

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 22nd February 2016

1. Attendances

41 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 27-07-15	24-08-15	26-10-15	22-02-16	26-04-16
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Buckley Park	✓				
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Caroline Springs	✓				
Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Corpus Christi		✓	✓	✓	
Craigieburn	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Delahey					
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Doutta Galla	✓	✓		✓	
East Coburg					
Essendon	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gladstone Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Glencairn	✓		✓		
Glenroy	✓			✓	
Green Gully	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Greenvale	✓	✓			
Hadfield	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hillside	✓			✓	
Keilor	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Keilor East	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Keilor Park			✓	✓	
Maribyrnong Park	✓	✓		✓	
Merlynston	✓		✓	✓	
Mickleham Memorial	✓				
Moomba Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mt. Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
North Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
North Sunshine	✓		✓	✓	
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
OLN	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Parkville	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PEGS	✓		✓		
Riverside	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rosamond	✓	✓	✓		
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. John Bosco		✓	✓	✓	
St. Monicas	✓	✓		✓	
St. Thereses	✓		✓	✓	
St. Vincents	✓	✓	✓		
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sunbury	✓		✓	✓	
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓		
Westmeadows	✓	✓		✓	

2. Apologies

Ian Openshaw (Life Member)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Colin Akers (Tullamarine), seconded Elsa Reed (Keilor) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

5. Correspondence

(a) Inwards correspondence:

- Bulla Village – Correction of email address for secretary
- Diggers Rest – New email address for men's delegate
- Tennis Vic – February edition of Tennis News
- East Coburg – Request for light testing
- Tennis Vic – Possible governance/constitutional changes
- Tennis Vic – Invitation to volunteers breakfast
- Tennis Vic – December edition of Tennis News
- Bulla Village – Request for light testing
- West Brunswick – Change in mixed delegate
- Tennis Vic - Notice of Special general Meeting
- North Sunshine – Change in Delegate
- Westmeadows – Change in Delegate
- Tennis Vic - Notice of Metropolitan Associations Forum
- PEGS – Clarification of email address
- Gabriel Pelly – Completed changes to V2 results system
- Tennis Vic – Update certificate of insurance
- Brimbank Council – Request for copy of lux readings from local clubs
- Tennis Vic – November edition of Tennis news
- Royal Park – Request for light testing
- Strathmore – New courts ready for inspection and light testing

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs – Minutes from October meeting
- All Clubs – Agenda for February meeting
- All Clubs – Notification of pick up night January 2016
- Caroline Springs & Craigieburn – Reminder regarding hosting finals duties
- Coburg – Resolution of complaint Mens B+4 vs. Sydenham
- Fawkner – Court lighting levels
- All Clubs – Match & Permit vacancy
- West Brunswick – Reminder to abide by court allocation schedule
- Sydenham – Resolution of complaint Mens B+4 vs Coburg
- Gabriel Pelly – Request for changes to V2 results system
- East Coburg – Response to request for light testing
- Brimbank Council – Copy of lux readings for local clubs

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcome to the season that is underway. There has been a change to the approved balls to be used for competition; Robert will be give more detail in his report. There were a few responses to the vacancy on the M&P Committee and we are happy to welcome Russel Baldry from Oak Park and Rob Haines from Parkville who will be assisting the Committee.

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – **Carried.**

(b) Bills for Payment:

Administration (Affiliation Fees)

Robert McDonald (Stationery)	\$72.90
Snap Printing	\$1349.99
Cathryn Ryan (Toner and Light Testing)	\$145.01

Total Payments **\$1567.90**

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Joel Ganino (Westmeadows) – **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

- Finals last season ran reasonably well except for two clubs not turning up for their hosting duties. Reminder to clubs that there must be someone present when hosting finals. It has been decided by the committee that if a club fails to meet their hosting duties they will not be subsidised for hosting duties.
- Team entries for this season – 534 teams – 68 grades
 - * 145 Teams in Ladies – up 9 teams and 2 grades
 - * 143 Teams in Mixed – up 2 teams
 - * 246 Teams in Mens – down 4 teams and 1 gradeNo team withdrawals at this stage and 5 defaults for ladies, 2 for mixed and 5 for Mens.
- We have had some queries about the Mixed gradings this season, particularly the lower grades. Although the mixed competition has two extra teams this season compared to last season, the teams entered changed significantly. We had about 8 new teams enter in the higher grades (A Grade to B Reserve). We also had a number of teams not re-enter in the lower grades. Two teams did not re-enter in D Special, which already had a Bye, and two teams did not re-enter in C Reserve 2. No new teams entered in the bottom grades which is unusual. As a result, a number of teams in C Grade and C Reserve were graded down to make up the numbers.
- Light testing is continuing. Clubs to be tested this season are Keilor, Taylors Lakes, Sunbury, Diggers Rest, Bulla Village, Strathmore and Royal Park. Big thanks to all clubs for keeping us updated on any works that have been undertaken.
- The Match and Permit Committee has issued a document of rulings which is not on the NSNTA website. This clarifies some of the By-laws and how they are interpreted by the Committee. If you are unsure about a rule, check the document or call the Competition Co-ordinator or Chairman of the Match & Permit Committee.
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure match results are correct and complete.
 - * The winning team must ensure all players' names, including opposition players' names, have been recorded fully (first and surname) and are legible before the result is signed
 - * If a match result is submitted with any missing information the winning team will be fined.
 - * First name and surname are compulsory
 - * If the winning team asks the losing team to enter the result and there are errors in the result, the winning team will still be fined.
 - * History of emergency players must also be given

- Please ensure you use emergency players of an appropriate standard. Penalties will be enforced if emergency players strengthen the team
- There have already been 58 additional registrations and 13 de-registrations this season. Two additional registrations have been refused. Many of the additional registrations are due to players being left off team entry sheets. Please take extra care to ensure all players are listed on team entries in future. Please also ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise the team will lose games. A reminder that using a played-up player can help in the case of emergencies.
- Fees and Payments must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7pm on Tuesday 22nd March 2016. Late payment will result in loss of match points. Once lost, points cannot be recovered.
- The NSNTA has adopted the Tennis Australia list of approved balls. There has been a significant change in the Tennis Australia list of approved balls for this season. We understand that clubs have already purchased these balls that are no longer approved. Therefore the committee has decided that if clubs advise the association that they are still using these balls they will be allowed to continue using them for the duration of the home and away season but not for finals. A letter to be sent to clubs outlining the balls now excluded from the list.
- Team entry sheets will be in Excel next season. This will be easier for clubs to use and also speed up the process for the Association when grading. Please ensure spelling is correct as the computer needs to match names exactly. Do not alter the format of the sheet at all.
- Extra fixtures and result books are available for clubs to take as back ups to keep in their club house.
- The OLN delegate will be away for the next 2 weeks. Please contact the Chairman of the Match and Permit Committee if you need to contact an OLN team.

9. General Business

- The NSNTA now has a Facebook page. Please like this page if you are on Facebook. It will enable the association to give reminders to delegates and also advise players of any changes that may impact them.
- Maria Keys provided a Tennis Victoria Report. Upcoming Special General Meeting on the 16th March will consider several changes to the constitution. Clubs have been sent the information regarding these changes and clubs are advised to read through these changes carefully. The discussions are still underway of the church clubs still being able to affiliate.
- Fast 4 Tennis – Tennis Victoria was looking at running a competition in the fast 4 format, but it has been decided leave it to clubs to arrange at an intra club level. The format is available to associations to use if required.
- Colin Akers has proposed that the NSNTA Golf Day will be running again this year on the 25th September 2016.

Meeting Closed – 9.20 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 18th April 2016 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club