

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A15517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 27 October, 2008

1. Apologies

39 Clubs present

Gladstone Park, Peter Olney

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Cathryn Ryan (OLN), seconded Lynne Seddon (Mt. Carmel) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - Carried.

3. Business Arising from previous Minutes

Nil.

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- Letter to Fawkner regarding complaint from West Brunswick re player conduct on 2nd October 2008 Mens C+2
- Letters to all clubs about increase of postage sent 28th September 2008
- Renewal of annual statement sent to Consumer Affairs
- Minutes from June 2008 meeting
- Agenda and reminder notice for October 2008 meeting

(b) Inwards correspondence:

- Notification of new Club Secretary details from Mickleham Memorial
- List of unfinancial players from Green Gully
- Complaint from West Brunswick regarding match against Fawkner player conduct on 2nd October 2008 Mens C+2
- Notification of court resurfacing in November 2008 from North Park
- Complaint from Deer Park regarding match against Keilor Park player conduct on 9th October 2008 Mens B+3
- Notification of completion of court maintenance from Essendon
- Minutes of Tennis Victoria meeting held 6th August 2008
- Description of events from complaint of player conduct at Deer Park on 9th October from Keilor Park
- Description of events from complaint of player conduct at Deer Park on 9th October from Deer Park

5. President's Report

- The president noted that the season is moving into final rounds with finals to follow. A reminder to all clubs that they are expected to host finals if asked unless they are conducting court maintenance.
- Clubs with En-tout-cas courts were reminded that the dry period for courts is quickly approaching us. It was raised that Tennis Victoria may be able to financially help clubs looking into treating their courts. Advised to check the Tennis Victoria Website for details.

6. Treasurer's Report (refer to attached report)

- (a) Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Warren Cram (East Keilor) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – Carried.
- (b) Approval was sought for the payment of the following accounts:

Tennis Victoria Fees — \$220.00
Consumer Affairs Annual Fee — \$39.70
Internet Domain Name fees for 5 years - \$99.75

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) that the accounts be paid – Carried.

- (c) Approval was sought to retain the services of Darryl Jenkins as the auditor for the NSNTA

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Warwick Martell (St Thereses) that the services be retained - Carried

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

- Additional registrations have closed for both the Ladies and Mens competitions the mixed will close this week.
- A reminder was given that all players must be registered and qualified to be able to play finals
- A reminder was given that all clubs are expected to be able to host finals if asked to. Clubs unable to host finals due to court maintenance or other circumstances must notify the association by Cup Day.
- Court surfaces used in finals will be specified by the association. In most instances the top team is given preference to surface type where available. Where a final is played where there is multiple surface types each match will be specified as to what surface is to be used and it must be adhered to for the duration of the match. If this doesn't occur the Chairman of Match and Permit should be advised.
- Results from the last home and away match must be phoned thru to Peter Olney on 93549019 and match results posted ASAP. Results from semis and the Grand Final must also be phoned thru to Peter and results to follow just as promptly. All result cards to be used in finals will be mailed to the host club prior to the match.
- There have been a number of defaults this season:
 - Ladies — 41 defaults
 - Mixed — 22 defaults
 - Men's — 33 defaults
- Ideas for proposed changes to the default rule were given to all delegates in attendance as attached.
- Delegates were asked to provide any feedback on the current draft of proposed changes to this rule prior to the next meeting in December after Sue Malins gives a detailed description of proposed changes.
- Larry Pelly advised that clubs can make arrangements with him prior to the commencement of matches for players of a known higher standard to fill in to avoid defaulting and clubs having to pay the current default fee. This can only occur with prior approval from Match & Permit.
- Much discussion was undertaken but was decided that all ideas should be sent thru to Chairman of Match & Permit and discussed at the next meeting.
- Match cards and forms are available on the NSNTA website for download if an away team is given a walkover. A reminder to all clubs that if you are given a walk over a match form must still be completed with the full names of players that were due to play.
- The entries for next season close with Chairman of Match & Permit at **8pm on Friday 21st November.**
- Next season star dates are as follows
Ladies: 3/2/2009 Mixed: 11/2.2009 Mens: 5/2/2009
- Any court restorations or problems should be advised with team entries.
- Player behaviour within the competition seems to be readdressed with a number of complaints being received in recent months. The expectation is for clubs to handle this complaints appropriately when they arise rather than bringing the association into the equation. In most circumstances the association will back the club handing down any disciplinary actions required.

8. General Business

- The state government is said to make a decision on the 1st December in regards to water restrictions in Victoria. It is rumored that it may not affect sporting clubs at this stage due to an exemption. All clubs with pourous courts are advised to compile water records from the past 12 months and compare to the previous 12 months to see if there has been decrease in water usuage with water saving practices in place.

Meeting Closed - 9.25 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting – Monday, 8 December 2008 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club