

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 29th April 2019

1. Attendances

45 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 30-07-18	27-08-18	29-10-18	25-02-19	29-04-19
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park				✓	✓
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Caroline Springs	✓	✓	✓		✓
Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corpus Christi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn	✓			✓	✓
Deer Park		✓	✓	✓	
Debrahey	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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		✓	✓	✓	✓

2. Apologies

Omar Dachs (St Vincents), Merilee Stainer (Airport West) & Matt Norris (St Monicas)

Special welcome to Andrew Reynolds who is newly appointed to Tennis Victoria as the Associations Leader.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ron Morton (Merlynston), 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
- Corpus Christi – Appeal against strong player being banned
- Princes Hill – Receipt of email regarding clubs attendance at meetings
- Sydenham – Suggested By-law 37 amendment
- North Park – Protest Buckley Park Mixed B1
- Keilor East – Possible variables for dual lined/multi-lined courts policy
- Greenvale – Information leading to court lighting failure and match forfeit Ladies
- Tennis Victoria – Notice of Associations Forum June
- Tennis Victoria – E news for both March & April
- Merlynston – Request for a copy of previous complaints regarding player behaviour
- Tennis Victoria – Extreme weather policy
- Colin Akers – Golf day report and proposed date for 2019
- St Monicas – Apology for April meeting

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs – Agenda April meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes February meeting
- All Clubs – Revised February Minutes
- All Clubs – Proposed dual lined/multi-lined courts policy
- All Clubs – Reminder for meeting including minutes, agenda and dual lined/multi-lined courts policy
- Corpus Christi – Strong player refusal in Mixed competition response
- Buckley Park, Glenroy, Mickleham Mem, North Sunshine, Princes Hill & St Monicas – Clubs attendance at meetings
- Essendon – Resolution of complaint player behaviour Merlynston Ladies B-2
- Merlynston – Resolution of player behaviour complaint and warning against Essendon Ladies B-2
- Sunbury, Buckley Park, West Brunswick, Essendon, Sydenham, Hadfield & North Park – Notification of team with Mixed A Grade Essendon
- Merlynston – Copy of previous complaints regarding player behaviour
- Bulla Village – Court lighting levels

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed everyone and said that most topics that required discussion would come up later in the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

Administration

Dell Computers	\$2850.00
Tennis Victoria Affiliation Fee	<u>\$1600.00</u>
	\$4450.00

Competition

Pennants (Approx)	\$4500.00
Glasses (Approx)	\$5700.00
Grade Secretary Payments	\$2600.00
Mixed Co-Ordinator Toner	\$57.00
Light Payments	<u>\$4080.00</u>
	\$16937.00

Total Payments **\$21387.00**

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

The Golf Day was a success with \$1300 being raised. \$1000 has been donated to The Peter Macallum Institute. The money leftover has been put in an account and will be used with the money raised at the 2019 Golf Day.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Team withdrawals

- Since the last meeting one more team has withdrawn: Essendon (Red) in A Grade Mixed.
- This makes a total of three teams that have withdrawn this season, which is a reduction on previous seasons, but still more than we would like.
- We remind clubs there is a \$100 withdrawal fine, so please ensure all teams are viable before teams are entered for next season.

Team fees

One Club did not pay their team entry fees by the due date. As a result, the club was 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.

By-law amendment

The Association will be putting up a minor amendment to By-law 46 at the Annual General meeting. It just aims to clarify that both teams can change players or the order of play the following week if a final does not start due to wet weather.

Changes to courts

Please remember to advise the Association if your club changes court surface or lights. It assists us with finals draw and fixtures.

Additional registrations

- Additional registrations close this week:
 - Ladies Competition — Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.00 pm
 - Mixed Competition — Wednesday 1 May 2018 at 7.00 pm
 - Mens Competition — Thursday 2 May 2018 at 7.00 pm
- No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- So far, there have been 186 additional registrations and 35 deregistrations this season
- 9 additional registrations were refused
- We are regularly receiving additional registrations that result in more than 8 players in a Ladies or Mens team or more than 6 players of the same gender in a Mixed team and clubs

were being slow to respond when he requests a deregistration. The Committee has agreed that Clubs should be advised they have 3 days to provide a deregistration, otherwise the additional registration will be refused.

- 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 track how many times emergency players have played.
- Please ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth emergency match, otherwise teams will lose games.
- 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.

Emergencies

- So far this season, 22 emergency players that have been deemed too strong and therefore the clubs have been warned that if they play again loss of games will be imposed.
- In clear cases, loss of games is imposed without a warning being given.
- If a team has been given a warning in relation to an emergency player, they will not be given a second warning if a different emergency player is used that also strengthens the team. Loss of games will be imposed.
- When considering whether an emergency has strengthened a team, factors the Coordinators will consider include:
 - previous NSNTA history
 - history in other competitions (juniors, pennant, NSLTA etc.)
 - the emergency player's results on the night compared to the results of the other players in the team
 - the standard of the opposition player they played against
 - who the emergency player was replacing in the team
 - what position the emergency played
- All emergency players are scrutinised and we do not wait until a complaint is received from the opposition.

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, 6 May 2019 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. If a club fails to fulfil its hosting duties, the lighting subsidy will not be paid
- If a club has a liquor licence that means teams cannot bring their own alcohol, please advise us by emailing chairman@nsnta.org. A list will be published with the finals draw to alert players.

Details for team entries for next season

- Team entry sheets have been updated to add extra years in the player history "Season/Year" column.
- Ensure appropriate grade applied for — particularly check on ability of new players and new teams.
- If there is a particular reason you are applying for a grade, such a player has left the team, please write this on the bottom of the team entry sheet so the Committee are aware when grading.
- Players must be listed in alphabetical order by surname
- Must have Grade Contact Sheet
- 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.
- Please ensure all players are listed. Additional registrations will be refused if strong players are left off the team entry even if the player has played in the team for many seasons.
- Some players on the lists may be marked as "Too Strong". This means they played an emergency this season, but were deemed to be stronger than the other players in the team. We encourage you to register these players if they are going to play next season. If an emergency player has been deemed "Too Strong" this season and then they play as an emergency in the same team next season, the team will be automatically penalised with loss of games.

- 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 (including as an emergency)
- 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
- Please limit the number of special fixture requests as it makes it very difficult for the Committee to complete the draw. If too many clubs submit special requests, they cannot all be accommodated and some clubs will miss out
- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 14 June 2019

Dates for next season

- Ladies – 6 August 2019
- Mixed – 14 August 2019
- Men's - 8 August 2019

9. General Business

- Review of the dual lined/multi-lined courts has been sent to all clubs and was also available to in hard copy for all clubs at the meeting. Kay Erenberg from PEGS spoke against the first option stating that if the first option is carried in a vote this evening there club will cease to be able to compete in the NSNTA. Vince Micallef from North Park proposed that there could be potentially a 3rd option that allows PEGS to keep their current exemption to continue playing, but a ban for all other courts. It was agreed that option would be considered if Options 1 and 2 were defeated.

Motion — That proposed Dual-Lined / Multi-Lined Court PolicyOption 1 be adopted.

Defeated — 18 in favour, 26 against and 2 chose not to vote.

Motion — That proposed Dual-Lined / Multi-Lined Court PolicyOption 2 be adopted.

Carried — 36 in favour, 7 against and 3 chose not to vote.

- Maria Keys delivered a report from Tennis Victoria – New CEO has been appointed Ruth Holdaway from the U.K She has a background in Tennis and sport participation.
- Pennant has commenced on the weekend just past. Junior Pennant will be starting this year, reminder to clubs to look into for their clubs.
- Gordon McRobert from Keilor spoke about fundraising that the club is undertaking towards Breast Cancer due to their President's recent battle with the illness. All fundraising efforts will be posted on the Keilor Tennis Club website. Please have a look.
- PEGS asked how they need to apply exemption to use multi-lined courts. Form to be completed by PEGS and distributed to club delegates prior to the next General meeting.

Meeting Closed –9.40pm

Next Delegates' Meeting& AGM

Monday,29th July2019 at 8.30pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club