

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2017

41 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:07 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Ray Reymers (Coburg), Neil Campbell (Fawkner), Kathleen Nolan (North Park), Abdullah Calisir (Princes Hill)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Alicia Dachs (St Thereses)

SECONDED: Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — 2017 AGM and Board Elections
2. Royal Park TC — Copy of response to Fawkner TC regarding player behaviour issue
3. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum 9 August 2017 Draft Minutes
4. Tennis Victoria — Annual Report 2016-17 and 2017 Board Elections
5. Tennis Victoria — 2017 Board Elections reminder
6. Tennis Victoria — Certificate of Currency
7. Tennis Victoria — 2017 Victorian Tennis Award winners
8. Tennis Victoria — Agenda for Metropolitan Associations Forum on 8 November 2017
9. Tennis Victoria — Expression of Interest Opportunity for Tennis Victoria Competitions Committee

OUT

1. Hadfield TC — Letter regarding attendance at meetings and management of Club's junior teams
2. All Clubs — Agenda for 13 November 2017 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 4 September 2017 and proposal from Match Committee regarding substitute players
3. OLN TC — Letter regarding team entries for Season 1, 2018

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 4 September 2017	\$2,186.48
Payments received since 4 September 2017	\$2,195.00
Payments out since 4 September 2017	-\$1,216.00

Balance in transaction account as at 13 November 2017 **\$3,165.48**

Balance in investment account as at 13 November 2017 **\$18,831.33**

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Margot Knight (Keilor)

Fines for last season are now overdue from Hadfield, Keilor Park, St Thereses, St Vincents and West Brunswick.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

The last round will be played this week.

2. Alicia Molik Cup

The next representative event is the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December. A tryout was held on Sunday and it was pleasing to see healthy participation with about 12 players trying out.

3. 2018 events

The Daphne Fancutt Shield will be held in January, the Association Team Challenge in February and Pat Pearce at Easter. Details will go up on the NSJTA website shortly.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Associations Forum

Tennis Victoria is looking at ways to bridge the gap in participation between HotShots and junior competition and retaining players in the late teenage years. A dedicated forum on these topics will be held next year, to which all Association committee members will be invited.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. All teams that applied for Friday night have been accepted. Seven clubs applied for A Special and these teams have been accepted. An additional team may be added when the remaining teams are graded.
2. A list was given out of all player transfers. If there are any extraordinary transfers they must reach Kym, along with the \$20 transfer fee, by next Saturday, November 18 (please ring Kym and notify reason before sending).
3. Clubs are reminded that Dec 08/09 listed on the fixture as a "Spare Finals Weekend" and will be utilised if a majority of Semi-Finals or Grand-Finals are washed out. Delegates need to remind players that they need to still keep this date free.
4. **Round 14 results:** Team Managers must email results to their Grade Secretary as soon as possible after Round 14 matches. Grade Secretaries are asked to process all results by Saturday night if possible. This will allow Kym to get the draw up much quicker than previous seasons.
5. **Semi Finals:** A draft indicative Semi Final draw was given out based on Round 12/13 results. Please use this to prepare teams who may be hosting semi-finals. A FINAL copy will be posted on-line as soon as possible. Please encourage the email process. Please do not use this draft Indicative Fixture as being the final copy. Please email Kym if you think something is wrong.

Clubs are reminded that Friday night semi finals are hosted by the teams that finish in positions one and two. For Grand Finals centralised venues will be chosen to add more games to a venue and add more atmosphere to the night.

For semi-finals on November 24/25, all members (and team manager) of host teams are expected to turn up to help with umpiring and bagging of courts. Delegates (or Venue Supervisors) are asked to email a copy of the score sheets to results@nsjta.asn.au. Please bring sheets with you to Grand Final Pickup Night on Monday 27 November 2017 at BPTC at 8pm.

During the finals Team Managers can fold the sheet in half so that each team does not see each other's players. Once both clubs have put in their team names, the sheet can be unfolded. In both the Semi and Grand finals the majority of players from each team can play. A guide to finals teams is available on the NSJTA website.

6. **Grand Finals:** All A and B grade grand finals will be umpired by teams within those grades at their home venues. Match result sheets and pennants for the Grand Finals will be given out to the host clubs on Monday 27 November 2017 at BPTC. Host venues for grand finals will be Airport West, Avondale Heights, Buckley Park, Greenvale, Keilor East, Royal Park, Sydenham, Taylors Lakes and West Brunswick. If a club has courts unavailable during the finals, please let Kym know ASAP.

Saturday Grand Finals clubs are reminded that they must provide adult umpires from 8.30 am as follows:

1-4 Saturday teams – 1 umpire, 5-8 Saturday teams – 2 umpires, 9-12 Saturday teams – 3 umpires

The start time for all Friday night Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is 7.00 pm

The start time for all Saturday Semi-Final and Grand Final matches is:

- All A & B grades — 7.45 am
- All C grades — 8.30 am
- All D grades — 9.30 am

All competing teams are reminded they must supply new balls for finals. D1 to D6 teams must supply new 75 per cent compression balls. All A, B and C Grade matches should start without an umpire, but Host Clubs should have players on standby to umpire if there is a dispute during a set. All D Special and D Grade matches are umpired.

7. **Season 1 2018 information:** A Special teams have been looked at tonight. The deadline for submitting your other Saturday team entries is next Saturday, 18 November 2017 (you can also make minor changes to your teams already entered up until this date). Make sure that the first name on the cover sheet is the name and phone number(s) to go on the fixture.

Clubs are reminded of the following rules regarding age limits:

- By law 7 — The NSJTA competition is open to juniors who are under the age of 18 as of 31 December the year prior for Season 1 and as of 30 June for Season 2 of any given year. Juniors may turn 18 during the season they are playing in.
- By law 8 — Players who turn 14 or older during a given season are not eligible to play in D Grade 1 or below during that season. Those players must play D Special or higher. This age limit applies also to emergencies.

The entry fees of \$25 per team should have been given to Colin tonight, but otherwise at BPTC next Saturday.

Please indicate on B Grade entries if you want the alternative 8-30 am start, on C Grade entries if you want the alternative 7.45 am or 9.30 am start and on D Grade entries if you want the alternative

8.30 am start. Please note that C Grade 7.45 starts will be scrutinised as for why it has been submitted. It should not be assumed that you will get this if there is no valid reason.

The dates for next season will be as follows: February 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24, March 2/3, 16/17, 23/24, April 20/21, 27/28, May 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26, June 1/2, Semi-Final — June 15/16, Grand Final — June 22/23, Spare Finals weekend — June 29/30.

8. Grade Secretaries — We are looking for new Grade Secretaries. If you can help please let Kym know.
9. Pick up of Fixtures — The pickup for fixtures, match result sheets etc for next season will take place on Sunday 21 January 2018 between 9.30 am and 10.00 am, at Essendon TC (Please note change of time)
10. The NSJTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their assistance throughout the finals periods — Clubs, Umpires, Delegates, Parents and particularly all the children.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The following proposal to amend the By-laws to make it clear that the one hour time period for a substitute player starts from the time of the event that led to the need for a substitute was proposed and debated.

Replace paragraph (d) of By-law 37 with the following:

- d) An interval of ONE HOUR from the time of the occurrence of the event which led to the need for a substitute shall be allowed to enable a team to replace a player with a substitute. In this event, the match shall continue by the playing of the other sets listed on the match result sheet.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

Carried unanimously.

2. The following proposal to amend the By-laws to allow Mixed teams to play two players short was proposed and debated.

Effective from next season, replace paragraphs (d) and (e) of By-law 42 with the following:

- d) Boys and Unisex teams are allowed to play one player short, however will forfeit those sets 6-0 (or 8-0 for A singles sets). Mixed teams are allowed to play two players short, however will forfeit those sets 6-0 (or 8-0 for A singles sets). The forfeit must be taken in the lowest position/s for Mixed grades or the number four position in Boys and Unisex grades. If a team inadvertently gives a forfeit at a higher position, the opposing team has the option of replaying the affected sets if they so desire.
- e) Boys and Unisex teams which are two or more players short must give a walkover. Mixed teams which are three or more players short must give a walkover.

MOVED: Julie Thompson (Buckley Park)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Riverside)

Carried unanimously.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:35 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018 at 8.00 PM