

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 26th February 2018

1. Attendances

40 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 24-07-17	28-08-17	23-10-17	26-02-18	
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

Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham), Robert Sozzi (Hadfield), Tony Ring (Glencairn)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Rob Haines (Parkville), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) 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:

- Colin Akers – Report from 2017 Golf Day
- Deer Park – Request for details of upcoming Club Championships to be put on website
- Loris Daly – Request for a copy of correspondence between Sunbury and NSNTA
- Tennis Victoria – Friday Feedbacks
- East Coburg – Updated Grade Contact sheet
- Green Gully – Receipt of notification team withdrawal
- Princes Hill – Change in delegate
- Sydenham – Apologies February Meeting
- Sunbury – Update on committees position on complaint with Loris Daly and Tennis Australia
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for Competitions Summit Forum February 2018
- Melton Shire Council – Copy of Digges Rest Recreation Reserve Master Plan
- Sunbury – Notification of complaints received by club from Loris Daly
- Hillside – Notification of works being undertaken to club house in 2018
- Royal Park – Notification of works being undertaken at club in 2018
- Bulla Village - Notification of works being undertaken at club in 2018
- Delahey – Substitute delegate's details
- North Sunshine – Application for refused A/R to be reviewed
- Maribyrnong Park – Change in secretary
- Essendon – Notification of security incident at courts involving Gang Youths
- Tennis Victoria – Notification of Competitions Summit Feb 2018
- Keilor East – Complaint mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- Sunbury – Complaint mixed A-2 vs Keilor East
- Keilor East – Receipt of resolution of complaint mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- Sunbury – Notification of no current land line in club house
- Tennis Victoria – Merry Christmas message
- Airport West – Protest mens A-1 vs Sydenham
- Sydenham – Protest mens A-1 vs Airport West
- Oak Park – Protest mixed C-2 vs Essendon
- Brimbank City Council – Request for current lux light readings in area
- West Brunswick – Notification of court lighting issues
- Tennis Australia – Certificate of Insurance
- Tennis Victoria – Associations stance on multi-marked courts

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- Deer Park – Confirmation of details placed on website regarding Club Championships.
- Loris Daly – Response to request for correspondence
- Taylors Lakes – Copy of complaint received from player at club
- Airport West, Avondale Heights, Green Gully, Sunbury, Glencairn & Sydenham – Notification of team withdrawal Craigieburn Mens A-1
- All Clubs – Minutes of October 2017 meeting
- All Clubs – Agenda for February 2018 meeting
- All Clubs – Proposed by-law changes for February meeting
- Green Gully, Strathmore, West Brunswick, Maribyrnong Park, Delahey & Keilor East – Notification of team withdrawal St Monicas Mixed B+2
- Hillside, Strathmore, Keilor East, Greenvale, Royal Park, West Brunswick and Mt Carmel – Notification of team withdrawal Glenroy Ladies B1
- Coburg, Gladstone Park, Taylors Lakes, St Thereses, St John Bosco & Strathmore – Notification of team withdrawal Mickleham Mem mens C+5
- Westmeadows, Doutta Galla, Keilor East, Airport West, PEGS, West Brunswick & Sydenham – Notification of team withdrawal St Therese B-1
- Airport West, Gladstone Park, West Brunswick, St Thereses, Essendon, Greenvale & Royal Park – Notification of team withdrawal Maribyrnong Park Mixed C+2
- Caroline Springs, Oak Park, West Brunswick, Sunbury, Greenvale, Bulla Village & Glencairn – notification of team withdrawal Taylors Lakes mens B-2
- Caroline Springs, Oak Park, West Brunswick, Sunbury, Greenvale, Bulla Village & Glencairn – notification of team re-instated Taylors Lakes mens B-2
- All Clubs – Notification of pick up night January 2018
- Sunbury – Resolution of complaint Mixed A-2 vs Keilor East
- Keilor East - Resolution of complaint Mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- Airport West – Resolution of protest Mens A-1 vs Sydenham
- Sydenham - Resolution of protest Mens A-1 vs Airport West
- Oak Park – Resolution of protest Mixed C-2 vs Essendon
- Brimbank City Council – Copy of current light readings in area

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly advised that there is plenty to report in the Match and Permit report so he would leave it until then.

7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.
Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Lyster (East Coburg) – **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for Payment:

Snap Tullamarine:	\$737.00
Robert McDonald (Stationary)	\$169.73

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Lyster (East Coburg) – **Carried**

The Golf day was a success and it was proposed that the \$900 profit would be split between Beyond Blue and Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute

Moved Colin Akers (Tullamarine), seconded Graham Sandman (Treasurer) – Carried

The date for the Golf Day is proposed for the 28th October 2018 with the likely cost being \$55 per player.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- The finals for last season all went relatively smoothly, and we thank all clubs that hosted.
- There were some washouts in the Mens competition, and particular thanks go to Hadfield for hosting the washed out grand finals.
- One club failed to fulfil its hosting responsibilities, so no lighting subsidy was paid.
- There were also a couple of defaults due to teams not having sufficient registered, qualified players.

Team entries

- Team entries for this season – 531 teams – 68 grades
 - 142 teams in Ladies – same number of teams and grades
 - 128 teams in Mixed – down 7 teams, same number of grades
 - 261 teams in Men's – up 6 teams and 1 grade

Team withdrawals

- Since the fixture was printed, the following teams have been withdrawn and replaced with a Bye:
 - Ladies - B Grade 1 - Glenroy
 - Ladies - B Reserve 1 - St Thereses
 - Mixed - B Special 2 - St Monica's
 - Mixed - C Special 2 - Maribyrnong Park
 - Mens - A Reserve 1 - Craigieburn
 - Mens - C Special 5 - Mickleham Memorial
- The Committee is exploring options to stop team withdrawals as we have had six team withdrawals this season, following seven team withdrawals last season. Options include advertising for players on the NSNTA website or a pool of emergency players.
- Unfortunately, this season it has resulted in two grades – Mixed B Special 2 and Mens C Special 5 – having two Byes, which means the players in those grades get less tennis.
- Once the fixture has been issued, it is very difficult to move teams between grades without adversely impacting the number of teams home and away each week at clubs.

Additional registrations

- Once again we have had a lot of additional registrations to start the season — 65 additional registrations and 18 deregistrations this season.
- Three additional registrations have been refused.
- Many additional registrations are due to players being left off team entry sheets. Clubs are reminded that once teams have been graded, the additional registration and emergency rules apply, which means players cannot strengthen teams. This means that if, for example, the best or second best player in a team is left off the team entry form, and the team is graded without them, they will be refused additional registration as they will strengthen the team after grading. It is therefore very important that you check your team entries to ensure all players are included.
- We also had once instance of a player being registered in a higher team by mistake. Once a player has been submitted in a team and graded, they cannot move to a lower grade.
- Please also ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth emergency match, otherwise teams will lose games. Matches are counted across all grades, so two matches in each of two different teams counts as four emergency matches.

Appeals

- The Committee has considered a number of appeals against the refusal of additional registrations, or emergencies being told not to play again tonight.
- These appeals seem to be becoming more frequent as clubs seem unwilling to accept the Chairman's or Coordinator's decisions.
- There seems to be a sense of entitlement with clubs expecting players can be added to teams during the season regardless of their standard.
- Clubs are reminded players do not have a right to play in the NSNTA competition unless they were listed on the team entry and are registered. All other players are subject to the rules that they cannot strengthen a team.

- The purpose of additional registrations is to assist clubs to field teams where there has been an injury or a player is unavailable. Whilst they can also be used to add new players to teams who have joined the club late, please do not promise them a place in the team as they may be knocked back if their results indicate they are strengthening a team.
- A player should not play again while an appeal is pending. The Committee meets once a month, so this may require a player to sit out a few rounds. If a player plays again while an appeal is pending, loss of games will be imposed regardless of the outcome of the appeal.

Players moving between clubs after grading

- Another issue that has arisen this season is a significant number of players wanting to move between clubs after teams have been entered and graded.
- This is possible, but it requires the club at which the player is registered to submit a deregistration for the player before the season starts, that is before 7 pm on Round 1. Once the season has started, players cannot request to change clubs.
- If they are deregistered from their original club in time, the usual emergency and additional registration rules apply and a player cannot join a team if they would strengthen it.

Clubhouse works

- Bulla Village, Royal Park and Hillside are undertaking clubhouse works this season. Toilet facilities will remain available, but there may be limited supper facilities.
- The Sunbury Clubhouse which was out of action last season has now been completed and is fantastic.

Book a court lighting issues

- A number of clubs have installed the book a court system which is connected to their lighting system. This means courts need to be booked for competition to ensure the lights come on.
- There have been several cases reported of either the lights not coming on in time, or lights going off during a match prior to the club's curfew time.
- Clubs must ensure they have appropriately tested their book a court system and that lights will be operational for competition matches. This includes adjusting the system to factor in daylight savings.

Complaints

- The Association is receiving an increasing number of emails and phone calls from players, without them informing their clubs.
- Clubs are asked to remind their players that complaints and requests for clarification of rules should only come from Club Delegates, not from players.

Multi-marked courts

- The Association has met with representatives of Tennis Victoria regarding multi-marked tennis courts. Tennis Victoria are wanting to encourage clubs to use the funding given by the government to encourage netball in Victoria. They have stated that these new courts are better quality than the previous multi marked points which were banned by the NSNTA.
- Multi-marked courts are currently not permitted under the NSNTA's policy, except for PEGS which was given permission many years ago.
- The Committee believes it should be a decision of the clubs, not the committee to change this policy. If a club wishes to seek approval to use multi-marked courts in the NSNTA competition, they will need to write to the Association and the matter would then be decided by the next Delegates meeting.

Autumn 2018 team fees

- Fees must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 13th March 2018.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points. Once lost, points cannot be recovered.

9. General Business

- Maria Keys spoke about Tennis Victoria's Competitions Summit this Wednesday the 28th February at AAMI Park. All clubs would have received correspondence regarding the meeting and are encouraged to attend.

Meeting Closed – 9.25 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 23rd April 2018 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club