

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 22nd February 2021 via Zoom

1. Attendances

47 Clubs Present

Clubs	22/02/2021				
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	✓				
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

Nil

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Maria Keys (Vice President), 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:

- Tennis Victoria – Many Friday Feedbacks and updates
- Tennis Victoria – Several Community Tennis Guidelines Update
- Tennis Victoria – AO Updates
- Tennis Victoria – Change in board members & resignations
- Tennis Victoria – Certificate of Insurance
- Tennis Victoria - Latest COVID-19 Guidelines for Tennis Victoria Affiliates
- PEGS – Change in entry details to clubs
- Tennis Victoria – Registrations for Pennant open
- Tennis Victoria - Expressions of Interest on the Board
- OLN – Change in office bearers
- Tennis Victoria – Notice of AGM and Annual Report
- Corpus Christi – Updated email address
- Glenroy – Notification of club folding due to low committee members
- Taylors Lakes – Query regarding COVID restrictions on Autumn Season
- True Vote – Reminder to submit vote for TV board elections
- Strathmore – Independent court lighting levels
- Sport & Recreation Victoria – Notice of successful Grant Application
- OLN – Request for letter of support to save the club
- Tennis Victoria – Notice of AGM and Board elections
- Strathmore – Updated email
- Moomba Park – Change in office bearers
- Pellysoft - Maintenance contract
- All Clubs – Survey responses regarding return to competition
- Deer Park – Dates for club championships
- All Clubs – Survey results regarding opinion on whether to continue competition

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Agenda February meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes February meeting
- All clubs – Notification of Round 3 ladies & missed matches cancelled due to COVID restrictions
- All clubs – Notification of ease of restrictions to allow Round 3 men's matches to be played
- Essendon, St John Bosco, St Thereses, Oak Park, Sydenham and Greenvale – Notification of team withdrawal Mixed B-1 Green Gully
- Buckley Park, Royal Park, Sunbury, Essendon, West Brunswick, Oak Park & Merlynston – Notification of team withdrawal Ladies C+1 Doutta Galla
- Coburg, Hume, Sunbury, Doutta Galla, Maribyrnong Park, Essendon & Craigieburn – Notification of team withdrawal Mens C+2 Moomba Park
- All clubs – Pick up night details January 2021

- Hume – Court Lighting Levels
- Delahey – Court Lighting levels
- All Clubs – Proposed dates for Autumn 2021 season, fees, COVID safe guidelines and team entry closure dates
- Sport & Recreation Victoria – Grant Application
- OLN – Letter of support to save the club
- All clubs – Cancellation of Spring 2020 season
- All Clubs – Update on NSNTA season as of July 2020
- Avondale Height – Court lighting levels
- Strathmore – Court lighting levels
- Sydenham – Court lighting levels
- Glencairn – Court lighting levels
- All Clubs – Cancellation of Autumn 2020 season
- All Clubs – Survey regarding returning to competition
- All Clubs – Cancellation of April 2020 meeting
- Coburg – Court lighting levels
- Taylors Lakes – Court lighting levels
- Sunbury – Court lighting levels
- Gladstone Park – Court lighting levels
- Fawkner – Court lighting levels
- Deer Park – Court lighting levels
- All Clubs – Immediate suspension of play March 2020
- All Clubs – COVID guidelines (several versions sent over the year)
- All Clubs – Survey regarding opinion on whether to continue competition

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed everyone and stated that it has been 12 months since we were able to hold a Delegate's meeting in person. Thanks to Robert McDonald and all the committee for their hard work through challenging times.

2021 is the 40th Year of the NSNTA. There were plans for some celebrations this year however they have been put on hold for the time being. Hopefully later this year there will be something to mark the milestone.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Openshaw (Life Member) – **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

COVID-19 impact

- We thank all clubs for the cooperative way they have worked with the Association over the last 12 months. A number of difficult decisions have been made, sometimes as short notice. On occasion, we have also needed to make decisions with limited information, due to the unpredictable and evolving situation with COVID-19. We aim to make decisions that allow the competition to continue, but also protect the health and safety of players.
- We have issued COVID-19 guidelines for the season. We understand they have been working well, as we have not had any queries or concerns raised with us. One query we had was around our decision to leave the provision of supper up to clubs and teams to decide. We made this decision as each club is different, and we didn't want to deny teams the opportunity of sharing supper with their opposition if both teams wanted to do so and it could

be done safely. However, we remind clubs that the home team is not required to provide supper, and supper should not be expected.

- We had some concerns raised in relation to matches involving Sunbury teams when there were a number of exposure sites listed that were in Sunbury. One Wednesday, we cancelled two matches due to be played at Mt. Carmel as the neighbouring school had been closed for the day and it was unclear why. Going forward, we need to balance people's individual concerns about COVID-19 with the official health advice. The Committee has therefore decided that matches should proceed unless a suburb is officially declared a COVID-19 hotspot, there is official advice against travelling to an area, or the club or a nearby location is an exposure site. If clubs are in doubt, they should contact the Association. Teams should not mutually agree not to play matches without advising the Association.
- Unfortunately, we had to cancel Round 3 Ladies and Mixed matches due to the State Government imposed lockdown. We made the decision to cancel the matches and award both teams two points, to avoid the confusion of rescheduling matches and the Men's competition becoming out of sync with the other two competitions. Hopefully, there will be no further lockdowns and it will just be treated like there were blanket washouts that round. Please note, results were not required to be submitted for those matches, which means no player names were recorded. To qualify for finals, Ladies and Mixed players will now have to play 3 matches from 13 available rounds.

Team entries for Autumn 2021

- Not unexpectedly, team entries for Autumn 2021 were down, largely due to the uncertainty of COVID-19.
- Team entries for this season – 494 teams – 64 grades
 - 127 teams in Ladies – down 10 teams and 1 grade
 - 123 teams in Mixed – down 8 teams and 1 grade
 - 244 teams in Men's – down 10 teams and 1 grade
- We also welcome Aintree Tennis Club to the Association. After a false start in the Spring 2020 season that was cancelled, they have entered 3 Men's teams for this season.

Team withdrawals

- The following teams have withdrawn and been replaced with a Bye:
 - **Ladies** - C Special 1 - Doutta Galla
 - **Mixed** - B Reserve 1 - Green Gully
 - **Mens** - C Special 2 - Moomba Park
- Unfortunately, this means there are two Byes in B Reserve 1 Mixed.

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.

Light testing

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.

9. General Business

- Maria Keys gave a Tennis Victoria report – The CEO has resigned after 2 years in the job. The current second in charge will assume the position for the next 12 months.

- Pennant entries close in early March and they will be using a slightly different format.
- The Annual Golf Day wasn't held last year due to restrictions in place at the time. There are plans for it to be held again later this year.
- The next meeting is due to be held on 26th April, whether it is held via Zoom again or in person will be advised closer the date.

Meeting Closed – 9.02pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 26th April 2020 at 8.30pm – venue to be determined closer to the date