

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2021

36 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Rebecca Knowles (Keilor)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

SECONDED: Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

### IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Latest COVID-19 Guidelines for Tennis Victoria Affiliates (17 February 2021)
2. Tennis Victoria — Resignation of CEO
3. Tennis Victoria — Get Active Kids Voucher program
4. Tennis Victoria — Associations Forum 20 April 2021 Agenda

### OUT

1. All Clubs — Code of Conduct reminders
2. All Clubs — Agenda for 22 March 2021 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 15 February 2021 and proposals to amend the By-laws relating to players moving into higher grades and umpired in D Special

### CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2021/01	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Royal Park TC regarding C Grade 1 Unisex match on 20 February 2021
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Buckley Park TC
	In	Response from Buckley Park TC
	Out	Letters to Royal Park TC and Buckley Park TC advising outcome of complaint
2021/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from St Thereses TC regarding B Reserve 2 Mixed match on 27 February 2021
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Taylors Lakes TC
	In	Response from Taylors Lakes TC
	Out	Letters to St Thereses TC and Taylors Lakes TC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Margot Knight(Keilor)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 12 February 2021	\$450.40
Transfer from investment account	\$500.00
Payments out since 12 February 2021	-\$794.00
Balance in transaction account as at 22 March 2021	<b>\$156.40</b>
Balance in investment account as at 22 March 2021	<b>\$18,038.72</b>

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Pat Cash Cup

The NSJTA won the Pat Cash Cup, which was held in Wodonga in the last weekend in February. The team qualified top of their group and then beat Waverley in the semi-final and Bayside in the final. Congratulations go to the team members: Max Hamilton, Bridget Mihulka, Jack Calleri, Gabriella Villegas, Lucas Dela Cruz, Christina Dodaj, Alex Kim, Charlotte Vanstone McGrath, Diordan Macababba, Mahi Khore, Dylan Dinh, Lily Koleski, Evan Vasiliadis, Arabelle Mancini, Ayaan Chowdhary and Siya Kothapalli.

2. Wayne Arthurs Cup

The Wayne Arthurs Cup will be held at Kooyong in mid-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. The CEO of Tennis Victoria, Ruth Holdaway, has resigned. Adam Crameri is the Acting CEO.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. Clubs can now change their A Grade singles seedings for the second half of the season for (Round 8) this Friday night and Saturday morning. Please email changes to your Grade Secretary. Teams which change their seeding order without informing the Grade Secretary will be immediately penalised with singles sets being forfeited. In the finals you can play your team as either Rounds 1–7 or Rounds 8–14. Whichever order you choose for the semi finals must be used in the Grand Final
2. This season we have already had twenty (20) approved registrations (see important dates listed at the bottom of report)
3. Round 7 was the last week that By-Law 6(b) could be used for registering children with no competition experience. All new players must now go through the emergency player process of playing 3 games before, and including, round 11. Delegates are reminded that emergencies must play 3 matches (not including washouts) before being considered for additional registration, and that these 3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet (see important dates listed at the bottom of report)
4. Please encourage your team managers to always go through the delegates to find emergency players. It is a combined total of emergency matches eg: 3 games in A-4 and 3 games in A-1 adds up to a total of six games played up. New delegates please note it is a combined total of games played up.
5. **Filling out sheets.** Please make sure all details are correct on the Results Sheet before sending it to your Grade Secretary. I had one recently and I had to make several calls before it was sorted out. The NSJTA should not be chasing people up and asking 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.

There are still some outstanding score sheets. Delegates could you please follow up. If a result is missing, it doesn't matter if it's the Home team or the Away team who supplies the sheet to the Grade Secretary. I, as a Grade Secretary, have requested some, and they are still outstanding.

Date of Birth must be filled in for all registered players and emergency players. The following clubs need to go into the Delegate Menu and check player lists. You will see the names that need DOB details. Ascot Vale, Craigieburn, Deer Park, Doutta Galla, Essendon, Hillside, Merlynston, Moomba Park and West Brunswick. Please email me, kymjlbaker@gmail.com with the details and the Match Committee will update the information.

6. The following are a few points that have come up recently:
  - a) In D Grade both teams must supply umpires. It usually works out 3 sets each. If either team has parents who do not know how to umpire, invite them out to stand by the side of other umpires to learn. It is just not acceptable to expect other clubs to umpire all the games.
  - b) On Friday nights and Saturday mornings there must be an allocated Court Supervisor. We have the yellow fluoro vests that the Association has supplied to wear on Friday nights and Saturday mornings so people know who to approach if there is an issue.
  - c) When a player has not turned up and the players games are forfeited, please write forfeit. Please do not just write in 6-0. There was a situation recently where an emergency player was refused registration as this player's combined statistics, were considered to be, strengthening the team on the day, and better than their other team players. Upon my call to the Delegate, to notify them of the refusal, it was discovered that the game was not played at all and an additional game had then been requested to be played by the Match Committee of that player. The result was the player was accepted into the team.
  - d) Please encourage your team managers to write legibly. There has already been occasions this season where a players' name was entered on the system incorrectly. This affects how the Match Committee reviews Team Entries and Emergency players. There is also no way of checking if the player is too old for D Grade. We cannot enter scores on the League system without this information.
  - e) FAIR LINE CALLS — As we progress further into the season and get closer to finals, I once again ask Clubs to encourage fair line calls. We all make mistakes. I, personally, have seen some very confronting line calls recently. Please encourage all players to be fair.
7. **Player and spectator behaviour** — There have been a number of complaints lately from Clubs about the swearing and unsportsmanlike behaviour of some of our NSJTA players. We have also received complaints about parents and spectators being vocal and using hand gestures from the sidelines during games. I was at a recent game, where a player had to be warned, on the day, due to their swearing and their racquet abuse.

**None of this behaviour is acceptable.**

ADVICE FOR ALL TEAM MANAGERS:

- a) Ensure there is no coaching or umpiring or other disturbances occurring from outside the courts. If this continues after warning the offenders report the situation to your home club supervisor who may ask the offender/s to leave the courts.
  - b) Poor behaviour by players ie: swearing, racquet throwing, intimidation and deliberate time wasting should not be tolerated. Team Managers or the Home Club Supervisor should first warn the child and then declare a forfeit of that set if the behaviour continues.
8. **Grade Secretaries** — I just want to thank all our wonderful Grade Secretaries. They are inputting the scores into both the NSJTA and TV League Manager system, and we will continue this until the end of the season. It is very important that all clubs get the results in asap (before end of weekend would be

great). The NSJTA needs to run various weekly reports, and the results need to be in for us to have accurate reports. Many thanks or everyone's assistance in this matter.

## 9. **Important Dates**

- **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
10. **Grade Secretaries for Season 2** — Please let Kym know (via email) if you wish to be a Grade Secretary for Season 2.
11. **Finals** — Let me know (via email) if your club would be interested in hosting finals. The NSJTA is looking at giving the finals a great atmosphere again, by playing a few matches at some venues. This has been very successful previously. The NSJTA tries to share finals around our clubs.
12. Kym's email address is [kymjlbaker@gmail.com](mailto:kymjlbaker@gmail.com) for all communication.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — Clubs are reminded of the responsibilities in the Safeguarding Children Guidelines. Robert McDonald is the Association's Member Protection Information Officer and can be contacted with any queries. Clubs are reminded to ensure they have appointed a Member Protection Information Officer.
2. The following proposal to amend the By-laws to allow a club to request to permanently move a registered player to a higher grade (new paragraph (g)) was proposed and debated:

***Replace By-law 34 with the following to take effect immediately:***

- 34) a) No player or emergency player shall be allowed to play with more than one Club in any one season.
- b) No player in one and the same season may play in a LOWER grade than the grade for which that player was originally registered.
- 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 the prior approval of the Match Committee (eg a player registered in the Black team cannot play in the Red team).
- d) A player may play in any grades which are HIGHER than the grade in which that player was originally registered but should that player play more than five (5) times in a higher grade he/she may not return to the lower grade. As an example of the above, if a player registered in D Grade plays three times in D Special and three times in C Grade, he/she cannot go back to D Grade, but can play in either D Special or C Grade, at the club's discretion. Similarly, if a player registered in B Grade 2 plays three times in B Grade 1 (Black) and three times in in B Grade 1 (Red) he/she cannot go back to B Grade 2, but can play in either B Grade 1 team at the club's discretion.
- e) For non-seeded grades, players from the same club can fill in for teams at the same level as

an emergency for a maximum of three matches (eg a player registered in B Grade 1 Boys can play as an emergency in B Grade 1 Mixed). This rule does not apply for finals matches.

- 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 (eg 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 seedings to be used. This rule does not apply for finals matches.
- g) A Club may request in writing to permanently move a registered player into a higher grade. Once the request has been made, the player will become a registered player in the higher grade and cannot return to the lower grade. A request cannot be withdrawn or reversed.
- h) In exceptional circumstances, a Club may apply to the Match Committee to permanently transfer a player from one team to another at the same level (eg from A Reserve 2 Boys to A Reserve 2 Mixed) prior to Round 11 of the season. Permission will only be granted where, in the opinion of the Match Committee, the transfer will not strengthen the team.
- i) No player may play with more than one team on the same day. In home and away matches, a registered player in a Saturday team may play in his/her own team and also in a higher team on a Friday night team, and similarly, a registered player in a Friday team may play in his/her team and also in a higher grade on the next morning for a maximum five times. Any player playing in a higher grade for a sixth match will become a registered player in the higher grade and cannot return to the lower grade.

No player may play in more than one semi-final in any one season, even if held on separate days. No player may play in more than one grand final in any one season, even if held on separate days.

If a player breaches this rule, all sets played by the player in their second match shall be forfeited.

- j) A player registered in a lower team from either of the Clubs that form a combined team can play as an emergency in the combined team.
- k) The penalty for a breach any provision of this rule shall be the automatic loss of games attributable to the player concerned and the fine specified in the Fines Schedule.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Kym Baker (Merlynston)

**Carried unanimously.**

- 3. The following proposal to amend the By-laws to allow D Special players to umpire their own matches was proposed and debated:

***Replace By-law 31 with the following to take effect from Season 2 2021:***

- 31) D Grade matches are to be umpired under supervision of the host club. Each competing team is required to supply an umpire on an alternative basis. Umpires are to keep written record of the scoring in each set, on a score sheet.

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Brendon Noonan (Delahey)

**Defeated by a majority (7 votes in favour, 28 votes against).**

- 4. The Association will be using the League Manager results system next season. Clubs will be required to enter their teams for Season 2, 2021 through League Manager. We will send instructions to Club Delegates on how to enter teams, and training sessions will be offered through Zoom. The first step is for all Club Delegates to ensure they have a League Manager account so they can be given administrator access for their clubs. Instructions will also be sent about how to do this. Any Delegates with issues using the new system can contact Brendon Noonan for assistance.

**MEETING CLOSED: 8.56 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 24 MAY 2021 at 8.00 PM**