

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th October 2019

1. Attendances

Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 29-07-19	26-08-19	28-10-19		
Airport West	✓	✓	✓		
Ascot Vale	✓	✓	✓		
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓		
Buckley Park	✓		✓		
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓		
Caroline Springs	✓		✓		
Coburg	✓	✓	✓		
Corpus Christi			✓		
Craigieburn	✓		✓		
Deer Park	✓				
De-lahey	✓	✓	✓		
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	✓	✓	✓		
Moomba Park	✓	✓	✓		
Mt. Carmel	✓		✓		
North Park	✓		✓		
North Sunshine	✓		✓		
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓		
OLN	✓	✓	✓		
Parkville	✓		✓		
PEGS	✓	✓	✓		
Princes Hill					
Royal Park	✓	✓			
St. John Bosco	✓		✓		
St. Monicas	✓	✓	✓		
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓		
St. Vincents	✓		✓		
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓		
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓		
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓		
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓		
Tullamarine	✓		✓		
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓		
Westmeadows	✓		✓		

2. Apologies

Mara Cassar (M&P)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Peter Anderson (Oak Park), seconded John Galbo (Keilor East) 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:

- Doutta Galla – Complaint mixed A-1 vs Corpus Christi
- Keilor East – Complaint mens B+1 vs Royal Park
- North Park – Complaint mixed B2 vs Buckley Park
- Tennis Victoria – ANZ Tennis Club Grants
- Strathmore – Court 2 lighting levels and works to be undertaken
- Tennis Victoria – Details requested for affiliation renewal
- East Coburg – Complaint Mens B-4 vs Greenvale
- Greenvale – Response to complaint Mens B-4 vs East Coburg
- Oak Park – Complaint Ladies B-2 vs Merlynston
- Merlynston – Response to complaint Ladies B-2 vs Oak Park
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for 2019 Champions Dinner
- East Coburg – Receipt of complaint resolution
- Sunbury – Updated mixed contact details
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for Board Elections
- Tennis Victoria – Forum Reminder for October
- Melton South Tennis Club – Information regarding affiliation
- North Park – Notice of unavailability to host finals due to works being undertaken
- Royal Park – Request for information regarding twilight tournament to be put on website

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs – Minutes August Meeting
- All Clubs – Agenda October Meeting
- Merlynston – Complaint resolution and sanction Ladies B-2 vs Oak Park
- Oak Park – Complaint resolution Ladies B-2 vs Merlynston
- East Coburg – Complaint resolution Mens B-4 vs Greenvale
- Greenvale – Complaint resolution Mens B-4 vs East Coburg
- Strathmore – Request for update on court lighting repairs
- Tennis Victoria – Director elections vote
- Green Gully, Buckley Park, Royal Park, Essendon, Fawkner & Hume – Notification of team withdrawal Hadfield Mens A Grade

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed everyone and said that we had issues at the last meeting reaching quorum due to emails not reaching all clubs. These technical issues are being worked out so there will not be any fines given to clubs for not attending last meeting. Most information regarding competition will be discussed by the M&P Chairman.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Peter Ferguson (Craigieburn) – **Carried.**

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

Spring lights costs for finals	\$2925.00
Grade Secretary Ladies	\$630.00
Grade Secretary Mixed	\$560.00
Grade Secretary Mens	\$1120.00
Total Payments	\$5235.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Surinder Dhar (Taylors Lakes)

All team fees were paid by 7pm on the 17th September.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Withdrawals

- Since the last meeting one further team has withdrawn – Hadfield A Grade Mens
- Clubs are reminded that if a team gives five walkovers it is automatically withdrawn from the competition. There are two teams in the Mens competition who have already given four walkovers so are at risk of being withdrawn.

Players strengthening a team

- When the Committee determines a player has strengthened a team under By-law 31(e) there are two possible penalties – warning or loss of games
- The Committee decided that when there is known and recent history on a player that shows a significant discrepancy between the level they are playing and the level of the registered players in the team, loss of games is appropriate.

Communication

- Contact with the Association should be through Club Delegates, not directly with team captains
- Only Club Delegates should be calling washouts. Please ensure the washout procedures listed on the NSNTA website are followed, or penalties will be applied.
- Similarly, only Club Delegates should be advising other clubs of walkovers. Please remind team captains not to contact the opposition directly, but to contact the Club Delegate. Hopefully Club Delegates can assist to find players and avoid walkovers.

Washouts

- Please ensure your teams have access to equipment to dry courts.
- Where courts need to be dried, teams should be allocated one court to start and given additional courts as further courts are dried and become playable.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
 - Ladies Competition closed last Tuesday
 - Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 30 October 2019
 - Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 31 October 2019
- No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- The Chairman will respond with confirmation that he has received each additional registration. If you do not receive confirmation within a few days, please follow up with a phone call in case it has not been received. This only means that it has been received, not accepted. Usually we wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an

additional registration. Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.

- If a player plays more than three emergency matches without an additional registration, the games won by that player will be deducted from the team's score.
- Be careful about strength of emergency players in final few rounds. Teams will have games deducted if emergency players strengthen a team

Finals

- Results of Round 14 to be phoned through to Peter Olney by 11.00 p.m. on 9354 9019
- Do not phone through semi final and Grand Final results
- Aim to have finals draw up that night
- Clubs must advise by Monday 4 November 2019 if any courts are unavailable for finals otherwise we assume courts are available. We are aware of North Park's resurfacing works only at this stage.
- Players must be registered and have played three matches to be qualified for finals. Each competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens) is a separate competition, and qualification for one does not count towards qualification for the other. No exceptions will be made to this rule, so please ensure teams have enough registered, qualified players and don't have to forfeit a final.

Team entries for next season

- Ensure appropriate grade applied form — particularly check on ability of new players and new teams
- Players must be listed in alphabetical order by surname
- Must have Grade Contact Sheet
- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 29 November 2019
- **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.
- Statistics will be circulated to all clubs after Round 14. Please copy and paste names from these spreadsheets into team entries to avoid any issues misspelling player names.
- 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.

Start dates for next season:

- Ladies – Tuesday, 4 February 2019
- Mixed – Wednesday, 5 February 2019
- Men's – Thursday, 6 February 2019
- The pickup night for fixtures and result books for Autumn 2020 will be Tuesday, 28 January 2019 at 8.15 pm at Airport West Tennis Club

Finals

- It was suggested at the AGM that the higher finishing team hosts finals
- The Match and Permit Committee has discussed this, and there are a number of issues that would need to be decided in order to make this work
- Firstly, consideration would need to be given to whether finals have two courts. If that is the case, recent season show approximately 3 Ladies, 3 Mixed and 10 Mens semi finals would need to be relocated each season. There would need to be a process for deciding which matches get relocated, where they get relocated to, and how that is communicated. This is likely to be more complex than the current system and may result in worse outcomes for some teams who have to relocate to clubs with different surfaces. Alternatively, finals could be allocated one court, but there is little support for that option.
- Another concern is who would resolve disputes, particularly if there is a difference of opinion about whether courts are playable in wet conditions.
- After discussion, the Committee has concluded the current system is preferred to the higher team hosting finals, so the change won't be progressed at this stage.

Scoring system

- The Match and Permit Committee has discussed a couple of options to change the scoring system to address the number of defaults
- Option 1 is to reintroduce the former By-law regarding ladder adjustments when two teams finish on the same number of points and one of the teams has received a walkover during the season.
- Option 2 is to record a standard score for walkovers (e.g. 18 games to 0 games, or 12 games to 0 games etc).
- Option 3 is to award two points per set and additional points for a win (like NSJTA matches)
- An options paper has been circulated to clubs for feedback to see if there is any interest from clubs in these changes. Please ensure your club completed the survey by 30 November 2019.

9. General Business

- Maria Keys delivered a report from Tennis Victoria:
 - The Board Elections were undertaken electronically. Simon Meadows was re-elected to the Board and Caryle Demarte from Royal Park was elected as a new Board member.
 - The Championships Awards Dinner was held recently with photos and results to be put on the website soon.
- The Golf Day was held yesterday. No report as yet.
- Coburg Tennis Club is hosting an Open Court session on behalf of Tennis Victoria on Wednesday 30th October at 7pm. All are encouraged to go along.

Meeting Closed – 9.10pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 24th February 2020 at 8.30pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club