

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2018

42 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:06 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Buckley Park)

SECONDED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — AGM and Board Elections
2. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum on 19 September 2018
3. East Coburg TC — Enquiry about process for reaffiliation with the NSJTA
4. Tennis Victoria — Board Elections
5. Craigieburn TC — Confirmation of Delegate details following AGM
6. Tennis Victoria — Cancellation of Metropolitan Associations Forum
7. Tennis Victoria — Metro Associations Forum 7 November 2018 invite
8. Tennis Victoria — Regional Teams Event Advisory Panel EOI
9. Tennis Victoria — Insurance Certificate of Currency
10. OLN — Change of Junior Delegate
11. Tennis Victoria — Resignation of CEO
12. Strathmore TC — Proposal to amend By-laws — Courts for Friday Mixed teams

OUT

1. East Coburg TC — Email advising of process for applying for affiliation with the NSJTA
2. All Clubs — Agenda for 12 November 2018 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 3 September 2018 and proposal for By-law changes relating to playing two players short multiple times
3. Taylors Lakes TC — Letter regarding overdue fees
4. All Clubs — Revised agenda for 12 November 2018 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 3 September 2018 and proposals for By-law changes relating to playing two players short multiple times and number of courts required for Friday Mixed teams

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2018/04	In	Response from Taylors Lakes TC to complaint from Riverside TC regarding A Reserve 3 Mixed Friday match on 10 August 2018
	Out	Letters to Taylors Lakes TC and Riverside TC advising outcome of complaint
2018/05	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Deer Park TC regarding A Grade 3 Boys Friday match on 26 October 2018
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Hillside TC
	In	Response from Hillside TC
2018/06	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Hillside TC regarding A Grade 3 Boys Friday match on 26 October 2018

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 3 September 2018	\$3,061.08
Payments received since 3 September 2018	\$2,945.00
Payments out since 3 September 2018	-\$3,053.80
Balance in transaction account as at 12 November 2018	\$2,952.28
Balance in investment account as at 12 November 2018	\$20,921.00

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

All clubs are up to date with their fees. Colin will send clubs invoices for team entry fees for Season 1 2019 and fines from Season 2 2018.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Alicia Molik Cup

Entries have closed for the next representative event, the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December. Approximately 15 applications were received and try outs will be held this weekend.

2. Associations Junior League 2018

The competition finishes this weekend. It has been a good season for the NSJTA teams with 6 of the 12 teams in the top two and likely to make finals. Two other teams are third.

3. 2019 events

The Daphne Fancutt Shield will be held in January and the Pat Cash Cup (previously known as the Association Team Challenge) will be held in February. Details will go up on the NSJTA website shortly.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. An Associations Forum meeting was held last Wednesday at Royal South Yarra. Tennis Victoria Director Peter Owen is the new Chair of the group. The meeting was a bit different as it was a workshop style forum. Tennis Victoria is looking at getting feedback from Associations about their relationship and how they can support Associations.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. All teams that applied for Friday night have been accepted. Nine teams applied for A Special. The teams accepted were: Buckley Park/Gladstone Park, Taylors Lakes (Blue). Maribyrnong Park/OLN, Taylors Lakes (Gold), Coburg/Merlynston, Essendon/Green Gully, Hume and Buckley Park.
2. A list was given out of all player transfers.
3. Clubs are reminded that Dec 07/08 is 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.

The Guidelines for Hosting finals are on the NSJTA website.

A Draft Indicative Semi Final copy has been 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 do not use this Draft Indicative Fixture as being the final copy.

Please contact Kym if you think something is wrong.

Special Note: For Friday night Semi Finals clubs are reminded of the By Law being that the Semi Finals are played using the Home Court advantage for positions one and two. For Grand Finals a nominated club has been chosen to add more games to a venue so as to add more atmosphere to the night.

5. **Semi Finals:** For semi-finals on November 23/24, 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 completed sheets with you to Grand Final Pick Up Night on Monday November 26th at BPTC at 8pm. Reminder - 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. Please check the Final Teams document on the NSJTA website which will explain everything.
5. **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 on Monday November 26th to the host clubs at BPTC at 8pm. Host venues for Saturday grand finals will be Airport West, Buckley Park, Craigieburn, Green Gully, Oak Park, Royal Park, Strathmore, West Brunswick. If a club has courts unavailable during the finals, please let me know tonight.

Saturday Grand Finals clubs are reminded that they must provide adult umpires from 8.30AM 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 7.00PM

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

The NSJTA supplies balls for the Grand Final. However, could clubs please bring an extra canister to the venue. It will not be opened unless required.

6. **Important Dates**

- 17 November — All other Saturday teams must be entered
- 23 /24 November— Semi Finals

- 26 November — Grand Final Pick up
- 30 November / 1 Dec — Grand Finals
- 19 January 2019 (which is a Saturday) — Season 2 Fixtures Pick Up — 9.00am to 9.30am at Airport West TC
- 01/02 February 2019 — Season 1 starts

7. **Season 1 2019 team entry information:**

A quick reminder of our Saturday formats:

- D and D Special Unisex Grades
- C Reserve, C Grade and C Special Unisex teams
- C Reserve, C Grade and C Special Mixed teams with 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week
- B Reserve and B Grade Boys
- B Reserve and B Grade Mixed. 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week

Clubs are reminded that:

- 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.

Team entry fees will be invoiced and emailed to club Treasurers with fines for this season.

Please indicate on B Grade entries if you want the alternative 8.30am start, on C Grade entries if you want the alternative 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 am 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.

8. **Fixture requests** — The number of fixture requests is becoming ridiculously over the top. This season some clubs have taken advantage of requests. This is causing grief in choosing which club has priority over another clubs requests. I suggest each club relook at their requests this week. We can try and accommodate some requests but we cannot promise anything. The amount of requests from some clubs now puts the sibling requests in jeopardy.

We will not be looking at “Please play teams 1, 3, 5, 7 and 2, 4, 6, 8”. This is calculated as 4 different requests or “This suits our club”. Please note we check to see if there are siblings in teams suggested by Delegates. We, however, will do the best we can with requests.

9. **Season 1 2019 dates:**

The dates for next season will be as follows: February 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, March 1/2, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30, April 26/27, May 3/4, 10/11, 17/18, 24/25, May 31/June 1, Semi-Final — June 14/15, Grand Final — June 21/22, Spare Finals weekend — June 22/29.

Riverside’s courts will be unavailable for next season as they are rebuilt. Thanks to the clubs that have agreed to host Riverside teams for the season.

The pickup for fixtures, match result sheets etc will take place on Saturday 19 January 2019 between 9.00 am to 9.30 am at Airport West TC.

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 relating to playing two players short multiple times was proposed and debated:

Amend By-law 42 as follows to take effect from Season 1 2019:

Walkovers and defaults

- 42) a) In the event of a walkover or default, the team not at fault shall be awarded match points only, and their percentage will not change.
- b) A team shall be deemed to have retired from the competition if it:
- i) gives a walkover for three matches;
 - ii) is a Friday Mixed team and gives a walkover or plays two players short for a combined total of three matches;
 - iii) voluntarily withdraws; or
 - iv) is disqualified for any reason by the Match Committee.
- In this event, all matches played by this team shall be cancelled and points won or lost deleted for calculations of points or percentages for the grade in which this team was graded.
- c) The penalty for all walkovers and the penalty for withdrawing a team after teams have been graded by the Match Committee shall be the fine specified in the Fines Schedule.
- d) Saturday Mixed, 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). Friday 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) Saturday Mixed, Boys and Unisex teams which are two or more players short must give a walkover. Friday Mixed teams which are three or more players short must give a walkover.

MOVED: Stuart Ilsley (Westmeadows)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

Carried by a majority.

2. The following proposal regarding the minimum number of courts required for a Friday mixed match was proposed and debated:

Amend By-law 29(a) as follows to take effect from Season 1 2019:

- 29) a) For Friday evening matches, Clubs must provide at least two and a half courts for each A mixed home match and at least two courts for A Boys home matches.

MOVED: Monique Breuer (Strathmore)

SECONDED: Bruno Alderuccio (Essendon)

Defeated by a majority.

3. An alternative proposal was put forward and debated:

That Strathmore TC be granted an exemption from the requirements of By-law 29(a) for Season 1 2019 to enable it to play two mixed teams and one boys team at home on the same night with seven courts. If matches are not complete by the 10.30 pm curfew time, sets still in progress will be recorded as incomplete, and the match will be a draw unless one team has an unbeatable lead. The Association will monitor finishing times of matches, and Strathmore TC must relocate one team to Oak Park if matches are not being completed on time.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Buckley Park)

SECONDED: Alicia Dachs (St Thereses)

Carried by a majority.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.05 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018 at 8.00 PM