

# NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

## MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2022

31 of 44 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:04 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Jenny Walmsley (Airport West), Rose Micallef (Ascot Vale), Chris Guccione (Greenvale), Andrew Peake (Mt. Carmel), Nicole Hornsby (OLN), Matthew Todd (St Christopher's), Tamsin Rhodes (West Brunswick), Anne-Marie Paton (West Brunswick)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Margot Knight (Keilor)

SECONDED: Michael Sexton (St Monica's)

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

### IN

1. Tennis Victoria — Tennis Ballkid Recruitment for 2023
2. Taylors Lakes TC — Protest — A Grade 1 Mixed match against Essendon on 4 March 2022
3. Hume TCC — Change of Delegate
4. Tennis Victoria — Upcoming Tennis Victoria Inclusion Forums

### OUT

1. Some Clubs — A Grade 4 Boys wheelchair player
2. All Clubs — Tennis Ballkid Recruitment for 2023
3. Essendon TC — Copy of protest from Taylors Lakes TC — A Grade 1 Mixed match against Essendon on 4 March 2022
4. All Clubs — Round 6 Update
5. All Clubs — Agenda and attachments for Delegates meeting on 28 March 2022

### CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2022/01	In	Code of Conduct complaint from Essendon TC regarding D Grade 5 Unisex match on 19 February 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to West Brunswick TC
	In	Response from West Brunswick TC
	Out	Letters to Essendon TC and West Brunswick TC advising outcome of complaint
2022/02	In	Code of Conduct complaint from St Vincents TC regarding A Reserve 4 Boys Friday match on 18 March 2022
	Out	Copy of the Code of Conduct complaint to Hume TCC
	In	Response from Hume TCC
	Out	Letters to St Vincents TC and Hume TCC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Aaron Sharpe (Doutta Galla)

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in transaction account as at 13 February 2022	\$2,687.17
Payments received since 13 February 2022	\$60.00
Payments out since 13 February 2022	-\$1,337.32
Balance in transaction account as at 28 March 2022	<b>\$1,409.85</b>
Balance in investment account as at 28 March 2022	<b>\$20,340.52</b>

MOVED: Colin Thompson (Treasurer)      SECONDED: Ray Reymers (Coburg)

## TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. Pat Cash Cup
  - Was played in Wodonga on 26 and 27 February 2022
  - The NSJTA team won the event, which was a fantastic effort
  - Thanks to Fiona Vanstone for organising team
2. Wayne Arthurs Cup
  - 10 & Under event which will be played at Kooyong on 9 and 10 April 2022
  - Entries have closed and team has been selected
3. Associations Junior League
  - Season will run from August to December
  - A registration form will go up on the NSJTA website shortly

## TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. Growing Tennis Through Inclusion Forums are being held — one is in Hawthorn on 30 March and one in Bendigo on 3 April.
2. In May Tennis Victoria is also hosting a number of Thriving Tennis Tour Conferences across Victoria. One will be held at Melbourne Park on 7 May.

## 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. The seedings for all A Grade teams need to be sent into the results email on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week regardless of whether you make changes or not. This needs to be done so that the seedings are in the system before the teams enter the scores on Friday night. Please send the seedings in to [results@nsjta.org.au](mailto:results@nsjta.org.au)  
In the finals you can play your team as per Rounds 1-7 or Rounds 8-14. Whatever order you choose for the Semi Finals must be used in the Grand Final.
2. It is really important that teams are using the Friday mixed score sheet that lists Boy 1, Boy 2, Boy3, Girl 1, Girl 2, Girl 3. The scores must be entered exactly the same way. Please notify all your Friday night teams. This sheet can be found on the NSJTA web site. The sheet on the old NSJTA website will also be updated.
3. This season we have had 37 approved registrations (see important dates listed at the bottom of report).
4. Round 7 was the last week that By-Law 6b could be used for registering children with no prior competition experience. Any 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 on these

3 matches the emergency details must be clearly stated on the match sheet. (An (e) beside their name on the match sheet, and in the emergency details section the full details MUST be listed) (see important dates listed at the bottom of report)

5. **Clarification of Emergency Player in League Manager** — In our new Tennis Australia system, League Manager and Match Centre, an emergency player comes under the heading of a Reserve player. When we were taught how to use this system initially we used the Fill-in terminology. However, at our NSJTA meetings, and Brendon's training sessions to everyone, Brendon has advised us to change that to Reserve player. All Grade Secretaries need to utilise Reserve player when entering in scores. This allows us to get our reports accurate. The player concerned is still an emergency player for that team.
6. Please encourage your team managers to always go through you, the club Delegate, to find an emergency player for their teams. This season we have deducted points as a team manager organised a player that had already played at another club. If you are unsure if the player has played elsewhere then please ring me and check.
7. Delegates often use players from existing teams to play a game in a higher team. This player is registered (Base player) in a team and can "play up" (in a higher team) 5 times before they are placed in the higher team. After their 6th game they are removed from their team and made a Base player in their new team. The Match Committee do not determine anything in this situation. It is a natural progression. However, I do SMS you to let you know as that player can no longer play for their old team.
8. An emergency player that is not already registered in a team (as a base player) will play three matches and then the Match Committee will determine whether the player can be registered in that team or not. It is vital to have the emergency players full details. (see important dates listed at the bottom of report)
9. **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 halfway through the season, an incorrect score could be what determines a finals berth. If a player is missing, please write the word 'FORFEIT'. Please don't leave it blank.
10. There are still some outstanding score sheets. Delegates could you please follow up. It doesn't matter if it's the Home team or the Away team who supplies the sheet to the Grade Secretary.
11. 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 Hi-vis fluoro vests that Aaron originally organised for each club to wear on Friday nights and Saturday mornings so people know who to approach if there is an issue. If your club hasn't got one, please see me tonight. If you have a different idea please let me know.
  - 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 scores, were considered to be, strengthening the team on the day. Upon my call to the Delegate, to notify them of the refusal, it was discovered that the game was not played at all. This changes everything. The Match Committee requested a 4th match to be played.
12. **Player and Spectator behaviour** — There have been a number of Complaints and Code of Conducts lately from Clubs about swearing and unsportsmanlike behaviour of some of our NSJTA players. The swearing just needs to stop. Another recent complaint had a child (teammate) walking up and down, on the surface right beside the court. There should be no other person on or near the court and they are

not permitted to be so. There is absolutely no reason for this. They should be asked to leave that area and to watch the game like other spectators.

None of this behaviour is acceptable. This is written in the ADVICE FOR ALL TEAM MANAGERS document found online.

- 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.
13. Just a small reminder about smoking. There is a ban on smoking in all legislated smokefree areas, which includes junior sporting events. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping.
14. Hume TCC has a new Delegate — Campbell Goring — 0432 479 138
15. **Grade Secretaries** — I just want to thank all our wonderful Grade Secretaries. It is very important that all clubs get the results in asap (before the 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.

Please encourage your team managers to write legibly. As I am also a Grade Secretary I have received some very messy sheets. I have had cross outs, arrows, illegible writing, blurred photos and still have some sheets not sent in. I have had some not so flattering texts. Multimedia is wonderful but please remember that texts go missing. Some are not received. I have had people try to ask me questions and send results via Apps that I don't use. Please encourage your team managers to use text or email and to be patient with the people we so rely on.

Could you also remind team managers to send some sort of notification through to the appropriate Grade Secretary if their match is washed out or they receive a walkover. Unless it is a blanket washout, there would be no way that a Grade Secretary would know what has happened.

#### 16. Important Dates

<b>Apr 01/02</b>	Round 8 — 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.

17. Please let me know (via email) if you wish to be a Grade Secretary for Season 2.
18. 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.
- 19 Kym's email address is [matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au](mailto:matchsecretary@nsjta.org.au). Have a great rest of season.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. **Child Safety Update** — Clubs are encouraged to remind team managers about the need to provide children with positive guidance in accordance with the Safeguarding Children Guidelines. Adults should encourage children, even if they lose, and make sure they don't make negative statements about the way children have played.
2. **NSJTA Championship** — The Events Committee are seeking feedback from clubs about whether there would be interest in running an NSJTA championship/tournament. They would need volunteers to assist and a club or clubs to host the event. Clubs that are interested can contact Julian Mancini.
3. **Score cards on nets** — It was suggested all clubs be encouraged to have score cards on their nets/courts to help players keep track of the set score. Clubs who have ordered net scorers or other scorers are encouraged to send those details to the NSJTA Secretary. The Association will then circulate some information to clubs about possible suppliers.
4. **League Manager/Match Centre** — Brendon provided an update on League Manager/Match Centre. Most of the initial transitional problems have been resolved and the new system seems to be working fairly well. Brendon is happy to run a further training session if this will be of benefit to clubs.

**MEETING CLOSED: 9.05 PM**

**NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2022 at 8.00 PM**