition and retaining players in the late teenage years. The majority of the NSJTA Match Committee will be attending and Clubs should have also received invites directly from Tennis Victoria.

## MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Welcome to our new players, new parents, new delegates and new Grade Secretaries.
2. There are 325 teams for Season 1 2018. This number has decreased compared to Season 1 2017 when there were 346 teams.
3. There have been two withdrawals which are listed on the front of the website:
  - Riverside A Reserve 4 Mixed Friday
  - Hume C Reserve 2 Blue Unisex
4. Princes Hill has a new Delegate — Cindy Martino: 0439 400 036.
5. Hillside, Royal Park and Princes Hill are all undertaking Clubhouse works during the season, but will have toilet facilities available.
6. It has been a quite a good start to the season. This report captures a number of questions raised over the first two weeks. The Match Committee have received quite a number of phone calls this season already. Delegates, in particular our new delegates, should read the by-laws to make themselves familiar with some basic guidelines (not asking everyone to remember them all!).
  - Kym has had many phone calls over the first two weeks about foot faults in D Grade and D Special.  
By-Law 21: Foot faults cannot be called in D Special or D Grade
  - There are many different Bylaws for substitute players, emergency players and players playing between two teams. We ask that you all make yourself familiar with them. Mistakes are easily made and can cost you a match or a finals berth. If you have sought permission from the Match Committee it is important that their name is written on the sheet (eg: permission granted by Stuart Ilsley)  
By-Law 34(c)  
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 prior approval of the Match Committee (eg a player in the Black team cannot play in the Red team)  
By-Law 34(f)  
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 level (A Reserve 2 Boys and A Reserve 2 Mixed). Permission must be sort in advance and will only be granted if in the opinion of the Match Committee the replacement player will not strengthen the team. In such cases the Match Committee will determine the seedings to be used. This rule does not apply in finals.
7. **Behaviour on and behind the courts.** We are increasingly having more and more complaints and Code of Conduct violations because parents are becoming too involved with some matches. Please refer to your Advice to All Team Managers Point 16.
  - Ensure there is no “coaching” or “umpiring” or other disturbances occurring from outside the courts. If this continues after you have warned the offender(s), report the matter to the home club supervisor who may ask the offender to leave the courts.

- The only parents on the courts should be the parents umpiring the D Grade matches. All problems should be dealt with by both team managers. There is no reason for parents to be involved or on the courts. Sometimes an adult may need to stand on the court, as in a continued dispute, the team manager(s) may choose to stay on the court, not to umpire, but to closely monitor the game.

- Also there is a whole section in the Code of Conduct:

As a parent or spectator, you should:

- Encourage children to participate for their own interest and enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on developing skills and playing the game. Reduce the emphasis on winning.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Not criticise your or others' children in front of others.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer team managers, officials and administrators.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

### **Interference**

A parent or spectator must not disrupt or interfere with the proper conduct of a match. For the purposes of this rule, interference includes physical abuse, verbal abuse, audible obscenities, visible obscenities, coaching, intimidation, excessive cheering or any unsportsmanlike conduct, whether directed towards a player, a parent, a spectator or an official.

Please also remember the process set out in By-law 23:

#### By-Law 23

All players must abide by the NSJTA Code of Conduct. Minor Code of Conduct violations should be resolved between the two Delegates of the two clubs concerned. Significant breaches must be reported by a Club Delegate or Club Secretary.

8. **Grade Secretaries.** Without our wonderful Grade Secretaries life would be a lot harder. They try to put the scores up as soon as they can, but sometimes they are late. It might be for more than one reason. But please encourage your team managers to NOT send through some not so nice complaints about lateness of the results being put up. Some people work, go interstate, are on a holiday etc. Most times if someone goes away they let us know.

The other problem that could cause the lateness of entering results is that they are so unclear that we ask for them to be resent. That may not happen overnight. Please send CLEAR photos only.

Please do not liquid paper out mistakes. It is acceptable to put line through the error. Get both team managers to initial the changes.

9. During the Home and Away season the teams are made up of
  - A, B, C Mixed — 3 boys and 3 girls play each week
  - B grade Boys — 4 boys play each week
  - C Unisex — 4 players of any gender play each week
  - D Unisex — 4 players of any gender play each week.

The only time that this changes is during finals and the rules are set out on the website. There have been a couple of times this season where a club has played 4 girls and 3 boys on a normal round.

10. Please encourage parents to communicate with the Club Delegate. Quite often we receive feedback messages from parents, and we then ask them to contact their delegate. Please have some contact details at your own clubs on the walls.
11. There have been two teams withdrawn this season. 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 pulled out it gets frustrating, for you and us. Once again there were a lot of fixture requests with most being granted. Please remember that a 7.45am 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.
12. **A Special emergencies.** There have been some queries from clubs about the seedings used for emergencies in A Special. As emergencies are allowed to strengthen a team in A Special, the Committee does allow emergencies to play higher than No. 3 when they are stronger than the other players in the team. Delegates should contact the Committee to seek advice about the seedings to be used. As some clubs were not aware of this process, a proposal will be put up at the next meeting to clarify this.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the By-laws regarding additional registrations was proposed and debated:

*Amend By-law 36 as follows:*

- 36) a) Players who have played three (3) matches as emergencies (wash-outs not included) will be automatically assessed by the Match Secretary for additional registration. Additional registrations close at Round 11 and a player must have played three matches by Round 11 to be considered for additional registration.
- b) For A Special only, additional registrations will be automatically approved once a player has played three (3) matches.
- c) For all grades other than A Special, an additional registration will be approved if the Match Secretary deems that, based on the player's results in the three (3) matches played, the player is not strengthening the team. In certain circumstances, the Match Secretary may authorise an emergency to play a fourth match before a decision regarding the additional registration is made.
- d) It is the responsibility of the Club to look on the NSJTA website prior to an emergency playing a fourth match to check whether an additional registration has been approved. If a player plays again in the grade in which their additional registration has been refused, all sets played by that player shall be forfeited.
- e) If an additional registration is refused, a player can play a further three (3) matches as an emergency in a higher grade and then be considered for additional registration in that grade. In exceptional circumstances, the Match Secretary may approve an additional registration after fewer than three (3) matches in the higher grade.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Marg Mugavin (Tullamarine)

An amendment was proposed to insert "than the grade that was refused" after "emergency in a higher grade" in paragraph (e).

Amended motion carried unanimously.

2. The following proposal to amend the By-laws regarding finals eligibility was proposed and debated:

*Amend By-law 52 as follows:*

- 52) a) All players participating in finals matches must be registered in the team and have played at least three (3) matches in a season. A player shall be deemed to have played a match when:
- i) their name is listed on the match result sheet and the match has been played and completed (even if one or more of the sets the player was listed to play was forfeited by the opposition); or
  - ii) their name has been recorded on the match result sheet and the match has commenced but is unable to be completed due to unplayable conditions.
- A player will not be deemed to have played a match when the match does not commence due to unplayable conditions (e.g. complete washout) or the entire match is forfeited by one team.
- b) A registered, qualified player from a lower team from the same club may play in a finals match if there are insufficient registered, qualified players from the team available to field a complete team.
  - c) The players for all sets, including substitute players, must be filled out on the match result sheet before the match starts (including the extra set to be played in the event of a draw in Boys and Unisex matches).
  - d) Once the result sheet has been completed, it can only be altered with the agreement of both Team Managers and the change must be initialled by both Team Managers.
  - e) If a player becomes injured during a set, the remainder of that set must be forfeited. An injured player can be replaced for a future set by another registered, qualified player or a registered, qualified player from a lower team from the same club. The host club supervisor must note the nature of the injury on the match result sheet and certify that they are satisfied it is a legitimate injury.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

Carried unanimously.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8:55 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 26 MARCH 2018 at 8.00 PM**