

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2022

34 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:03 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Alexander Pupillo (Hume), Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Michelle Coffey (St. Monica's)                      SECONDED: Maresa Heath (St Thereses)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

### IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Update 19 October 2021
2. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Top-up payment acceptance process
3. Tennis Victoria — Update Friday 22 October 2021
4. Tennis Victoria — Update 30 October 2021
5. St Monica's TC — Proposal to amend By-Law 7
6. Tennis Victoria — Appoints Adam Crameri as new Chief Executive Officer
7. Tennis Victoria Update — Friday 19 November 2021
8. Sport and Recreation Victoria — Approved top-up grant payment
9. Tennis Victoria — Expressions of Interest — Board Director
10. Tennis Victoria — VicSport MPIO Network No 4 — Dealing with difficult people and situations
11. Tennis Victoria — Super 10s key dates
12. Greenvale TC — Change of Secretary

### OUT

1. All Clubs — NSJTA Update 31 October 2021
2. All Clubs — Team entries reminder
3. Some Clubs — Season 1 2022 team entries received
4. Some Clubs — Season 1 2022 team entries received and coversheet reminder
5. All Clubs — Season 1 2022 Fixture to review
6. All Clubs — Season 1 2022 arrangements
7. All Clubs — COVID Safe Competition Guidelines for Season 1 2022
8. All Clubs — Confirmation no clubs have additional vaccination requirements
9. All Clubs — Fixture changes
10. Some Clubs — A Grade 2 Mixed six team fixture

11. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 21 February 2022
12. All Clubs — Reminder about Delegates meeting on 21 February 2022 together with list of correspondence and Match Secretary report

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Margot Knight (Keilor)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 18 October 2021	\$1,504.16
Payments received since 18 October 2021	\$3,167.50
Payments out since 18 October 2021	-\$1,984.49
Balance in transaction account as at 13 February 2022	<b>\$2,687.17</b>
Balance in investment account as at 13 February 2022	<b>\$20,340.36</b>

The payments received included a \$2,500 COVID Survival grant from the Victorian Government. The payments out relate to Associations Junior League and the old website.

All clubs except for 5 paid their fees for Season 2 2021, which was cancelled. No team entry fees will be charged for this season, so no invoices will be issued. Colin will adjust invoices as appropriate for Season 2 2022.

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)

SECONDED: Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale)

#### TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

##### 1. Associations Junior League

- The season started late due to COVID-19 restrictions, but it was great that a season was able to be completed.
- The NSJTA had a successful season with 7 of the 10 teams making finals.
- Three teams won their grades: 12A Girls, 12B Girls and 14B Boys.
- Trophies were presented to the winners and medals to the runners-up
- Thanks for all the clubs that provided courts for NSJTA teams

##### 2. Luke Saville Cup

- The Luke Saville Cup was held on 28 November 2021
- Event was initiated to replace 2 of the Association Representative Events that were missed during 2021, and to give those players an opportunity to represent their Regions.
- The events was for 10 & Under and 11 & Under age groups

##### 3. Alicia Molik Cup

- The Alicia Molik Cup was held on 4 and 5 December 2021 for 12 & Under age groups
- NSJTA were runners-up

##### 4. Pat Cash Cup

- Team has been selected for this event, which will be held in Wodonga on 26 and 27 February 2022
- Age groups are 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & Under and 18 & Under
- NSJTA won last year and have a good chance again this year
- A training session was held last Saturday at Bacchus Marsh Lawn Tennis Club so the team could practice on grass

## TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Tennis Victoria sent out information in early January about Super 10s:  
<https://www.tennis.com.au/leagues/super-10s/victoria>
2. Ray will reach out Shelly at Tennis Victoria for a further update.

## 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. I would like to thank everyone for the minimal amount of fixture requests. You have no idea how much this helps us to put the fixture together. We did not have to make any awkward decisions this season of which request is more important than another.
3. This report is a little different than usual. Normally I would place my focus on team withdrawals. I would ask Delegates to make sure they contact all participants and get their commitments before putting a team together. But in most of the team withdrawals this season it has been COVID-19 related and totally beyond anyone's control.

There have been some team withdrawals this season which unfortunately has left us with 6 teams in one grade. A 6-team draw has been put together. I would like to thank the Match Committee for their hard work when putting these 6-team draws together. Factoring in court availability is the hardest. We try to limit any issues and thank clubs for their assistance and patience.

4. This season we have already 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 that they get the coding correct on their rosters.

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 (example only)**

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 @ ESS with a 7.45 start

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

Please note teams that are fixtured with changes from the very beginning can have sets forfeited for being late.

5. Sometimes a club has to make some temporary changes to the fixture due to repairs to courts etc. In these instances the Delegates contact each other directly. If a new location has been organised and a player is running late because they went to the wrong venue, please be understanding. Sets should generally not be forfeited for being late in these circumstances.

All court relocation changes must have prior approval from the Match Secretary. This season I have asked to be “cc” in communication between clubs. This is not usually the case, but with COVID-19 being active in some NSJTA areas, it makes the tracking much easier. This information has already helped once this season.

6. Printable fixtures can be found on the website under Documents: <https://nsjta.org.au/documents/>
7. **Grade Secretaries** — I want to say a huge thank you to all our Grade Secretaries. Without their time, we would be lost. On saying that there are many instances where sheets are being sent to the Grade Secretary late. I am a Grade Secretary myself and received a late Round 1 result on Friday and still have one outstanding. If it’s missing the away team can also send it in to the Grade Secretary. It shouldn’t always be up to the Grade Secretary to chase the missing results.

As a Delegate you should be keeping an eye out weekly to see if anything is missing. I am asking all Delegates to chat to your team managers and ask them to please send the results in asap. I cannot print out an accurate emergency player report without the results being entered which may impact on when an emergency being registered.

8. **Emergencies** — At the moment there are a number of emergencies playing each week due to COVID-19. If you are uncertain as to whom to play, then by all means ring me. Here are some By-laws that may help:

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** — New 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. Kym will text Delegates to confirm the registration 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 ( [matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au](mailto:matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au) ) 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. 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. Results will not go up for viewing without this information. Also, it is important to fully fill in your

score sheets. I have had Grade Secretaries ring me with this exact problem. First names of all players with no surnames is of no help to the Grade Secretaries.

12. Please make sure your clubs are always abiding by Covid Guidelines. It is so easy to forget and shake hands or give a hug. Our Guidelines are on site: <https://nsjta.org.au/covid-safe-competition-guidelines/>

13. **Important Notes:**

- All A Special requests and questions should be directed to Brendon Noonan on 0400 112 595
- All Friday night score sheets must be emailed to [results@nsjta.org.au](mailto:results@nsjta.org.au)
- All score sheets must be completed in full. There will be fines for not completing the score sheet correctly
- Notify Kym with any COVID-19 outbreaks at your club (juniors).

14. **Important Dates**

<b>Mar 28</b>	Second Delegates Meeting of the season - starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC or online
<b>Apr 01/02</b>	A Grade teams may now change their seedings for the second half of the season. Please send a copy of seedings to <a href="mailto:results@nsjta.org.au">results@nsjta.org.au</a>
<b>May 06/07</b>	Last opportunity for additional registrations — emergencies wanting registration must have played their third match by these dates.
<b>May 07</b>	Transfers for next season close - transfer forms and \$20 clearance fee must be lodged with the Match Secretary by 6PM.
<b>May 21</b>	All A grade team entries for next season (Friday and Saturday) must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.
<b>May 23</b>	Third and final Delegates Meeting – starts 8PM at Buckley Park TC or online
<b>May 28</b>	All other Saturday team entries for next season must be entered in League Manager on or before this date.

15. If a player needs to leave early, they must forfeit the remainder of any sets that are not complete.

16. Please ensure results sheets are filled out completely and legibly. Some of the results sheets so far this season have been bad.

17. **Played up players** — A player can play up into a higher grade up to five teams. Once they have played a sixth match in a higher grade, they will automatically join the higher team.

A club can request a player be permanently moved to a higher grade (By-law 34(g)). 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.

18. **Emergency names online** — Teams should be able to add the name of opposition emergency players through Match Centre or League Manager. They should be listed as Reserve players, not Fill ins. If you can't add an emergency name, list the emergency as an unspecified player and put their name in the comments, and the Association will add the player name for you.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — Now that children are back playing tennis, we have observed lots of parents keen to take photos or videos of their children playing. Please remind parents that they must get the consent of all players on the court and their parents before they start taking photos/videos.

2. **COVIDSafe Competition Guidelines update** — The NSJTA COVIDSafe Competition Guidelines are on the website and appear to be working well. Clubs should follow the positive case procedure if any players test positive shortly after the match.

3. **Forfeits due to COVID-19** — The following motion relating to forfeits due to COVID-19 was proposed and debated:

That for Season 1 2022:

- (1) The Match Committee be given discretion in applying By-law 43(b) and it may allow a team to continue to participate in the competition despite giving three walkovers if it has given some of those walkovers due to COVID-19 impacting the team.
- (2) Part of By-law 43(c) is suspended and fines will not be imposed for walkovers. Fines will still apply to team withdrawals.

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Airport West)

SECONDED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

Carried unanimously.

4. **Age limits for Season 2, 2022** — The following motion relating to age limits for Season 2 2022 was proposed and debated:

That By Law-7 be temporarily amended for one season only to allow anyone that turns 18 between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2022 to play in Season 2 2022.

MOVED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

SECONDED: Colin Thompson (Buckley Park)

Carried unanimously.

5. **Online results issues** — Some clubs reported issues entering and confirming online results in Match Centre or League Manager. The Association is aware of some issues that are being worked through with Tennis Victoria. Club Delegates can contact Brendon Noonan for assistance.

6. **Saturday Mixed grades** — Due to a lack of Saturday mixed teams being entered by clubs, there are now only three Saturday mixed grades. This has resulted in some uneven grading.

The Association will put together a survey of clubs to assess their views on a range of options to address this. We are also keen to hear from clubs that may have ideas for solutions to this issue.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9.19 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022 at 8.00 PM**