

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th July 2024

Attendances

46 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 25-07-2022	AGM 24-07-2023	AGM 29-07-24
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 Community	N/A	N/A	
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 Christophers	N/A	N/A	
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓	
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents		✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓

Opening:

President, Larry Pelly, welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting at 8.05pm.

1. Apologies

Kael Nairn (Hume), Graham Govan (Essendon), Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham), Glenn Ferris (Oak Park), Charles Warwick (Committee), Denis Beckett (Maribyrnong Park), Belinda Gibson (PEGS), Christopher Reid (Tullamarine), John Galbo (Keilor East)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 24th July 2023 had been circulated by email.

Moved: Reaghan Burgess (Mt Carmel)
Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)
Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs — Agenda for July 2024 AGM together with minutes of the 2023 AGM

(b) Inwards correspondence:

- Consumer Affairs — Annual renewal notice
- Tennis Victoria — Renewal notice for affiliation and Invoice

5. President's Report

The North Suburban Night Tennis Association has enjoyed another year of performing strongly on court and maintains a healthy financial position on paper. With Robert McDonald leading the Match and Permit Committee on court activities in arranging the Association's Autumn and Spring Competitions for around 3,000 players in each season; whilst Graham Sandman keeps a watchful eye on the Association's balance sheets.

Obviously Robert has helpers; to his Match and Permit Committee members of Cathryn Ryan, Russel Baldry, Ian Openshaw, Steve Senior, Christopher Tenace and Charles Warwick. Thank you and well done. Also for the Association's Executive Committee of Maria Keys, Russel Baldry, Cathryn Ryan and Graham Sandman - thankyou and well done. Did you know? Maria has been either President or Vice President for 42 of the 43 years that the NSNTA has been in existence. Amazing.

Also a special mention to Gaye and Peter Olney for manning the results phone-in nights, Sue Malins as Men's Grade Co-ordinator and Ian Openshaw for his commitment in testing court lighting levels and maintaining an agreed competition court lighting standard.

To Club Delegates – from time to time issues arise and new ideas are expressed usually requiring an amount of give and take to resolve. Not to mention new ideas in the running of the competition e.g. replacement of match result book system. We on the Committee value these ideas and the efforts of Delegates as it is greatly appreciated by us and your individual Clubs.

So, here's looking forward to a successful 2024-25 year, with continued co-operation both on and off the court.

Larry Pelly
President

6. Treasurer's Report

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The Income and Expenditure statement shows a net loss of \$2,367.67 for the year ending 30 June 2024 compared to the previous year when we had a net profit of \$1,689.98. The loss can be attributed to the purchase of a new light meter light meter, two new printers for the grade secretaries to use, an increase of the cost of the premiership glasses and an increase in the travel allowance payment for the testing of lighting at clubs.

The Association will continue to absorb the GST charges.

I recommend that: -

Affiliation Fees remain at \$30.00 per club for the next 12 months

The team entry fees to be reduced to \$30.00 per team.

The reduced team entry fee reflects the anticipated lower expenses following the decision to cease the printing of match result books.

The assets and income of the North Suburban Night Tennis Association Inc. will be used to further its objectives and no portion can be paid directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on the behalf of the North Suburban Night Tennis Association Inc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Match & Permit and Management committees for their support and assistance they have extended to me as the Association Treasurer.

Thank you

Graham Sandman
Honorary Treasurer

The full Treasurer's report was included as part of the Annual Report.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Carol Munro (Buckley Park) that the Treasurer's report be accepted — Carried.

Statement of Committee (for the year ending June 2024)

A resolution was moved by Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Carol Munro (Buckley Park) that the Income and Expenditure Statements and Balance Sheet as attached to the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 30 June 2024 be endorsed by the Committee as required by the Rules of Incorporation — Carried.

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

I am pleased to report on another successful 12 months for the NSNTA Match and Permit Committee.

During the last 12 months, there were several changes to the membership of the Association. Two clubs ended their affiliation with the NSNTA: Parkville Tennis Club which had not entered teams for several seasons, and Corpus Christi Tennis Club which closed at the end of 2023. Corpus Christi had been a member of the Association for 40 years and we thank them for their contribution over this time. Three new clubs joined the Association: St. Christopher's Tennis Club affiliated at the October 2023 meeting and entered a team in the Autumn 2024 season. At the April 2024 meeting Glenroy Community Tennis Club and St. Albans East Tennis Club had their applications for affiliation approved, and they can enter teams for Spring 2024.

Participation in the three competitions remains strong, with Ladies and Mixed team numbers remaining steady and Men's team numbers continuing to increase. I would like to thank our Competition Coordinators who ensure everything runs smoothly week to week: processing results, updating ladders, monitoring emergency players, assessing additional registrations and dealing with a range of other issues. For Spring 2023 the coordinators were Steve Seinor, Russel Baldry and Ian Openshaw and for Autumn 2024 Steve Seinor, Russel Baldry and Sue Malins.

Outside of the regular running of the competition, it has been a busy 12 months for the Match and Permit Committee, with a number of other initiatives being pursued.

At the 2023 AGM, clubs approved changes to the NSNTA Constitution which enabled the Association to adopt a boundary defining the geographical area within which the courts of affiliated clubs must be located. This helps limit travel times for players and provides clarity to new clubs seeking to join the Association as clubs are only eligible to apply to affiliate if they are located within the boundary and clubs outside the boundary can no longer apply.

Clubs also approved a new NSNTA Court lighting policy. The new policy has brought the NSNTA's required lux levels closer to the Tennis Australia guidance and introduced an additional requirement about the maximum number of points permitted to be below the minimum, to ensure consistency within a court. We have written to all clubs who need to make improvements to their court lighting to meet the new requirements and hope all clubs will do so before the new policy takes effect on 1 July 2025. I would like to particularly thank Ian Openshaw, who has once again tested over 100 courts to ensure lighting levels are meeting the required standards.

Following a consultation process with clubs, in November 2023 the Match and Permit Committee issued dispute resolution procedures for NSNTA matches. The aim of the procedures is to that most disputes are resolved between the two teams on the night and the document provides guidance captains and teams to help them resolve disputes. We hope this will reduce the number of protests the Committee has to deal with going forward.

We also circulated a discussion paper to clubs about team withdrawals with a proposal to amend the By-laws and remove the option to withdraw a team. This followed several seasons with many team withdrawals resulting in several grades with two Bys. Following feedback from clubs, we decided not to proceed with the proposal but

continue to request clubs confirm player commitments before submitting teams to avoid team withdrawals as much as possible.

At a Special General meeting in February 2024, a proposal was put forward that the Association no longer provide match result books to clubs to reduce printing costs. This proposal was approved by the required majority clubs and from the Spring 2024, match result books will no longer be provided. Instead, clubs are required to print and provide their own match result sheets for their home teams. Away team will no longer receive a carbon copy of the match result, and instead must take a photo or make a copy of the match result sheet.

I thank the other members of the Match and Permit Committee for their work and support over the past year: Russel Baldry, Ian Openshaw, Cathryn Ryan, Steve Seinor, Christopher Tenace and Charles Warwick. My thanks also go to the members of the Association's Executive, Larry Pelly, Maria Keys and Graham Sandman, for their advice and assistance.

Robert McDonald
Chairman - Match & Permit Committee

8. New Affiliations

None

9. Election of Committee:

Peter Olney (Life Member) took the Chair and declared that all Committee positions were vacant. Elections were then held and the following people were nominated and elected:

President:	Larry Pelly	Nominated: Cathryn Ryan (OLN) Seconded: Rick Cesare (Fawkner)	Carried
Vice President:	Maria Keys	Nominated: Jason Vochala (Royal Park) Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park)	Carried
Secretary:	Russel Baldry	Nominated: Maria Keys (Life Member) Seconded: Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park)	Carried
Asst. Secretary:	Cathryn Ryan	Nominated: Ron Morton (Merlynston) Seconded: Reagan Burgess (Mt Carmel)	Carried
Treasurer:	Graham Sandman	Nominated: Russel Baldry (Secretary) Seconded: Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)	Carried

Match and Permit Members:

In accordance with Rule 21(1) of the Constitution, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are automatically members of the Match and Permit Committee.

M&P Member:	Robert McDonald	Nominated: Larry Pelly (President) Seconded: Chris Robson (PEGS)
M&P Member:	Christopher Tenace	Nominated: Robert McDonald (Life Member) Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)
M&P Member:	Steve Senior	Nominated: Ron Morton (Merlynston) Seconded: Stacey Marrias (North Park)

M&P Member: Ian Openshaw Nominated: Jason Vochala (Royal Park)
Seconded: Cathryn Ryan (OLN)

M&P Member: Charles Warwick Nominated: Russel Baldry (Secretary)
Seconded: Gail Riddell (Tullamarine)

All nominations for Match & Permit Committee members were accepted and carried.

Auditors: Alan Williams Nominated: Graham Sandman (Treasurer)
Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston) Carried

10. Fees for 2023/2024

It was proposed to reduce fees to \$30 per team
Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer)
Seconded: Gail Riddell (Tullamarine) Carried

11. Honoraria:

No changes Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer)
Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park) Carried

12. Other Business:

(a) Tennis Balls

The current Tennis Australia list of approved balls to remain in effect.

(b) Uniform Dress Standards

Nil changes

(c) Tennis Victoria Report

There are two vacancies for Directors

Meeting Closed: 9:26 pm

Next Annual General Meeting: Monday, 29th July 2024 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club