

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 25th February 2019

1. Attendances

42 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 30-07-18	27-08-18	29-10-18	25-02-19	
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylor's Lakes	✓	✓	✓		
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Westmeadows		✓	✓	✓	

Special General Meeting

1. Amendments to the current Code of Conduct regarding spectators were discussed

SPECTATORS

11. Interference

- (a) A spectator must not disrupt or interfere with the proper conduct of a match. For the purposes of this rule, interference includes physical abuse, verbal abuse, audible obscenities, visible obscenities, coaching, intimidation, excessive cheering or any unsportsmanlike conduct, whether directed towards a player, another spectator or an official.
- (b) A player is deemed to be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their entourage and support team who attend a match in which they are participating (i.e. team member, parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend).
- (c) Where a match is disrupted or interfered with by the action/s of a spectator who is part of a player's entourage (i.e. team member, parent, family member, coach, trainer or friend) the player must attempt to address and eliminate any spectator interference by discussing the relevant offences or behaviour with the offending person. This discussion may include a warning to the interfering spectator that any further interference by the spectator may result in the match being suspended until the issue is resolved and that play can continue without further disruption or interference.
- (d) A player may be found to have breached the Code of Conduct where it has been determined that a match has been disrupted or interfered with by the actions of a spectator who is part of their entourage.

After a vote the revised code of conduct was accepted

2. Apologies

Marcus Tierney (Hillside), Maria Keys (Vice President) & Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Rick Cesare (Moomba Park), seconded Peter Anderson (Oak 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 – Many Friday Feedbacks
- Greenvale – Change in secretary
- Essendon- Complaint Ladies B-2 vs Merlynston
- Merlynston – Version of events from complaint Ladies B-2 vs Essendon
- Fawkner – Updated office bearers
- Riverside – Relieving delegate details
- Sydenham – Change in contact details for delegate
- Keilor – Revised office bearers details
- Tennis Victoria – Updated certificate of insurance
- Maria Keys – Apologies for tonight's meeting
- Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham) - Apologies for tonight's meeting

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Agenda February meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes October meeting
- All Clubs – Proposed Code of Conduct changes
- Keilor East, Buckley Park, Keilor Park, Hume, Diggers Rest, St John Bosco & Sydenham – Notification of team withdrawal Hillside Mens B-5
- St Monicas, Glencairn, Oak Park, Doutta Galla, St Vincents, Essendon & Merlynston – Notification of change in venue for games played at PEGS Ladies B-2
- Moomba Park, Oak Park, Diggers Rest, Coburg, Greenvale, Keilor Park & Strathmore – Notification of team withdrawal Essendon Ladies C-2
- All Clubs – Notification of Autumn Pick up night January 2019
- Merlynston – Warning regarding player behaviour
- Strathmore – Court lighting levels

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly stated that the season is up and going. There is an issue with multi-marked courts that will be discussed in the M&P Report.

7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.

Fees came in quick in the first week but have slowed down. Fees are due by the 12th March. Please check the website for updates on clubs that have paid.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Colleen Taylor (Corpus Christi) – **Carried.**

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

Snap Printing	\$731.50
Total Payments	\$731.50

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) – **Carried**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- There were washouts in the semi finals in all 3 competitions last season. Thanks to all clubs for their assistance hosting multiple weeks.
- Unfortunately, there were some issues with behaviour towards host clubs in wet weather. Teams need to be patient while host clubs determine whether courts can be dried, or if matches can be relocated. Competing teams should also offer to assist host clubs to dry courts.
- There were some queries around late player rules when teams were delayed due to traffic accidents. By-law 26 allows the team not at fault to claim the first set at 7.16 pm if the match cannot commence due to late players. This is a decision for the team captain and they can choose not to take the set if they believe the opposition were late for a good reason. The Association will not get involved in judging the merits of reasons for a team being late. If the captain of a team chooses to claim the set, that is their right under the By-laws.

Team entries

- Team entries for this season – 527 teams – 67 grades
 - 142 teams in Ladies – up 3 teams
 - 123 teams in Mixed – up 1 team

- 262 teams in Men's – down 1 team

Team withdrawals

Two team withdrawals at this stage, which is a big improvement on the seven withdrawals last season:

- Essendon C Reserve 2 Ladies
- Hillside B Reserve 5 Mens

The Hillside B Reserve 5 Mens team was new to that club and had previously caused issues at other clubs. Clubs can contact the Association if they want to check the background of teams moving to their club.

Grading

We have received some queries about grading of teams that did not go down as many grades as requested despite losing their best player. The Committee grades looking at the players listed on the team entry sheets, and we are not able to go through all teams and work out which players have dropped out from individual teams. In future, if there is a reason like that to justify a team going down extra grades, we encourage clubs to write that on the team entry to ensure we are aware of it when grading.

Team changes

It is much easier to make changes to teams before the season starts. Players deregistered before the start of the season become free agents and can move to another club or team. However, once the season has started, players cannot move clubs or move down teams. If you are having issues with teams or players, please contact the Association as soon as possible so we can look at options to assist. The options become more limited once the season has started.

PEGS

PEGS has relocated to a new venue in Keilor Park. Please ensure teams go to the correct venue.

Approved balls

The Tennis Australia list of approved balls had changed again, partly due to a change of manufacturer supplying balls to the Australian Open. Wilson Australian Open balls are no longer on the approved balls list and no longer being sold. Clubs may continue using these balls until the end of the Autumn 2019 season to use up any stock they may have.

Autumn 2019 team fees

- Fees must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 12th March 2019.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points. Once lost, points cannot be recovered.

Match results

We continue to have issues with missing information on match results, particularly in the Mens competition. The winning team captain is responsible for checking the match result is **complete** and **legible** before signing the match result sheet. It is not acceptable to submit a match result with "surname not supplied", "name of emergency not supplied" or "couldn't read name". If information is missing or misspelt, the winning team will be fined.

The results system has been adjusted to no longer accept results that are 36 games to 0. This is to prevent teams including six 6-0 set scores with defaults. In the unlikely event a match is played to completion and the result is 36 to 0, please contact the Association and we will assist with entering the result.

Rulings

If you have a query about the application of the By-laws, you can check the Match and Permit Committee Rulings document under the Rulings section of the website. If you still can't find the answer, contact a Match and Permit Committee member.

Premiership winning teams

We have only had a limited response to the request for possible alternatives to glasses for premiership winning teams. Some suggestions were coffee cups, trophies and wall plaques, which

would all be more expensive than glasses. We have therefore decided to continue with glasses at this stage.

Multi-marked courts

- Multi-marked courts are currently not permitted under the NSNTA's policy, except for PEGS which was given permission many years ago.
- The Association has met with representatives of Tennis Victoria regarding multi-marked tennis courts. Tennis Victoria are encouraging clubs to use the funding given by the government to encourage netball in Victoria to build dual-lined tennis netball courts. They have stated that these new courts are better quality than the previous multi marked courts which were banned by the NSNTA.
- PEGS has relocated to a new venue in Keilor Park with dual marked netball tennis courts which are modgrass. Riverside's courts are currently being rebuilt and it is unclear how many will be tennis only and how many will be dual-marked with netball lines.
- The Committee believes it appropriate to go back to clubs, and seek their input on the application of multi-marked courts policy. Correspondence will go out to clubs soon seeking feedback and a vote will be taken at the April meeting.

Chairman overseas

- Robert will be overseas on holiday from 31 March to 17 April 2019. 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

- Nabil from Westmeadows spoke about sponsorship from The Cheesecake Shop for children in clubs. He had some certificates which entitles the bearer to a gift from the Cheesecake Shop.

Meeting Closed – 9.10 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 29th April 2019 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club