

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

**Reg No. A0058168N**

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2016

**37 of 43 Clubs present**

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: David Bell (North Park), Simone Erasmus (North Park), Leon Roche (Mt. Carmel), Jesse Laino (Keilor Park)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)                      SECONDED: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Notice of Special General Meeting on 16 March 2016 from Tennis Victoria
2. Copy of a complaint regarding issue at A Grade 2 match between Essendon and Sunbury on 19 February 2016 from Essendon Tennis Club
3. Letter from President and CEO of Tennis Victoria regarding Hume Tennis and Community Centre participation in local association competition
4. Response from Oak Park Tennis Club regarding management of junior teams and team withdrawals
5. Email from Hume Tennis and Community Centre regarding process for applying for affiliation with the NSJTA
6. Application for affiliation with the NSJTA from Hume Tennis and Community Centre
7. Letter from President and CEO of Tennis Victoria to Club Presidents and Secretaries urging clubs to support Hume Tennis and Community Centre's application for affiliation with the NSJTA
8. Letter from Glen Moore, former President of Greenvale Tennis Club, in support of entering and running teams out of the Hume Tennis and Community Centre
9. Email from David Puddefoot, President of Westmeadows Tennis Club, supporting deferring a decision of the affiliation of Hume Tennis and Community Centre until further information has been provided to the Association

OUT

1. Response to Fawkner Tennis Club regarding grading of A Grade 3 Boys Friday team
2. Letter to Oak Park Tennis Club regarding management of junior teams and team withdrawals
3. Letter to Taylors Lakes Tennis Club regarding arrangements for matches while lighting levels are impacted on two courts

4. Response to Tennis Victoria's letter regarding likely application for affiliation by Hume Tennis and Community Centre
5. Response to Hume Tennis and Community Centre regarding process for applying for affiliation with the NSJTA and application form
6. To all Clubs:
  - Minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 15 February 2015
  - Agenda for 21 March 2016 Delegates Meeting
  - Application for affiliation by Hume Tennis and Community Centre
  - Proposed changes to By-laws relating to A Special format and Friday night finals
  - Copy of NSJTA's letter in response to Tennis Victoria's letter regarding likely application for affiliation by Hume Tennis and Community Centre
  - Copy of the letter from President and CEO of Tennis Victoria to Club Presidents and Secretaries urging clubs to support Hume Tennis and Community Centre's application for affiliation with the NSJTA

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 15 February 2016	\$3,858.90
Payments received since 15 February 2016	\$2,212.02
Payments out since 15 February 2016	-\$3,445.00
Balance in transaction account as at 21 March 2016	<b>\$2,625.92</b>
 Balance in investment account as at 21 March 2016	 <b>\$26,076.90</b>

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Christine Knutson (Avondale Heights)

Some clubs still have fines from last season outstanding. Please ensure they are paid before the next meeting. Score books are now available free of charge.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Mrs Pat Pearce Memorial Shield — 25 to 27 March 2016  
The Pat Pearce Shield between Eastern Region, North Eastern, NSJTA and Waverley will be held this coming weekend. This year, the event is scheduled to be hosted by Waverley Tennis at Doveton. The team has been chosen and we wish them good luck.
2. Wayne Arthurs Cup — 9 and 10 April 2016  
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 forms are on the website. We have already had a number of player express interest, but are still looking for more players to apply.
3. The yellow NSJTA shirt is no longer being made, so a new shirt is being designed. A survey was put on the NSJTA website to provide input into the design. There were over 250 responses and one design was a clear favourite. The new shirts will be ordered and available soon.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria held a Community Tennis Forum last week which focussed on fundraising opportunities for clubs. Clubs are encouraged to look at the Australian Sports Foundation's website — <http://asf.org.au> — which has a number of fundraising resources and grant opportunities.

2. Work is continuing on the League Manager results system, which replaced Competition Planner. Further work is needed on functionality and reliability and once the issues are addressed, the Association will look at using it for our competition.

#### MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs have the opportunity to change their A Grade singles seeding for the second half of the season for the next match (Round 8). They must either fill out the pro forma handed out before the season and email it with the Round 8 match result sheet or ring the relevant secretary by Monday evening. Teams that change their seedings without informing the Grade Secretary will be immediately penalised with singles sets being forfeited.
2. This season has already had 46 approved registrations. If a child is found to be too strong in a 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 6(b) could be used for registering children with no competition experience. We registered 20 children via this process. Therefore all new players must now go through the emergency player process. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration and that for 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.
4. Please encourage your team managers to always go through the delegates to find emergency players. Once a player has played four matches in a higher grade or grades, they cannot return to their original team. Twice this season games have been taken off as a player has played four or more games in higher teams, and then played back in their original team. The number of played up matches is counted across all the higher grades a player plays in, eg: 3 matches in A-4 and 1 match in A-1 equals four games played up, so the player cannot return to their original team.
5. Too many times the Match Sheets are not filled out correctly. Lately the biggest issue is the incorrect scores are being written. This was mentioned in the first report of the season. It is important to confirm all scores before signing the results sheet. The NSJTA will not chase people and ask 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 next few items cover a few issues that have come up recently.
  - **Wet Weather** — The only time that notification will be published on the NSJTA web page, or on Team App, will be when the NSJTA Match Committee declare a blanket washout. All teams are expected to attend the venue, unless a venue states that they are totally under water, with no chance of drying the courts.
  - **Emergencies** — By Law 33c... 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 (e.g. a player registered in the Black team cannot play in the Red team)  
By Law 35f... 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 (e.g. 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 39e... Teams which are two or more players short must give a walkover.

- **Late Rule** — By Law 25a...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 25b...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 25c...If any player is more than 30 minutes late, that player's first set must be forfeited.

By Law 25d...If any player is more than 60 minutes late, the player's first two sets must be forfeited.

By Law 25e...If a player in D Grade is more than 90 minutes late, that player must forfeit all three sets.

7. Please make sure you have collected a player transfer form from the back table. Please give a copy to anyone wanting to transfer to or from your club. If your club is unable to provide an appropriate grade for one or more of your children please make them aware of the transfer dates. You could also look at a combined team with another club.
8. Clubs can advertise on our web site for players. We ask that you only state the player/s required will be needed in B to High B (example only). We will not advertise that a player is needed in A Grade 2 in the second position (example only).
9. Important Dates
  - April 15/16 — A Grade teams Friday/Saturday may change their seeding order.
  - May 6/7 — Last opportunity for additional registrations — emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates
  - May 7 — Transfers for next season close – transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6.00 pm
  - May 21 — All A Grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the website on or before this date
  - May 23 — Third and final Delegates meeting at BPTC 8.00 pm
  - May 28 — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date.
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.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the format of Friday night finals was proposed and debated:

*Amend By-law 51 as follows:*

- 51)
  - a) For Friday night semi finals, the FIRST and SECOND finishing teams will host the semi finals at their home courts. If a club has insufficient courts to host all its semi finals, the Match Secretary shall nominate another venue for one or more matches.
  - b) Friday night grand finals will be played at neutral venues as directed by the Match Secretary.
  - c) For all Friday night finals, the host club must provide a senior person (over 18 years of age) to be the Court Supervisor who will supervise matches at their courts.
  - d) For Saturday morning semi finals, clubs shall be called upon to provide courts and umpires as directed by the Match Secretary.
  - e) Saturday morning grand finals:
    - i) A and B level grand finals shall be supervised by a nominated host club as directed by the Match Secretary and, if required, umpired by players from that club.
    - ii) C and D level grand finals shall be supervised by a nominated host club as

directed by the Match Secretary. D level matches will be umpired by senior umpires. C level matches will only be umpired by senior umpires if required.

- f) Clubs will be required to provide senior persons to umpire Saturday morning grand finals as follows:
- i) Clubs with 1 to 4 Saturday teams — 1 umpire
  - ii) Clubs with 5 to 8 Saturday teams — 2 umpires
  - iii) Clubs with 9 to 12 Saturday teams — 3 umpires
  - iv) Clubs with 13 or more Saturday teams — 4 umpires

Umpires shall keep a written record of the scoring of each set on a score sheet and shall be responsible for the recording of the umpires score sheet onto the match results sheet.

The penalty for non-attendance of senior persons at Grand Final venues shall be the fine specified in the Fines Schedule.

- g) The host club supervisor at all finals locations shall be the referee for the matches at that location and may consult the Match Committee when making decisions required for the proper conduct of the match.

Motion: That the semi finals format in proposed amended By-law 51(a) be approved.

MOVED: Brendon Noonan (Delahey)                      SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Riverside)

Carried by a majority.

Motion: That the grand finals format in proposed amended By-law 51(b) and consequential changes to By-law 51 be approved.

MOVED: Brendon Noonan (Delahey)                      SECONDED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)

Carried by a majority.

2. The following proposal to amend the format of A Special matches for next season was proposed and debated:

*Amend By-law 14 as follows:*

A special, A grade and A reserve mixed grades

- 14) a) For A special, the competing teams shall comprise two (2) girls and two (2) boys.  
b) For A special, a match shall consist of six (6) sets made up of two (2) girls and two (2) boys singles of 8 games with a tie-breaker at 7 all.

OPTION 1

There will also be two (2) mixed doubles sets each of eight (8) games with no tie-breaker.

OPTION 2

There will also be one (1) boys and one (1) girls doubles set each of eight (8) games with no tie-breaker.

- c) For A grade and A reserve mixed grades, the competing teams shall comprise three (3) girls and three (3) boys.  
d) For A grade and A reserve mixed grades, A match shall consist of nine (9) sets made up of three (3) boys and three (3) girls singles of 8 games with a tie-breaker at 7 all. There will also be one (1) boys, one (1) girls and one (1) mixed doubles set each of six (6) games with no tie-breaker.  
e) During the first seven rounds of matches the singles shall be played in 'seeded' order as advised by the club. This 'seeding' may be varied by notification to the Grade Secretary concerned before commencement of the eighth round. In finals matches, EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER of these seedings shall be played for the series.  
f) An emergency player must play in the lowest seeded position.

- g) In the event that a registered player from a lower grade and an unregistered emergency player both play in the same match, the unregistered emergency player must play in the lowest seeded position.
- h) In the event that two or more players registered in different lower grades play as emergencies in the same match, the player registered in the higher grade must play at a higher seeded position than the player registered in a lower grade.
- i) In the event that two or more players registered in the same A level team play as emergencies in a higher A level team in the same match, the higher seeded player in the players' original registered team must play at a higher seeded position.
- j) Any seeded player who plays at a lower seeded position than a higher seeded player, or plays at a lower seeded position than an emergency player, will forfeit the set.
- k) Any registered player who plays at a lower seeded position than required by subsections g), h) or i) of this By-law will forfeit the set.

After discussion a third doubles option was proposed:

OPTION 3

There will also be one (1) boys, one (1) girls and (2) mixed doubles set each of six (6) games with no tie-breaker.

This option will require a consequential amendment to By-law 29(a) as follows:

For Friday evening matches, Clubs must provide four courts each A Special home match for the singles sets, at least three courts for each A Mixed home match and at least two courts for each A Boys home match.

Motion: That A Special team composition of two girls and two boys in proposed amended By-law 14(a) be approved to take affect from next season.

MOVED: Brendon Noonan (Delahey)      SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

Carried by a majority.

Motion: That the doubles format in Option 1 be approved to take affect from next season.

Defeated by a majority.

Motion: That the doubles format in Option 2 be approved to take affect from next season.

Defeated by a majority.

Motion: That the doubles format in Option 3 and the consequential change to By-law 29 be approved to take affect from next season.

Carried by a majority.

3. Hume Tennis and Community Centre applied to affiliate with the NSJTA to enter teams in the Season 2, 2016 competition. A representative from Hume Tennis and Community Centre attended the meeting and spoke in support of this application.

After discussion, a motion was put forward to defer consideration of the application by Hume Tennis and Community Centre for affiliation with the NSJTA until the first meeting of Season 2, 2016.

MOVED: James Stephen (Craigieburn)      SECONDED: Vince Madaffari (Keilor East)

Carried by a majority.

**MEETING CLOSED: 10.20 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2016 at 8.00 PM**