

# NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

### 1. Attendances

44 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 25-07-16	22-08-16	24-10-16	27-2-17	1-5-17
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	✓		✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill			✓		✓
Riverside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rosamond	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓		✓	✓	✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓		✓

## 2. Welcome and Apologies

Rob Haines (Parkville), Jason Vochala (Royal Park)

Larry Pelly welcomed Gary Clark (President) and Matthew Kennedy (CEO) from Tennis Victoria to the meeting.

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Colleen Taylor (Corpus Christi), seconded Reagan Burgess (Mt Carmel) 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:

- Royal Park – Name of substitute delegate for May meeting
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Victoria) – Receipt of additional correspondence regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Keilor East – Request date of AGM
- Tim Connelly (HTCC) – Response regarding Life Member's concerns in letter sent to all clubs
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Victoria) – Clarification of information to be circulated to all clubs prior to May meeting regarding HTCC application for affiliation
- Tennis Victoria – Numerous Friday Feedback
- Bruce Fordham (Hume Council) – Correspondence regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Essendon – Mixed C2 protest
- Sunbury – Receipt of resolution of complaint Mens A-1
- Sunbury – Change in ladies' delegate due to holiday
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Victoria) – Reminder of deadline for submissions regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Sue Malins (Life Member) – Questions regarding HTCC affiliation application.
- West Brunswick – Question regarding time frame of HTCC affiliation application
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Victoria) – Tennis Victoria's submission regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Tennis Victoria – Call for expressions of interest for TV Nominations Committee Vacancy
- Tennis Victoria – CEO Update
- Delahey – Washout dispute Mens B5 vs Sunbury
- Tennis Victoria – Draft Minutes of March Metro Associations Forum
- Craigieburn – Appeal of loss of games due to late payment of fees
- Tennis Victoria – Agenda for March Metro Associations Forum
- Sunbury – Change in Mens delegate due to holiday
- Essendon – Complaint of player behaviour OLN Mens B+1
- Tennis Victoria – March News
- Tim Connelly for HTCC – Application for affiliation with NSNTA
- Tennis Victoria – Integrity Unit update on behalf of Tennis Australia
- Greenvale – Request for correspondence regarding HTCC
- Keilor East – Receipt of resolution to complaint Mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- West Brunswick – response to complaint Ladies B1 vs Maribyrnong Park
- Sunbury – Complaint Mens A-1 vs Sydenham
- Sydenham – Complaint Mens A-1 vs Sunbury

- Numerous written request from NSNTA members for a secret ballot at May meeting regarding HTCC application for affiliation

**(b) Outwards Correspondence:**

- All Clubs, HTCC, Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) & Hume City Council – Further correspondence received regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Keilor East – Response to date request of AGM
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) – Confirmation of information to be circulated prior to May meeting regarding HTCC Affiliation application
- All Clubs, HTCC, Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) & Hume City Council – Correspondence regarding HTCC Affiliation application and revised edition
- Essendon – Mixed C2 protest resolution
- Sunbury – Resolution of complaint Mens A-1
- All Clubs, Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) & HTCC – Minutes from February meeting and Agenda for May meeting
- Parkville – Apology for May meeting
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) – Receipt of Tennis Victoria’s submission regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Oak Park – Court lighting levels
- Riverside – Court lighting levels
- West Brunswick – Response to question regarding HTCC affiliation application
- Craigieburn – Resolution of appeal regarding loss of games due to late payment of fees
- All Clubs, HTCC & Matthew Kenney (Tennis Vic) – Notification and copy of application for affiliation at May meeting, including details of application to be undertaken
- Essendon – Details of OLN contact regarding player behaviour Mens B+1
- Strathmore, Mickleham Mem, St John Bosco, North Sunshine, St Thereses, OLN & Hillside – Notification of team withdrawal Mens C1 Essendon
- Colin Akers – Confirmation of Annual Golf Day details
- Sunbury – Resolution of complaint Mixed A-2 vs Keilor East
- Keilor East – Resolution of complaint Mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- Coburg – Court lighting levels
- West Brunswick – Resolution of complaint Ladies B1 vs Maribyrnong Park
- Maribyrnong Park – Resolution of complaint Ladies B1 vs West Brunswick
- St John Bosco – Resolution of de-registered player appeal

**6. President’s Report**

Larry Pelly commented on concerns about the current state of tennis attire. Clubs were advised that some proposed clarifications to the NSNTA Dress Code will be circulated and we look forward to club’s feedback.

**7. Treasurer’s Report**

(a) The Treasurer’s Report had been distributed to the delegates.  
Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Peter Olney (Life Member) that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted – **Carried**.

(b) Bills for Payment:

Grade Secretary Payments	\$2,590.00
Autumn Lights	\$4,080.00
Glasses	\$5,800.00
Pennants	\$4,200.00
Score Books	\$7,500.00
Fixtures	\$800.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$24,970.00</b>

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rose Micallef (Riverside) – **Carried**.

## 8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Since the last meeting two more teams have withdrawn:

- Mens C Grade 1 – Essendon
- Mixed B Grade 2 – Avondale Heights

This makes a total of six teams that have withdrawn this season. We remind clubs there is a \$100 withdrawal fine, so please ensure all teams are viable before teams are entered for next season.

Two Clubs did not pay their team entry fees by the due date. As a result, both clubs were not awarded points for their teams that won while the fees were overdue. Please ensure fees are paid by the due date for next season so your club is not similarly penalised.

The Match and Permit Committee has discussed the introduction for an NSNTA Code of Conduct and complaint handling procedure. This is a result of a recent increase in complaints and a need for guidance about which complaints should be handled between clubs and which should be escalated to the Association. The proposed Code of Conduct is based on the Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour and aims to set out the expectations of players and what constitutes inappropriate behaviour. A proposal will be sent to all clubs shortly for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

We continue to have issues with the spelling of emergency player names. Please encourage teams to be careful with spelling to avoid fines. We have also noticed a number of teams selecting the incorrect round, which causes issues for our results system. From next season, teams will be fined if they select the incorrect round for a result. Teams also need to remember to enter a result for a washout.

### Additional registrations

- Additional registrations have now closed. No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- There were 185 additional registrations and 43 deregistrations this season
- 6 additional registrations were refused and 35 emergency players told not to play again in particular grades
- Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade).
- Please ensure your team has enough registered, qualified players for finals. A player must be registered and have played three matches (washouts included) to be eligible to play finals.

### Details for finals

- Results of Round 14 to be phoned through to Peter Olney by 11.00 p.m. on 9354 9019.
- Aim to have finals draw up that night.
- Clubs must advise by Monday, 8 May 2017 if any courts are unavailable for finals.
- Please check if you are hosting finals and ensure someone from the Club is there to supervise the finals. Don't assume captains will automatically do this. As previously advised, if a club fails to fulfil its hosting duties, the lighting subsidy will not be paid

### Details for team entries for next season

- Team entry sheets have not changed.
- The Grade Contact Sheet has changed and is now also in Excel. Please use the updated version. From next season, there is a section where a club can specify how many printed fixtures are needed. Please ensure this is filled out.
- Instructions on how to complete team entry sheets are on the web.
- Player lists will be provided to all clubs. Please ensure player names are spelt correctly. You can copy and paste names from the player history lists into the team entry sheet.
- Ensure appropriate grade applied for
- Please ensure all players are listed. Additional registrations will be refused if strong players are left of the team entry.
- We do not want to impose fines, however fines will be imposed for the following:

- If the names are spelt differently to the NSNTA data base (unless you advise of a change in spelling)
- If the names are not in alphabetical order by surname
- If "Last Played" is showing an incorrect grade or year
- If you leave "Last Played" blank when the player has actually played
- If you know the player comes from another club, put that information on the bottom of the sheet
- Do not put in a team with only 4 players in it
- If there is a new player to your Club, check with the Coordinators or Chairman for previous history
- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 16 June 2017

#### **Dates for next season**

- Ladies – 8 August 2017
- Mixed – 16 August 2017
- Men's – 10 August 2017

The majority of clubs that completed the survey about the dates for the Mens competition indicated they would prefer to play on Oaks Day instead of the Thursday before the Grand Final Eve public holiday. Therefore for Spring 2017, teams will play on Oaks Day.

### **9. General Business**

- Hume Tennis and Community Centre had submitted a new application to become affiliated with NSNTA. The Club is situated within the existing NSNTA boundaries, 225 Marathon Drive Craigieburn, and there are 16 courts.

The President advised that as agreed between the NSNTA and HTCC, HTCC would be given 5 minutes to address the meeting. All Delegates would then be given the opportunity to speak for up to 3 minutes. No questions can be asked by the Delegates, as these should have been submitted in writing before the meeting as advised in correspondence to Clubs. The President and CEO of Tennis Victoria were present to answer questions if required.

Tim Connelly representing HTCC spoke in support of the application. No Delegates elected to speak.

The President advised that as requests had been received from three or more members to conduct a poll, a secret ballot would be conducted. The result of the ballot was 26 votes in favour 19 votes against and 3 abstained. The application was therefore accepted.

- Maria Keys provided a Tennis Victoria update. Junior Pennant has been renamed Associations Junior League and is about to begin. Victorian Community Tennis Forums are held every 3 months and all clubs are encouraged to attend. The next forum is on 2nd August at AAMI Park.
- Matthew Kennedy then thanked the NSNTA for having them at the meeting and for accepting HTCC as a new member of the association.
- Colin Akers spoke about the Golf Day which will be held on the 29th October 2017. The event was successful last year with funds raised being donated to charities. Entry is \$50 per player. Encourage all players to join in for a fun day.

**Meeting Closed – 9.34 pm**

#### **Next Delegates' Meeting**

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club