

# NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018

### 1. Attendances

36 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 30-07-18	27-08-18			
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	✓	✓			
Royal Park	✓	✓			
St. John Bosco	✓	✓			
St. Monicas	✓				
St. Thereses	✓	✓			
St. Vincents	✓	✓			
Strathmore	✓	✓			
Sunbury	✓	✓			
Sydenham	✓	✓			
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓			
Tullamarine	✓	✓			
West Brunswick	✓	✓			
Westmeadows		✓			

## **2. Apologies**

Toni Cudmore (Secretary), Bob Granger (Greenvale) & Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham).  
Moved Peter Anderson (Oak Park), seconded John Galbo (Keilor East) that the apologies be accepted - **Carried**

## **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Moved Ron Morton (Merlynston), seconded Shirley Peake (Moomba Park) 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:**

- Tennis Victoria – Change of date for Associations Forum Meeting
- Moomba Park – Code of Conduct complaint against player Hillside Mens B4
- Deer Park – Request to inform clubs of upcoming club tournament
- Craigieburn – Change in delegagte
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder of Associations Forum Meeting
- Tennis Victoria – Future Leaders Program
- Tennis Victoria – Draft minutes from Associations Forum Meeting
- Tennis Victoria – Change in chairperson and revised date for next meeting
- Tennis Victoria – Affiliation renewal notice
- Deer Park – Change in club's contact details
- Tennis Victoria – Call for nominations Board of Directors
- Buckley Park – Temporary delegate details
- Tennis Victoria – Receipt of payment of affiliation fees
- Delahey – Change in delegate
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for nominations Board of Directors
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### **(b) Outwards Correspondence:**

- Craigieburn, Princes Hill, Greenvale, Keilor Park, Maribyrnong Park, East Coburg & Buckley Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mens B-4 Mickleham Mem.
- Sunbury, Moomba Park, Greenvale, Maribyrnong Park, North Park, East Coburg & Buckley Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mixed B2 Westmeadows
- All clubs – Agenda August meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes April meeting
- Keilor – Appeal against Lance Petherick registration refusal resolution
- Keilor East – Resolution of complaint Mens C3 vs St Vincents
- St Vincents – Resolution of complaint Mens c3 vs Keilor East
- Taylors Lakes – Resolution of Mens A-2 emergency player protest
- Moomba Park – Resolution of complaint vs Delahey Mens C-3
- Delahey – Resolution of complaint vs Moomba Park Mens C-3
- All Clubs – Pick up night details
- Sunbury, Buckley Park, Keilor East, West Brunswick, Green Gully & St Thereses – Notification of team with drawal Mixed B+1 Avondale Heights
- Hillside, OLN, Strathmore, Glencairn, Sunbury, Essendon & Merlynston – Notification team withdrawal Menc c1 St Vincents
- All Clubs – Reminder about Annual Golf Day

## 6. President's Report

Larry Pelly advised that the season is going well and that Robert would provide all the details in his Match and Permit report.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.  
Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Colleen Taylor (Corpus Christi) – **Carried**.

- (b) Bills for Payment: (Approval in Principle)

Snap Printing (Fixtures)	\$798.60
Snap Printing (Result Books)	\$7501.73
Winning Edge	\$115.50
AGM expenses	\$210.00

<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$8625.83</b>
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Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) – **Carried**

Unfinancial clubs as at 27/08/18 (To be paid by 12/09/18 @ 7pm):

Buckley Park	Glencairn	North Sunshine
Caroline Springs	Glenroy	PEGS
Coburg	Greenvale	Princes Hill
Diggers Rest	Keilor East	St. Monicas
Doutta Galla	Merlynston	St. Thereses
East Coburg	Mickleham Memorial	Strathmore
Gladstone Park	North Park	Westmeadows

## 8. Match and Permit Committee Report

### M&P Report

#### Team entries

- Team entries for this season – 524 teams – 67 grades
  - 139 teams in Ladies – down 4 teams
  - 122 teams in Mixed – down 7 teams
  - 263 teams in Men's – up 1 team

#### Team withdrawals

- There have been seven team withdrawals:
  - Ladies - B Reserve 1 - St Thereses
  - Mixed - B Special 1 - Avondale Heights
  - Mixed - B Grade 2 – Westmeadows
  - Men's – B Grade 4 - Hillside
  - Men's - B Reserve 4 - Mickleham Memorial
  - Men's – B Reserve 5 – Green Gully
  - Men's - C Grade 1 - St Vincent's
- 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.

### **Defaults**

- There has also been a higher than usual number of defaults in the Mens competition, with 20 defaults in only 3 rounds. This compares with 4 in 3 rounds in the Ladies, and 1 in two rounds in the Mixed.
- We often find this is due to Mens teams calling defaults themselves, without contacting their Club Delegate and request assistance to find players. Please ensure teams inform you before a default is given.

### **Clubhouse works**

- Works have commenced on a clubhouse extension at Hillside Tennis Club. All matches are still being played at Hillside and toilets remain available but there are limited other facilities.
- We understand works will start in October at Riverside. We will update clubs when we have more information.

### **Additional registrations and emergencies**

- 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.
- The number of additional registrations is down so far, but we are still receiving some that 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.
- 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. This carries over between seasons. Loss of games will still occur when the team was told not to play the emergency player in a previous season.
  - 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.

### **Players playing at two clubs**

- Players cannot play at two clubs in the same competition in the same season
- This includes emergency players, so once a player has played as an emergency for one club, they cannot then switch clubs.
- If a player plays as an emergency in a grade that is too low, and are told to not play again, the rule still applies and they cannot then play at another club. Please ensure players know this.

### **Spring 2018 team fees**

- Fees and Payments must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 12 September 2018.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points.

### **Late starts**

- We have had some complaints about teams arriving late, and then having long warm ups, particularly in the Mens competition. This can affect other matches if teams are sharing courts.
- The start time for matches is 7.00 pm. Players should aim to be at the courts prior to this so the match can start on time.

### **Hiring courts**

- If clubs are hiring courts at another venue, it is important to ensure there is a clear understanding about which courts are being hired, particularly if the club has multiple surfaces. It is preferable for there to be an agreed court allocation roster on display at the venue.

- If there is a partial washout or lighting failure, the hiring agreement should be honoured. The team/s allocated the affected courts will be washed out, or will need to relocate if the lighting failure is known in advance.

#### **Chairman overseas**

- Robert will be overseas from 19 October to 12 November 2018. He will still be contactable by email, but not by phone.
- For any urgent issues, clubs should contact the Competition Coordinator or another Match and Permit Committee member.

### **9. General Business**

- In the absence of Colin Akers (Tullamarine), Larry Pelly (President) spoke about the NSNTA Charity Golf Day, which will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Not too many entries received as yet but Colin is hoping more teams enter soon. It was really well attended last year, so hopefully it will be again this year.
- Tennis Victoria news from Maria Keys: the Junior League (formerly Junior Pennant) starts this weekend. The Tennis Victoria AGM will be held on 03/10/18 at AAMI Park. 2 Director positions are available, so there may be an election (electronic voting a possibility). The Tennis Victoria Forum to follow. The Champions Dinner night will be held on 22/10/18.
- Graham Govan (Essendon) queried what the NSNTA does with the fines received. Several committee members provided the following answers: Support expenses, result books, flags, glasses, lighting credits, fixtures, laptop upgrades, enables the NSNTA to keep team entry and affiliation fees stable. It was also suggested that the Annual report be viewed for further details.
- Shirley Peake (Moomba Park) suggested a small flag could be awarded instead of glasses for winning team members. Delegates are urged to consider and provide suggestions.
- Rick Cesare (Fawkner) advised that Hadfield had approached Fawkner to hire 2 courts. The NSNTA is aware and that Hadfield are advising the opposing club each week.
- Robert McDonald (Chairman) - Hiring courts at other venues – please advise the NSNTA if there are arrangements between clubs regarding which particular courts are to be used, in case of disputes arising from washouts or lighting issues.

**Meeting Closed – 9.10 pm**

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

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club