

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2021

37 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Margot Knight (Keilor)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Management Liability Insurance Declaration & Affiliation Reminder
2. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement confirmation
3. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual Statement receipt
4. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal submission confirmation
5. Confirmation of receipt of grant application — Community Sport Package Stream 2
6. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Victoria 2020 AGM and Board elections
7. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Victoria Update re Victorian Government Roadmap
8. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update
9. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Update for Metropolitan Melbourne
10. Tennis Victoria — COVID-19 update 27 September 2020
11. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Successful Grant Application
12. Tennis Victoria — Annual Report 2019-20 and Annual General Meeting
13. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Victoria AGM Zoom videoconference information
14. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal receipt
15. Tennis Victoria — Update 18 October 2020
16. Tennis Victoria — Update 20 October 2020
17. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update 27 October 2020
18. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update 28 October 2020
19. Tennis Victoria — Board Announcement
20. Tennis Victoria — COVID-19 Update 8 November 2020
21. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update 9 November 2020
22. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update 12 November 2020

23. Tennis Victoria — Community Tennis Guidelines Update 23 November 2020
24. Tennis Victoria — Seeking Nominations - Tennis Victoria Board Director
25. Tennis Victoria — New Player Pathway Manager - East and West
26. Tennis Victoria — Metro North West update
27. Coburg TC — Clubhouse works
28. Tennis Victoria — Tennis 2025 Workshops, AO ticket offer and ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Community Grants
29. Tennis Victoria — Instruction to Cease, Temporarily, Community Tennis Activity in Victoria

OUT

1. East Coburg — Letter of support for shade grant
2. All Clubs — AGM Minutes 2020
3. Grant application — Community Sport Package Stream 2
4. All Clubs — Cancellation of Season 2 2020
5. All Clubs — 2021 Season 1 arrangements
6. All Clubs — Team entry details for Season 1, 2021
7. All Clubs — Fixture Season 1 2021
8. All Clubs — 2021 Season 1 details
9. All Clubs — Agenda for 15 February 2021 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 11 November 2019
10. All Clubs — Round 3 matches cancelled

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As you could imagine there has been very little activity this year. Balance of the cheque account is \$450.40 as at the 12 February 2021. The only receipts have been transfer fees. Only three payments:

- Tennis Victoria yearly fee \$500.00
- Dinner at grading \$43.00
- EmbroidMe shirts for Tennis Vic AJL comp \$1,579.42.

The investment account stands at \$18,538.58

We do have liability of flags for this season around \$4000 and cost of balls for finals \$600 because we have already collected the team entry fees and not charging for this season.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Daphne Fancutt Shield

The Daphne Fancutt Shield was held in January. The NSJTA finished second, losing to Bayside in the final. The team all played very well, and congratulations go to the team on a great effort!

2. Pat Cash Cup

The Pat Cash Cup will be held in Wodonga in a few weeks. The NSJTA team has been selected and posted on the new <https://nsjta.org.au/> website. Hopefully the lockdown will end in time for the event to proceed.

3. Wayne Arthurs Cup

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. The nomination form is up on the website.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Nil.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Welcome back everyone. This season will have its trials for us all. Please communicate any uncertainties you have with Kym on 0413 527 902.
2. Some clubs have already had to pull out a team. Parents and children's uncertainty has caught some of us off guard. Always ring Kym, as some solutions may need to be found that are fair to all but beyond the "usual norm".
3. We do have less teams this season, which can impact on the grading of teams. However, the Match Committee are quite happy with the team grading results.
4. I would like to thank everyone for the minimal team fixture requests when entering your teams. This made fixturing so much easier, and we did not have to make awkward decisions of which request is more important than another.
5. There have been some team withdrawals which unfortunately have left us with 6 teams in those grades. Special six team draws have been made. I would like to thank the Match Committee for their hard work when putting these six team draws together. Factoring of court availability is the hardest. In some instances a game may need to be moved to an alternative venue. We try our hardest to limit any issues and thank clubs for their assistance and patience.
6. This season we have had a couple of teams arriving at the right courts but at the wrong time. Delegates, please double check everything and work with your team managers.

Please use the following example as a guide

A and B grades on a Saturday morning have an automatic 7.45am start unless there are fixture changes as in the below example.

B reserve 2

1. Buckley Park (Red) #
2. Buckley Park (Black) #
3. St Therese's @ ESS
4. Maribyrnong Park
5. Oak Park
6. Delahey
7. Green Gully
8. Keilor

Team 1 is an 8.30 start when at Buckley Park

Team 2 is an 8.30 start when at Buckley Park

Team 3 is played @ Essendon with a 7.45 start

Teams 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are 7.45 starts for all home games at their own courts.

Sets can be forfeited if teams are late.

Printable fixtures can be found on the website under Documents. www.nsjta.asn.au

7. **Grade Secretaries** — I want to say a huge thank you to all our Grade Secretaries. Some of you may not be aware that at the moment the Grade Secretaries are entering the results into the NSJTA site and the TV League Manager site. They have all participated in training sessions via Zoom. Brendon has worked with many of them over the phone and even has trained in their homes. As with anything new, there are some teething issues, but we are nearly there. Shortly all results will be via League Manager. There will be a link made available to all soon with what to do going forward.

8. **Substitute players, emergency players and players playing between two teams** — There are many different By-laws for these situations, and 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 Brendon Noonan).

By-Law 34c

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 34f

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.

9. **Additional registrations** — Emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that in these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet. Most additional registrations will be granted 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.

10. **Registering players without previous match experience** — Please make sure that paperwork is emailed to Kym (kymjlbaker@gmail.com) This can be used for the first seven rounds. If, in the opinion of the Match Committee, the player is considered too strong, you will be called to discuss alternative options

11. **Emergencies** — When using an emergency player please make sure you supply their full date of birth on the score sheet. The Grade Secretaries cannot input the players details on the new site without those details. Score sheets will not go up for viewing without this information.

12. **COVID-19 Guidelines** — Please make sure your clubs are always abiding by COVID-19 Guidelines. It is so easy to forget and shake hands or give a hug. Our Guidelines are on site. Please always check in at each venue. These are uncertain times, so your help is appreciated.

13. **Round 3 cancellation** — As you are all aware Round 3 was cancelled as per below.

12th February - Round 3 matches cancelled

Following the announcement by the State Government of a circuit breaker lock down, all Round 3 matches have been cancelled and will be recorded as a draw. This includes both Friday night matches and Saturday morning matches. We will monitor health advice and provide further advice about Round 4 during the week.

I do need to ask the following of everyone. I know your players and parents start messaging you straight away when lock downs are announced. I was still watching the full announcement on TV when my phone started ringing and I started receiving texts. I am fully aware of everyone's anxiety in these situations. I needed to contact the Match Committee in relation to the possibility of cancelling the Friday night games as that was not part of the Government lockdown. This can take a bit of time. Most of the Match Committee were at work.

After a decision was made (to also cancel Friday night games) I then contacted Robert McDonald and asked him to put up one message, the same message, to all our social media apps. One message means that there is less of a chance of misunderstanding our decisions. Please don't text me telling me you have received a message from Robert or asking what has been cancelled. The Match Committee all work together, and we all have individual jobs once a decision is reached.

I want to thank everyone for your understanding going forward if these "lock downs" happen again.

14. **Important Dates**

- **Mar 22** — Second Delegates Meeting of the season — starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC or via Zoom
- **Mar 26/27 Round 8** — A Grade teams may now change their seedings for the second half of the season. Please take photo of pro-forma and email with match result sheet
- **May 7/8** — Last opportunity for additional registrations — emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates
- **May 8** — Transfers for next season close — transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6PM
- **May 22** — All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be placed on the website on or before this date
- **May 24** — Third and final Delegates Meeting — starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC or via Zoom
- **May 29** — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date

15. Please contact Kym if you have any further questions. Stay Safe one and all.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Cancellation of Friday night matches** — A question was asked about why the Committee decided to cancel Friday night matches, when the lockdown did not start until 11.59 pm that night. Committee members noted that it was a difficult decision, which had to be made quickly given the lockdown was announced during the day on Friday. The Committee made the decision in the interests of the health and safety of players, knowing many players would be concerned about mixing with large numbers of others just before a lockdown. Some of the messaging from the State Government also implied people should not go out Friday night unless they needed to.
2. **Child Safety Update** — Clubs are reminded of the responsibilities in the Safeguarding Children Guidelines. Under current COVID-19 rules, clubs can limit the number of spectators at a venue, but all players should have a parent or other responsible adult present.
3. **League Manager/Match Centre** — The Association is currently entering match results into both the NSJTA website and the Tennis Australia League Manager system. As the current NSJTA website is no longer supported, we plan to fully transition to the new system at some stage during this season, once we have ironed out the remaining teething issues. At some stage in a future season, teams will be able to enter their own results into the system, but for this season at least, all results should still be sent to Grade Secretaries as usual. To prepare for the transition, Club Delegates, parents and players are encouraged to register for a Match Centre account at <http://matchcentre.tennis.com.au>. There are instructions on how to do this on the NSJTA website at <http://nsjta.asn.au/?p=p0099d&i=674>. Club

Delegates will need to submit team entries for Season 2 through the League Manager system. Training will be provided. A more detailed timeline will be circulated to clubs soon.

4. **E-cigarettes** — A Delegate queried whether parents/spectators could smoke e-cigarettes at NSJTA matches. Another Delegate advised that there is a ban on the use of electronic cigarettes in all legislated smokefree areas, which includes within 10 metres of outdoor children’s playground equipment, skate parts and underage sporting events.
5. **New NSJTA website** — The NSJTA is also in the process of moving to a new website: <https://nsjta.org.au/>. All Events information is already on the new site, and it also includes Google Maps for all club locations. Links to ladders and the Match Centre result system will be added soon.
6. **D Special umpiring** — The Green Gully Delegate advised he would resubmit his club’s proposal to not require umpires in D Special for consideration at the next meeting.
7. **Finals qualification** — The rules for finals qualification are set out in By-law 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.

8. **Balls for A grade matches** — It was suggested that the rules for balls in A grade matches be added to the Guide for A Grade team managers documents. This will be added in the next update. The requirements for balls are set out in By-law 32:
 - 32) a) *For A Special and A Grade home and away matches, the host team shall provide one pair of new approved tennis balls (appropriate for the surface) per court.*
 - b) *For A Reserve to D Special home and away matches, the host team shall provide at least one pair of good quality second hand approved tennis balls per court.*
 - c) *For D Grade 1 and below home and away matches, the host team shall provide at least one pair of good quality 75% compression tennis balls per court.*

If teams are concerned about the quality of second hand balls provided, they should raise this with the home team manager or court supervisor.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.53 PM

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 22 MARCH 2021 at 8.00 PM