

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th August 2017

1. Attendances

31 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 24-07-17	28-08-17			
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	✓				
Hume	✓	✓			
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. Apologies

Paul Hackett (Mt Carmel), Grant Laurie (Gladstone Park), Jenny King (Essendon)
Mara Cassar, Rob Sozzi (Hadfield) & Jason Vochala (Royal Park)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Lorraine Cram (Keilor East), seconded Graham Govan (Essendon) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

It was noted that in the last minuted under Match and Permit Committee report the starting dates for the men's and mixed competition were reversed. This will be corrected in the copy of the minutes placed on the website.

5. Correspondence

(a) Inwards correspondence:

- Green Gully – Receipt of notification of team withdrawal Mens C+2
- Tennis Victoria – Several Friday feedbacks
- Melton City Council – Draft plans regarding Diggers Rest Recreation Reserve
- Colin Akers – Revised entry form and details regarding Annual Golf Day
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder to get nominations in for Victorian Tennis Awards
- Sunbury – Protest of washout match Mens B5 vs Delahey
- Delahey – Response to protest of washed out match Mens B5 vs Sunbury
- Tennis Vic – Pre sale details for Australian Open Tickets
- Sunbury – Advisement of works being undertaken at club and impact on players
- Craigieburn – Change in Delegate
- Tennis Vic – Wilson Ball offer
- Sunbury – Request to relocate some matches to HTCC due to works being undertaken at club
- Tennis Victoria – Receipt of payment of Affiliation fees
- Tennis Victoria – List of top 50 clubs
- Tennis Victoria – Agenda for August Associations Forum Meeting and Minutes from last meeting
- Tennis Victoria – Call for nominations for directors
- Buckley Park – Change in email address whilst delegate on holidays
- Tennis Victoria – July E-news
- Tennis Victoria – Invitation to re-affiliate and forms
- Keilor East – Request for letter of support regarding try booking system
- Pellysoft – Maintenance contracts for tennis software
- Melton City Council – Request for information regarding Diggers Rest Recreational Reserve possible upgrade
- Tennis Victoria – June ENews
- Tennis Victoria – Agenda for June Meeting and Minutes from last meeting
- Deer Park – Notice of Tournament at Club for Queens Birthday Weekend
- Westmeadows – Change in delegate
- Mt Carmel & Gladstone Park – Apology for August meeting

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- Gladstone Park – Court Issues
- Oak Park, East Coburg, Essendon, Gladstone Park, Sunbury, Green Gully, Buckley Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mens C+2 Riverside

- All Clubs – Agenda of August Meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes from May Meeting
- St Monicas, St Thereses, Mt Carmel, Maribyrnong Park, Greenvale, Avondale Heights & St John Bosco – Notification of team withdrawal Mixed C-1 Craigieburn
- Oak Park, Mt Carmel, Doutta Galla, West Brunswick, Keilor Park, St Vincents & Strathmore – Notification of team withdrawal Ladies C-3 Craigieburn
- Moomba Park, Oak Park, St John Bosco, Sydenham, Maribyrnong Park, Royal Park & Strathmore – Change in location for Mens C-3 Delahey to Deer Park
- Hadfield, Oak Park, West Brunswick, Gladstone Park, Delahey, Tullamarine & Keilor Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mens D+ Merlynston
- Coburg, Essendon, St Vincents, Parkville, Maribyrnong Park, Delahey & Keilor – Notification of team withdrawal Mens B+4 Bulla Village
- Sunbury, Green Gully, Keilor East, West Brunswick, Strathmore, North Park & St Thereses – Notification of team withdrawal Ladies B3 Craigieburn
- All Clubs – Notification of works being undertaken at Sunbury this season
- Airport West, Sunbury (Red), Strathmore, Essendon, West Brunswick, St John Bosco & Buckley Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mixed A-1 Sunbury Black
- Melton City Council - Information regarding Diggers Rest Recreational Reserve possible upgrade
- All Clubs - Notice of Tournament at Club for Queens Birthday Weekend at Deer Park TC
- Fawkner – Court lighting levels

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed all in attendance and spoke about the number of team withdrawals that have already occurred this season. More details to be given in M&P report. Also an update on the Sunbury clubhouse upgrades to be given.

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.
Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Surinder Dhar (Taylors Lakes) – **Carried.**

(b) Bills for Payment:

Nil

Reminder to all clubs that fees are due on the 12th September no later than 7pm, otherwise a loss of games will apply

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

An interesting issue occurred last season where a mixed semi final was washed out. Both the men's and ladies sets had commenced but had not been completed. When the teams returned the following week, both teams needed to substitute a lady. The ladies set has been stopped the previous week at 4-1. The NSNTA By-laws do not allow a player to be substituted mid set. Normally the team that needs to substitute a player must forfeit the remainder of the set and the substitute can take the place of the unavailable player in future sets. As both teams needed to substitute a player, it was decided that the set would be deemed completed and the set score recorded 4-1.

Team entries for this season – 532 teams – 67 grades

- 142 teams in Ladies – down 3 teams and 1 grade
- 135 teams in Mixed – down 2 teams and 1 grade
- 255 teams in Men's – up 12 teams and 1 grade

There have been seven team withdrawals:

- Ladies - B Grade 3 - Craigieburn
- Ladies - C Reserve 3 - Craigieburn
- Mixed - A Reserve 1 - Sunbury (Black)
- Mixed - C Reserve 1 - Craigieburn
- Mens - B Special 4 - Bulla Village
- Mens - C Special 2 - Riverside
- Mens - D Special - Merlynston

This high number of withdrawals is disappointing. It is fortunate none of the teams that have withdrawn have been in grades with a Bye. Please ensure teams are viable before they are submitted and teams have back up players in case someone is injured or otherwise becomes unavailable.

There have been a few other changes to the fixture:

- Mens C Reserve 3 Delahey will now play home games at Deer Park
- Westmeadows has a new Delegate – Nabil Chakelli
- Craigieburn has a new Delegate – James Stephen

The Sunbury clubhouse has been demolished and a new clubhouse is being constructed over several months. This means there is currently no clubhouse at Sunbury. Portable toilets are in place but limited other facilities are available. The NSNTA and Sunbury thank players for their cooperation during the disruption caused this season.

Light testing is continuing. Clubs to be tested next are Westmeadows, East Coburg, Strathmore, Bulla Village, Delahey, Diggers Rest and Maribyrnong Park.

Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade). It is the responsibility of the Club to keep track of how many matches emergencies have played. Please ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise teams will lose games.

There have been some issues with washouts this season. We remind all Delegates that there are detailed washout procedures on the NSNTA website. Washouts can only be called over the phone in advance if both Delegates speak to each other and agree. If the away Club Delegate cannot be contacted, or one team does not agree, both teams must attend the venue. If the two teams cannot agree at the venue, contact should be made with the Match and Permit Committee and a member of the Committee requested to come and inspect the courts. All players must remain at the venue while this happens. The Committee cannot resolve washout disputes after the event.

The new Code of Conduct is in place for this season. Please ensure players are aware of this. Fortunately there have not been any official complaints made so far.

Emergency players:

- Where it is clear an emergency has strengthened a team, teams will be penalised with loss of games.
- If a team is told not to play a particular emergency player again, and the team then plays a different emergency who also strengthens the team, a second warning will not be given. Loss of games will be automatically imposed.
- Where an emergency player is told not to play again in a particular grade, and plays in a higher grade and again strengthens the team, a second warning will not always be given. Coordinators will look at how much higher the grade was and how much the player strengthened the team.

Fees and Payments must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 September 2017. Late payment will result in loss of match points.

9. General Business

- The Annual Golf Day is being run on the 29th October. Some entries have already been received but more would be fantastic. Encourage all players to join in for a fun day.
- Maria Keys gave an update on behalf of Tennis Victoria. 4th October is the Annual General Meeting followed by a Victorian Community Tennis Forum. There are currently elections for Tennis Victoria Directors taking place. Clubs should have been sent details to vote online. VicHealth currently have club grants opens. Details are on the Vic Health website.

Meeting Closed – 9.05 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 23rd October 2017 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club