

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 23rd April 2012

1. Apologies

37 Clubs present

Maria Keys, Airport West & St John Bosco.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Colin Akers (Tullamarine), seconded Mara Cassar (Diggers Rest) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Auditor now obtained. Accountant Tony Borello of K Partners in Keilor has agreed to be an auditor for the association.

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- Tennis Victoria – Associations Research Project Survey Response
- Keilor Park – Suggestions for court hire whilst works being undertaken
- Bulla Village – Court lighting levels not adhered to & possible banning of courts
- Keilor – Response to incident Mens B+1 vs St Peters
- Taylors Lakes – Banning of courts due to lighting levels
- All clubs – Agenda April 2012 meeting
- All clubs – Minutes February 2012 meeting

(b) Inwards correspondence:

- Airport West – Apologies for April meeting
- Pellysoft – Maintenance contract for computers
- Tennis Vic – Associations Research Project Survey
- St Monicas – Fill in delegate details
- Caroline Springs – Change in delegate and details
- Keilor Park – Courts unavailable due to works
- St John Bosco – Apology for April meeting
- Oak Park – Web page details to be put on website
- Bulla Village – Proposed dates for lighting works
- Bulla Village – Lighting works completed
- Taylors Lakes – New emails address for office bearers
- Tennis Vic – Minutes from March forum
- Hadfield – Change in contact details
- Essendon – Change in team captain details
- Glenroy – Advising no phone at club and new mailing address details
- Keilor – Response to incident Mens B+1 vs St Peters
- Tennis Vic – Increase in membership fees
- Maribyrnong Park – Relocation of ladies matched Round 13 & 14
- Tennis Vic – Agenda for May forum
- Keilor Park – Thanks to clubs and the Association for helping to relocate teams.
- Craigieburn – Dispute of match Mixed B2 vs Deer Park

5. President's Report

- The next meeting is the AGM on the 30th July. Before the next meeting finals will have been played and team entries will have been submitted. Please let teams know that they are more than welcome to attend the AGM and presentation to receive their flags and glasses.
- Reminder given that all results from Round 14, the Semi Final and Grand Final must be phoned thru to Peter Olney on 93549019 before 11.00 p.m. or you will be getting a phone call to get the results. Results must also be put online within 24 hours.
- Pellysoft have sent the association a bill to be paid, for new software to upgrade the current system. Peter will be running a trial of the new system to test for any errors. This will then speed up the time it takes to get ladders up on the webpage. Gabrielle has done a great job developing the new system.

6. Treasurer's Report (given to delegates)

- (a) Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Paul Cooper (Sydenham) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – **Carried**.

- (b) Bills for Payment:

Award Pennants - \$1742.00
Award Pennants - \$1750.00
Hose Glassware - \$4050.00
Honorarium M&P - \$2040.00
Mens Mobile Top up - \$40.00
Pellysoft - \$385.00
Stationary - \$7.50
Pellysoft - \$2000.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Cathryn Ryan (OLN) – Carried.

Tony Borello is an accountant from K Partners in Keilor and has agreed to be the associations Auditor.

Nominated by – Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) - Carried

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

- Team withdrawals have continued to be an issue this season and on two occasions this has resulted in there being 2 Bys in the same grade. The Committee is continuing to look at options to discourage teams from withdrawing once the fixture has been printed. The Committee will shortly circulate to all Clubs a proposal to remove the option of withdrawing a team once the season has started. If a team cannot field a team for a match it will be a default, and if that continues for the whole season, the team will default 14 times and pay the default fine each round. Currently it costs a team \$15 to default per round and only \$40 for a team to withdraw, which provides an incentive to withdraw a team, where as the new rule will encourage teams to stay in the competition. A draft By-law will be sent to Clubs to get feedback and see if there are any other suggestions.
- Reminder to all delegates that if a player wants to question a ruling made by the M&P Committee then they must go through the Club Delegate, not directly to the M&P committee.
- Teams must keep a copy of the result sheet. When a captain signs the sheet they must check that all the details are filled in and correct. This copy must be supplied if there is a discrepancy in the results submitted. If this copy can't be provided then the match will be declared null and void. When putting results online all details must be included including the details for any emergency or played up players.
- Light testing continues and recently Taylors Lakes have had two courts banned from competition. We are still waiting for a two Clubs (Deer Park and Westmeadows) to respond to letters sent about their lighting levels. If they do not respond stating what action has been taken to improve lighting levels, their courts will also be banned.
- There have been quite a few matches relocated this season due to works on facilities and lighting failures. Clubs must make sure they give their opposition adequate notification of and venue changes. The Association can help if a club needs to find courts due to problems with facilities.
- Next season there will be an increase in fines, as most fines have not increased since the Association began. From next season late result fines and sheet fines will increase from \$5 to \$10 and the default fine will increase from \$15 to \$20.

- The NSNTA is a one court competition and once sets are played out of order, previous sets can't be claimed later in the match. Teams should be aware of this from the commencement of the match. For example, if a Mixed team agrees to play the ladies set first rather than wait for one of the men, the men's set cannot later be claimed as a forfeit.
- Additional Registrations close next week:
 - Ladies: 7pm 1/5/12
 - Mixed: 7pm 2/5/12
 - Mens: 7pm 3/5/12No late registrations will be accepted.
- It is the responsibility of the Club Delegate to keep track of how many times an emergency has played. It is not the responsibility of the Co-ordinators to warn delegates when an emergency has been used multiple times.
- Reminder for teams to phone through results to Peter Olney at the conclusion of Round 14 so that the finals draw can be put on the webpage ASAP.
- Clubs must advise by 14th May if they are unable to host finals due to courts being unavailable.
- There are no documents posted to Clubs, everything is sent out by email.
- There is a new team entry sheet that must be used for the team entries as the old ones do not have 2012 on them for previous season. You must also complete a Grade Contact sheet that is current for the upcoming season. Ensure that the grade applied for is appropriate. Player history lists will be sent to all Clubs so Delegate should ensure history provided for players is accurate.
- Team entries close Friday 8th June 2012 at 8pm
- Start dates for next season:
 - Ladies – 7th August
 - Mixed – 15th August
 - Mens – 9th August
- Pick up night will be held on the same night as the AGM so this will save clubs having to come out twice.

8. General Business

- A reminder given to all clubs that the AGM is on the 30th July as well as Presentations and Pick up night so encourage all clubs to attend.
- Good luck for finals

Meeting Closed – 9.45 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting – Monday, 27th August 2012 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club