

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 24th February 2020

1. Attendances

42 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 29-07-19	26-08-19	28-10-19	24-02-20	
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ascot Vale	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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

Mt Carmel & Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Rob Haines (Parkville), 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
- Mt Carmel – Apology for February meeting
- Deer Park – Request to send information to clubs regarding club championships
- Brimbank Council – Request for current lux readings for Brimbank Clubs
- Aintree Tennis Club – Application for Affiliation
- Tennis Victoria – Notice of Associations Forum June
- Tennis Victoria – AO Updates
- Tennis Victoria - Metro Associations Forum Diversity and Inclusion update
- Tennis Victoria – Change in board members
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for December Associations forum meeting
- Colin Akers – Report from 2019 Golf Day
- Corpus Christi – Change in delegates
- Tennis Victoria – Notification of resignation of board member
- West Brunswick – Change in office bearers
- Moomba Park – Change in delegate
- Bulla Village – Notification of works completed at venue, recheck of lights requested
- Tennis Victoria – Certificate of Insurance
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder December Metro Associations Forum Meeting
- St Monicas – Updated email address

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Agenda February meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes October meeting
- All Clubs – Application for affiliation Aintree Tennis Club
- All Clubs – Proposed air quality policy
- Brimbank Council – Current lux readings for Brimbank Clubs
- All Clubs – Autumn pick up night details
- Mt Carmel – Court lighting levels
- West Brunswick & Maribyrnong Park – Code of conduct complaint resolution

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed everyone including two members from Aintree Tennis Club who have attended the meeting. The Air Quality policy was distributed to all clubs after a lot of work by Robert McDonald. Hopefully there won't be any more air quality issues this year.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Graham Govan (Essendon) – **Carried.**

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

Mens Coordinator	\$19.75
Snap printing (A2020 Fixtures)	\$693.00
Snap printing additional score books	\$607.75
Total Payments	\$1320.50

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Maria Keys (Life Member)

All team fees are due by 7pm on the 17th March. Graham will be away for the next fortnight.

The money raised from the Golf Day was donated to the bushfire relief fund

Question was raised from Sally Wilson (West Brunswick) regarding the amount of money the association has in the bank. Should the association look for ways to use this money to help clubs within the association.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- Several clubs reported that their courts were unplayable due to the weather on Men's semi-final day. Thanks to these clubs for providing early notice that their courts were unavailable and to the clubs that opened their courts at short notice and hosted semi-finals.
- Once again, there were a few complaints about court surface. The NSNTA guidelines for finals venues is on the NSNTA website. We cannot give all teams that finish first and second their surface and give all finals two courts. We do not reallocate grand finals based on semi-final results.

Team entries

Team entries for this season – 522 teams – 67 grades

- 137 teams in Ladies – down 1 team
- 131 teams in Mixed – up 6 teams and 1 grade
- 254 teams in Men's – up 6 teams and 1 grade

Grading

From time to time we get queries about why players are playing in grades that are lower than they have played previously. We grade teams, not players, so if a strong player is put in a team with weaker players, the team is graded somewhere between their standards. It is particularly challenging in the Mixed when often clubs put players of very different standards together in the same team, so family members or friends play together. The more information you can provide on the team entry, the easier it will be for us to get the grading accurate.

Team withdrawals

There have been no team withdrawals so far and in Round 3 there were no defaults in the Men's competition. This is a fantastic result, and we thank all Club Delegates for their efforts ensuring full teams are fielded every week.

Autumn 2020 team fees

- Fees must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 17th March 2020.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points. Once lost, points cannot be recovered.

Additional registrations

- 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.

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.

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.

Scoring system options

- Thanks to all the clubs that responded to the scoring system options survey. 35 clubs responded. Just over 40 per cent wanted no change, just under 40 per cent supported the proposal to award 2 points per set, and about 20 per cent supported a change to a specified amount of percentage being awarded for a win by default.
- If two points per set are awarded, almost 50 per cent of clubs supported the option of 4 additional points for the win.
- The Management Committee is still considering next steps.

Open Court Sessions and possible noise issues

- We have had some queries from clubs about the Association's rules around noise, particularly if clubs are seeking to hold Open Court Sessions at the same time as competition
- We strongly encourage clubs to ensure that other noise be kept to a minimum while competition matches are being played.

Washouts

- We have again had issues with teams not following the washout procedures, which are available under the "Rulings" section of the website
- Please ensure only club officials call washouts (not captains or players) and that washouts are not called too early.
- If all courts are of the same surface and drain similarly, club officials must make consistent decisions for all matches – call all matches off in advance, or all teams turn up.
- If clubs have different surfaces, or courts drain differently, officials can call some matches off and allow others to play. But they must remember it is a one court competition and one playable court should be allocated to each team to enable as many matches as possible to play.
- If matches are called a washout in advance, Delegates must exchange names of players over the phone/by text. It is not the Association's responsibility to chase names of players.

9. General Business

- Application for affiliation from Aintree Tennis Club. Dinesh and Michael spoke on behalf of the club. There are 6 hard courts available. The area is growing and they already have 70 members. They would look to enter 3 men's and one ladies teams to start with. Essendon noted that they were concerned with the distance that the club is being 8km further than Caroline Springs. Maria Keys also spoke for Royal Park about the distance required to travel and that the association may need to look to at defining the competition boundaries. Vote was undertaken by all clubs – Aintree club accepted as part of the NSNTA.
- Maria Keys gave an update from Tennis Victoria:
 - The promotion of Open Court sessions has had mixed reports so far. Different time slots seem more productive than others. Clubs encouraged to keep trying it and report all feedback to Tennis Victoria
 - Pennant teams are due in next week.
- Rob Haines (Parkville) spoke about the National Sports Museum at the MCG. It has been closed for the past 6 months due to refurbishment. They will be reopening next week as the Australian Sports Museum. Everybody encouraged to come and have a look at the big improvements undertaken.
- Air Quality Policy was drafted and sent out to clubs. The issue was raised during the the Australian Open due to poor air quality. The policy hopefully won't need to be implemented this year. The guidelines are as per the EPA Policy. All feedback is welcome.
- Peter Anderson (Oak Park) asked what age is too young for juniors to be playing in the night competition. This is not something that the association can police and it is at the discretion of the clubs.

Meeting Closed – 9.30pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 27th April 2020 at 8.30pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club