

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2019

37 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:10 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Justin Fisher (Hillside), Tannith Galliot (St Vincents)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Glenn Ferris (Oak Park)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Tennis Victoria — AGM and Board elections
2. Tennis Victoria — 2020 Pat Pearce Cup
3. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum feedback form
4. Tennis Victoria — Board elections reminder
5. East Coburg TC — Application for affiliation
6. Strathmore TC — Email regarding A Grade 1 match played on 18 October 2019
7. Taylors Lakes TC — Response to email from Strathmore TC regarding A Grade 1 match played on 18 October 2019
8. Coburg TC — Open Court Session
9. Waverley Tennis — Invite to participate in Daphne Fancutt Shield 2020
10. Green Gully TC — Proposed D Grade start time amendment for Season 1 2020 onwards
11. Aintree TC — Inquiry about affiliation with NSJTA
12. Tennis Victoria — Premier League Super Round at Hume TCC
13. Tennis Victoria — Metropolitan Associations Forum 12 December 2019
14. Tennis Victoria — National Insurance Program Public Liability Insurance

OUT

1. Royal Park TC — Letter regarding D Grade 2 Unisex team
2. Aintree TC — Application for affiliation form and process
3. All Clubs — Coburg Open Court sessions
4. All Clubs — Premier League Super Round
5. Strathmore TC and Taylors Lakes TC — Responses to emails regarding A Grade 1 match played on 18 October 2019

6. All Clubs — Agenda for 11 November 2019 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 2 September 2019 and copy of East Coburg TC application for affiliation and Green Gully TC proposal for change to D Grade start time for Season 1 2020 onwards

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Jacqui Theuma (Keilor East)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 2 September 2019	\$1,167.65
Payments received since 2 September 2019	\$997.50
Transfer from investment account	\$1,500.00
Payments out since 2 September 2019	-\$2795.00
Balance in transaction account as at 11 November 2019	\$870.15
Balance in investment account as at 11 November 2019	\$21,723.09

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Dave Theuma (Sunbury)

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Associations Junior League

The season is almost over and finals will be played over the next couple of weeks. Out of the 12 teams, six are likely to make finals, which is a good result.

2. Alicia Molik Cup

The next representative event is the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and Under players in December. Information is on the NSJTA website and applications close soon. There has been a good response so far.

3. 2020 events

The Daphne Fancutt Shield will be held in January, the Pat Cash Cup (previously known as the Association Team Challenge) in February in Yarrawonga and Pat Pearce in March.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria are promoting the new Open Court Sessions and encouraging as many clubs as possible to take part. It includes a range of different fun activities such as pickleball and triples. A showcase of the format was held at Coburg. Tennis Australia will be advertising heavily during the Australian Open.
2. Congratulations to Ray Reymers who was recently awarded a Tennis Victoria volunteer achievement award.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. All teams that applied for Friday night have been accepted. The teams that were accepted for A Special are: Buckley Park/Gladstone Park, Taylors Lakes (Blue), Maribyrnong Park/OLN, Taylors Lakes (Gold), Coburg/Essendon, Hume, Strathmore and Buckley Park. The teams that missed out are encouraged to apply again next season.
2. A list of approved player transfers was circulated.
3. Clubs are reminded that December 6 and 7 are Spare Finals weekend in case of weather delays. No exceptions will be made to the dates for matches to be played.
4. **Results** — All Delegates, Team Managers and Grade Secretaries are asked to assist in getting results sent and inputted as early as possible over the next two weeks. It is extremely difficult to keep everyone happy if the results are not in. There are outstanding results as you are reading this now.

Please check if you can assist in any way and supply these sheets via email tonight to kymjlbaker@gmail.com

5. If there is a change of venue, the Match Committee needs to be informed. No change of venue and be changed without authorisation. The Match Committee will only discuss changes with the Club Delegate.
6. **Round 14 Results** — Team Managers are asked to email their results TO THEIR GRADE SECRETARY at the end of play this coming weekend. A draft semi final fixture has been drawn and is on the back table. This is for GUIDANCE only. The Semi Final Fixture will be placed on the NSJTA Website as soon as possible. Any errors please encourage your Team Managers or parents to contact yourselves, and in turn Delegates can contact me. This is a highly stressful time for some teams, and unfortunately parents are not always kind with their messages.
7. **Semi Finals: EACH COMETING CLUB IS TO SUPPLY NEW BALLS SUPPLY A SCORE SHEET FOR SEMI FINALS.**

Not all Semi Finals are held by the bottom two teams for many different reasons. Each Season I have someone question this. Everything is worked on logistics, who is holding Grand Finals, courts available, the number of teams a club may already be hosting for and the many different formats our Association uses.

Friday Night Semi Finals: Reminder that teams finishing Number 1 and 2 have the Home Court advantage and will be hosting the Semi Final. Although the location can change if too many club teams end up in finals at any given club. In this case the Delegate needs to contact me and organise and alternative venue.

Semi Final Saturday Grades: will be hosted by a team in that grade. Your whole team and team manager should be at home assisting this final, with hosting teams being the umpires if needed.

Please note that during the finals the majority of the team can play in the Semi Finals and Grand Finals. Please see the document Finals Teams on the NSJTA website <http://www.nsjta.asn.au> if you choose to do so. Also, another good Document to read is Guidelines for Hosting Finals. Also found on the same address.

Please email the result sheets too results@nsjta.asn.au

8. **Grand Finals:** This season we are trying something new. We are utilising many new venues into the Grand Finals, allowing us to give the finals a vibrant atmosphere with more teams being played out of each venue. Some teams may have not played at these venues, but the NSJTA feels that this should not interfere with results. If you have any questions, please contact myself on 0413 527 902.

All Grand Final results need to be emailed to results@nsjta.asn.au. I will supply an envelope for them to be posted to myself. In the case of extreme weather club supervisors must talk with myself. No one is to leave the courts before a resolution has been reached.

Grand Final pick up night is Monday November 25th at 8pm.

GRAND FINAL VENUES ARE:

FRIDAY NIGHT: Coburg, Gladstone Park, Green Gully, Maribyrnong Park and Sunbury.

SATURDAY MORNING VENUES: Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Hillside, Hume, Keilor East, Moomba Park, Royal Park and Taylors Lakes.

9. Important dates:
 - **Nov 16** — All other Saturday team entries for next season must be placed on the website on or before this date
 - **Nov 25th (Monday)** — Grand Final Pick up night, and return of all Semi Final sheets
 - **Jan 31st & Feb 1st** — Season 1 2020 starts. More Information to follow.

10. Team entries for next season

Formats available are:

FRIDAY NIGHT:

- A Special, A Grade and A Reserve Mixed teams — 3 boys and 3 girls playing each week
- A Grade and A Reserve Boys teams — 4 boys playing each week

SATURDAY MORNINGS:

- A Reserve, B Grade and B Reserve Mixed teams — 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week
- A Reserve, B Grade and B Reserve Boys — 4 boys playing each week
- C Special, C Grade and C Reserve Mixed teams — 2 boys and 2 girls playing each week. Boys/Girls doubles one week and Mixed doubles the following week
- C Special, C Grade and C Reserve Unisex teams — 4 players of any gender play each week
- D Special and D Grade Unisex Grades — 4 players of any gender play each 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.

The NSJTA Committee would like to thank everyone for all their assistance throughout the finals period — Clubs, Umpires, Delegates, Parents and particularly all the children.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Child Safety Update — Club Delegates were reminded of the importance of ensuring children are supervised at all times. Parents cannot drop off children and leave them unsupervised. They must ensure another parent has taken responsibility for supervising their child, not just assume the team manager will do so. There have been examples recently of parents leaving at the end of a match leaving a player from their team behind unsupervised.
- 2 East Coburg Tennis Club applied to affiliate with the NSJTA to enter teams in the Season 1, 2020 competition. A representative from East Coburg Club attended the meeting and spoke in support of this application.

Motion: That the application by East Coburg Tennis Club for affiliation with the NSJTA be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. The following proposal change the start time of D Special and D Grade matches was proposed and debated:

Replace By-law 25 with the following to take effect from Season 1 2020:

25) The starting time for matches is:

- a) A Grade Friday night grades — 7.00 p.m.
- b) A Grade Saturday grades — 7.45 a.m.
- c) B Grade Saturday grades — 7.45 a.m. (or 8.30 a.m. if specified on the fixture)
- d) C Grade Saturday grades — 8.30 a.m. (or 7.45 a.m. or 9.30 a.m. if specified on the fixture). A club will only be granted a 7.45 am start for a C level team if it can satisfy the Match

Committee that it is genuinely needed on court capacity grounds.

- e) D Grade Saturday grades — 10.30 a.m. (or 9.30 am or 8.30 a.m. if specified on the fixture)

MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

After discussion an amended proposal was put forward:

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MOVED: Peter Vass (Green Gully)

SECONDED: Michelle Coffey (St Monica's)

Defeated by a majority.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2020 at 8.00 PM