

NORTH SUBURBAN JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

Reg No. A0058168N

MINUTES OF DELEGATES MEETING HELD ON 1 AUGUST 2016

38 of 43 Clubs present

Meeting opened: 8:05 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Ron Morton

APOLOGIES: Colin Thompson (Treasurer), Julie Thompson (Buckley Park), Margaret Mugavin (Tullamarine), Katy Southall (West Brunswick), Steve Barrow (Green Gully), Bobby Dela Cruz (Taylors Lakes)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Circulated and taken as read.

MOVED: Kevin Riley (Corpus Christi)

SECONDED: Larry Pelly (Bulla Village)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: As tabled by Robert McDonald

IN

1. Royal Park parent — Letter regarding grading
2. Tennis Victoria — Agenda for Associations Forum on 8 June 2016
3. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Annual statement notification
4. Tennis Victoria — Strategic Plan to 2020
5. Tennis Victoria — Draft minutes of the Metropolitan Associations Forum on 8 June 2016 together with Junior Pennant review notes and statistics
6. Tennis Victoria — Call for additional nominations for junior Pennant competition review advisory panel
7. Tennis Victoria — Affiliation renewal instructions and invoice
8. Hume Tennis and Community Centre — Letter regarding the application for affiliation in response to letter sent by NSJTA
9. Deer Park Tennis Club — Notification of office holders for 2015-16
10. Consumer Affairs Victoria — Confirmation of receipt of annual statement
11. Tennis Victoria — Reminder regarding Associations Forum on 17 August 2016
12. Tennis Victoria — Call for Director nominations
13. Keilor East Tennis Club — Notification of Committee changes
14. Tennis Victoria — Letter regarding the application for affiliation by HTCC with the NSJTA, attaching a letter from Hume City Council
15. Craigieburn TC — Letter from regarding the application for affiliation by HTCC with the NSJTA
16. Greenvale TC — Letter from regarding the application for affiliation by HTCC with the NSJTA
17. Mt. Carmel TC — Notification of additional delegates

18. Greenvale TC — Notification of new Secretary

OUT

1. Essendon TC and Green Gully TC — Outcome of protest regarding A Grade 2 Mixed
2. Buckley Park parent — Letter advising late transfers are not permitted under NSJTA By-laws
2. 15 Clubs — Notification of overdue team entry fees
3. All Clubs:
 - Emails regarding online and hard copy fixtures for Season 2, 2016 for checking
 - Agenda for 1 August 2016 Delegates Meeting together with minutes of Delegates Meeting held on 23 May 2016 and survey regarding printed fixture
 - Copies of the letters from HTCC, Tennis Victoria, Craigieburn TC and Greenvale TC regarding the application for affiliation by HTCC with the NSJTA

CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

2016/02 and 2016/03	Out	Letters to St Vincent’s TC and Merlynston TC advising outcome of complaint
2016/04	In	Response from Deer Park TC
	Out	Letters to Craigieburn TC and Deer Park TC advising outcome of complaint

MOVED: Robert McDonald (Secretary)

SECONDED: Jesse Laino (Mt. Carmel)

TREASURER’S REPORT:

No report as the Treasurer was not present.

TENNIS EVENTS REPORT:

1. The Frank Sedgman Cup was held in Bendigo on the weekend. The initial team was Max Hamilton, Brian Capalnean, Harriet Stewart and Hayley Sibbald. However, Max Hamilton became ill the day before the competition and was replaced by Jack Calleri. The team made it through to the final, but unfortunately Harriet Stewart was injured in the semi-final. Fortunately she was able to be replaced by Chelsea Stergiopoulos and the team won the event.
2. Ken Carvak from the NSJTA has been named Tennis Victoria 2016 male junior athlete of the year.
3. Junior pennant is starting soon. Grading has been completed and team managers are contacting players with details. Thanks go to the clubs that have made courts available.

TENNIS VICTORIA REPORT:

1. The junior pennant review workshop has been held and made recommendations to the Tennis Victoria Competitions Committee. The Committee has reviewed those recommendations and referred some matters back to the advisory panel for further consideration.

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT:

1. The NSJTA would like to welcome all the new Delegates to the first meeting for Season 2 tonight.
2. There were 340 teams entered this season across 44 grades.

3. There are some alterations to the fixture:
 - C Special 1 Mixed Douutta Galla position 2 is now a 7.45am start
 - C Reserve 2 Unisex Strathmore position 4 is now a Bye
 - A Grade 3 (fri) (red) Maribyrnong Park position 8 is now a Bye
 - A Res 1 Boys (fri) – Position 8 is now Maribyrnong Park @ Douutta Galla
 - Keilor D Special 3 position 4 has an 8.30am start time
 - Keilor D Special 5 position 3 has an 8.30am start time
 - Tullamarine B Reserve 1 position 2 has an 8.30 start time
4. Clubs are reminded that every effort must be made to start all matches by their required start time. It is preferable if teams could arrive earlier than the start time, to allow a limited hit up time before play commences. By-law 27(a), 27(b) and 27(c) all talk about 3 minute hit ups depending on the number of courts. It is important that the 7.45 am games start on time, particularly when there are 8.30 am and 9.30 am games to follow. Friday night start time is 7.00 pm. Saturday start times 7.45 am, 8.30 am and 9.30 am. Please refer to By-law 26(a) for late players information.
5. We have many new D Grade teams with lots of nervous parents taking their first steps on courts as umpires. In the initial weeks we encourage a parent (from either club) to take another parent onto the side of the court to learn how to umpire. It is important that we encourage all our new parents. An away game for their first match can be very daunting.
6. Thank you to all our grade secretaries. Once again we are using the email system. It is fantastic to see how many results are being inputted prior to Monday. Please make sure all emergencies are checked for age and which grade they are playing “up” from.
7. Delegates are reminded that 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 automatic, 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.
8. Registering players without previous match experience — Please make sure that paperwork is emailed to kstephen@stepbak.com.au by Friday night prior to their first game so that the child can be added to the team.
9. Some matters that have occurred already this season:
 - It is very important to write the correct starting time on your sheets.
 - Item 16 on Advice for All Team Managers: At the completion of a match check that the result sheet has been filled out completely and properly, especially adding up scores, and also making sure the sheet is signed. We have had occasions where the scores were written backwards and not picked up for a few days. It is not a situation that we want to happen.
 - Please encourage your team managers and parents to communicate with their Delegate, not directly with the Association. The Delegate can then ring the Match Secretary or another Match Committee member if required. The Match Committee will refer calls from parents and team managers back to their Delegates.

- From time to time decisions are made by the Match Committee. We don't make decisions lightly. If you ever have a question in regard to this, by all means talk to us direct so as to get factual information.
- Advice for All Team Managers Item 4 : For away matches you may take the first set on forfeit if the home club have not provided you with a court within 15 minutes of the starting time. However you may agree not to do so if informed that an A or B grade singles match is about to finish

Please note: A game may be taken off the court and then resumed when a free court is available (if there is going to be a significantly delayed starting time) so as to make way for a team to commence.

- Combined Teams playing an emergency (e.g.: only) St Monica's / Corpus Christi

By law 34(i): 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.

However, please note that if a player from the combined team plays as an emergency in a higher team, then he/she can only play in a higher team from their own home club. For example, a St Monica's player can only fill in higher St Monica's team. If a Corpus Christi player fills in for a St Monica's higher team, the sets will be forfeited.

10. Blanket washout – A blanket washout will only be called in extreme weather. Just recently we had some wet weather conditions (not extreme weather). Please refer to Item 10 in Advice for All Team Managers (below).

On extremely wet days, the Match Secretary, after consulting at least one other Committee member, may declare washouts for all matches and will notify Clubs through the NSJTA website and other available methods of communication (including electronic messages and social media). In such cases, teams are not required to attend the venue and match result sheets do not need to be filled out. Grade Secretaries will automatically record all matches as washouts.

The Match Secretary will make a decision whether or not to abandon all matches by:

- 6.00 pm for Friday night matches
- 7.00 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 7.45 am or 8.30 am
- 8.30 am for Saturday morning matches commencing at 9.30 am

Please note that the Team App is a very useful application to have on your phone. Lots of information is readily available and Aaron keeps it well updated with ongoing news.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Match Committee is reviewing the printed fixture. A survey was sent out with the agenda for the meeting, but so far only 13 clubs have responded. A reminder will be sent so the Committee can get feedback from more clubs before deciding how to move forward.
2. Discussion resumed on the application by Hume Tennis and Community Centre for affiliation with the NSJTA which was deferred at the meeting on 21 March 2016.

Motion: That the application by Hume Tennis and Community Centre for affiliation with the NSJTA be approved.

Carried by a majority. Result of ballot 20 Clubs in favour, 18 Clubs against.

MEETING CLOSED: 9.35 PM

NEXT MEETING: BUCKLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB ON MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2016 at 8.00 PM