

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th February 2022 on Zoom

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 45

Clubs	AGM 23-08-21	28/02/2022			
Aintree		✓			
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					
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	✓	✓			

In accordance with section 35(2) of the Constitution, the meeting was held on Zoom.

2. Apologies

Denise Beckett (Maribyrnong Park), Kay Ehrenberg (PEGS), Joel Gibbons (Gladstone Park), Maria Keys (Life Member)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Ian Openshaw (Life Member) seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) 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

Inwards correspondence:

- Consumer Affairs Victoria — Confirmation of acceptance of change of Association rules
- Gladstone Park TC — Email about vaccination requirements
- PEGS TC — Notification of mandatory vaccination requirements
- Greenvale TC
 - Change of Secretary
 - Changed access to club
- Pellysoft — Maintenance contacts for 2021–22
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - New Child Safe Standards from 1 July 2022
 - Automatic top-up grant — Round 4
 - Approved top-up grant payment — Round 4
- Tennis Victoria
 - News — July 2021, August 2021, September 2021, October 2021, November 2021
 - Updates — 7 July 2021, 15 July 2021, 20 July 2021, 27 July 2021, 5 August 2021, 9 August 2021, 11 August 2021, 16 August 2021, 18 August 2021, 21 August 2021, 1 September 2021, 9 September 2021, 15 September 2021, 19 September 2021, 22 September 2021, 27 September 2021, 28 September 2021, 29 September 2021, 19 October 2021, 22 October 2021, 30 October 2021
 - Associations Forum 20 July 2021 postponed
 - Call for director nominations
 - Management Liability Insurance Declaration
 - Victorian Tennis Awards Nominations now open
 - 2021 Notice of AGM and Board Elections
 - Competitive Play Forums
 - We're Open! Welcome back to tennis across Victoria
 - 2021 Annual General Meeting and Annual Report
 - Updated insurance certificate of currency
 - Invitation to Safeguarding Children Workshops
 - Expressions of Interest — Tennis Victoria Sub-Committees and Disciplinary Panel

Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs
 - Autumn 2021 Grand Finals Update
 - Autumn 2021 Ladies Grand Finals arrangements
 - Spring 2021 season suspended
 - Delegates Nomination Form
 - Spring 2021 season and October Delegates meeting cancelled
 - Autumn 2022 season arrangements
 - Vaccination requirements
 - Autumn 2022 Update
 - Pickup night and draft COVID-Safe competition guidelines
 - COVID-Safe competition guidelines

- Vaccination requirements update
- Access to Greenvale Tennis Club
- Agenda, previous minutes, list of correspondence and Treasurer's report for Delegates' meeting on Monday 28 February 2022
- Some Clubs
 - Team Withdrawal - Ladies B Special 2 OLN
 - Team Withdrawal - Mixed A Grade Essendon Black
 - Team Withdrawal - Ladies C Reserve 2 Delahey
 - Team Withdrawal – Mixed B Special 1 Corpus Christi
- Avondale Heights TC, Craigieburn TC, Deer Park TC, Hume TCC and Maribyrnong Park TC
 - Letters about court lighting levels
- Gladstone Park TC — Response to email about vaccination requirements
- Hadfield TC — Letter of support for court resurfacing works
- North Sunshine TC — Letter of support for clubroom works
- Tennis Victoria — Affiliation Renewal Application 2021–22

6. President's Report

Larry noted that the Secretary position is still vacant and thanked Robert McDonald and Cathryn Ryan for assisting with the Secretary duties.

If any clubs know of someone who might be interested in taking on the Secretary role, they are encouraged to contact Larry.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Omar Dachs (St Vincents) – **Carried**.

- (b) Bills for payment: Nil.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

COVID-19

- We are glad to be back playing again after another season was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- We have issued COVID-19 guidelines for the season, which are on the website. Masks are no longer required inside clubrooms, but it is unclear whether players still need to QR code in at tennis clubs. We will update the guidelines if this changes.
- PEGS and St Thereses require all players to be fully vaccinated to play at their venues. Please ensure your teams are aware of this and assist their teams to find played up players or emergencies if some players don't meet the vaccination requirements. If a team cannot field a team of players that meets the requirements listed above in order to play at one of these venues, they will need to forfeit.
- Club Delegates should advise the opposition Club Delegate/s and the Chairman of the Match and Permit Committee if a player who participated in an NSNTA match tests positive for COVID-19 soon after the match.

Team entries for Autumn 2022

- Team entries for this season are up by 9 teams with a total of 503 teams
 - 122 teams in Ladies – down 5 teams and 1 grade
 - 124 teams in Mixed – up 1 team
 - 257 teams in Men's – up 13 teams and 2 grades

Team withdrawals

- The following teams have withdrawn and been replaced with a Bye:
 - **Ladies** - B Special 2 - OLN
 - **Ladies** - C Reserve 2 - Delahey
 - **Mixed** - A Grade - Essendon (Black)
 - **Mixed** - B Special 1 - Corpus Christi
- Unfortunately, this means there are two Byes in C Reserve 2 Ladies.

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.
- We have already received 80 additional registrations and 17 deregistrations this season.
- Please remember that the purpose of additional registrations is to replace injured or unavailable players. All are scrutinised to ensure they are not strengthening the team. Clubs should not expect players to be accepted just because they wanted to join a team late or a club doesn't have another team for them.

Emergencies

- Please ensure you check the history of emergency players before they play.
- Club Delegates can contact Robert of the Competition Coordinator if they want to check the previous history of a player.
- If the Committee determined that an emergency player is strengthening a team, the club will be warned that if they play again loss of games will be imposed. In clear cases, loss of games has been imposed without a warning being given.

Incomplete match results

- We continue to have issues with incomplete match results – particularly emergency player names missing last names. It is the responsibility of the winning team to submit a complete result, and winning team captains should not sign sheets if information is missing. The winning team will be fined for any missing details – including emergency player details of the opposition.

Light testing and automatic lights

- Thanks go to Ian Openshaw who has undertaken a lot of light testing over the past 12 months. Disappointingly, a number of courts have failed to reach the minimum 200 lux average requirement. We remind clubs to continually monitor lighting levels and to proactively take action when required. We provide lighting reports to clubs every time we test. Please do not wait until a court fails before taking action.
- For clubs that are using the Book-a-Court system, please ensure you have booked your courts correctly. We have had issues with lights going off before the match has finished and on one occasion people turning up who had paid to hire the court, resulting in the home team needing to forfeit the remainder of a set.

Pennant and glassed for Autumn 2021

- Pennants and glasses for Autumn 2021 will be presented at the AGM in July, with the pennants and glasses for Autumn 2022

Fines for defaults

- The Committee is considering whether to waive fines for defaults due to COVID-19.

9. General Business

- Nil

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 2nd May 2022 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club