

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 25th February 2013

1. Apologies

38 Clubs present

NSNTA Secretary, Sunbury, Gladstone Park

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Peter Lewis (Maribyrnong Park), seconded Lorraine Cram (Keilor East) that the minutes of the previous meeting, which had previously been sent to all Clubs, be accepted - **Carried**.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

(a) Inwards correspondence:

- Deer Park - Query Spring and Autumn lights allocation from NSNTA
- Green Gully - Change in Secretary details
- Keilor East - Notice of court works being undertaken
- Tennis Victoria - Change in role of Committee
- Tennis Victoria - Confirmation of affiliation payment and certificate
- Tennis Victoria - Minutes of October Metropolitan Associations Forum
- NSTA - Request to advertise competition details to NSNTA clubs
- Tennis Victoria - Reminder for November North West Metropolitan Associations Forum
- Melton City Council - Code of Conduct registration
- West Brunswick - Light readings
- PEGS - Change of postal address
- Sydenham - Fixture print error
- Essendon Player - Querying juniors playing in the NSNTA
- Melton City Council - Community funding grants
- Tennis Victoria - Metropolitan Associations Forum Agenda
- Melton City Council - Defibrillator training
- Melton City Council - Taylors Hill Recreation Reserve
- St Monicas - Defibrillator Purchase arrangements

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs - January 2013 Stuffing night details
- All clubs - Notice of NSTA dates and details
- All clubs - Tennis Victoria "ball kids" poster
- Sydenham - Fixture print error
- All clubs - Melton City Council community funding grants
- All clubs - Melton City Council Defibrillator training
- All clubs - NSNTA meeting reminder

5. President's Report

Player Illness – The President advised Clubs that Prem Sebastian - a player from Essendon - took a Heart Attack whilst playing in the Mens Competition on 7th February, 2013. Essendon's defibrillator was not working at the time of the incident and players managed to obtain one from the Football Club next door. Thanks were extended to Dr. Glen Burgin from St. Monicas and Tony Devereaux from Essendon who managed to revive Prem. He is expected to make a full recovery.

In view of the incident, the President reminded Clubs who had defibrillators to ensure that they were in full working order at all times, as well as ensuring that their First-Aid kits were also fully stocked. He also encouraged Clubs who did not have defibrillators to approach St. John Ambulance who were running a campaign to supply sporting clubs with defibrillators.

6. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Peter Lewis (Maribyrnong Park) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – **Carried**.

(b) Bills for Payment:

Snap Printing - Team Fixtures	\$1,918.05
Cathryn Ryan - Stationery	\$23.85
Sue Malins - Three (3) Multi Function Printers	\$621.00
Sue Malins - Mobile Telephone Recharge	\$40.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Joan Brane (Merlynston) – **Carried**.

(c) The Treasurer reminded Clubs that team and fine payments were due to the Treasurer by 7.00pm on Tuesday, 12th March, 2013. Up-to-date information on which Clubs have and have not paid is available on the NSNTA website.

(d) Deer Park raised a query as to why the lights payments for Finals were different for the Autumn and Spring seasons. The Treasurer advised that for the Autumn season, \$20 per court per night was payable, and for the Spring season, \$15 per court per night was payable. The \$5 difference is because of daylight saving being in operation for the Spring season.

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

(a) 2012 Spring

- Finals went smoothly
- Most teams telephoned the results through on time, however, Clubs were asked to remind their teams that the results are to be telephone through by 11.00pm on the night of the match
- There was an issue with the Mens Grand Final. As it had been a hot day, some teams queried about whether they were expected to play or not. The Chairman reminded Clubs that the Association does not have a "heat" rule, and as the competition is played at night, players were expected to play. This applies throughout the NSNTA.

(b) 2013 Autumn

- There are 536 teams across 69 grades as follows:-

Ladies	154 teams	20 Grades
Mixed	142 teams	18 Grades
Mens	240 teams	31 Grades
- Keilor B+4 Mens team has withdrawn thus putting a "bye" into the Grade
- The Chairman advised Clubs that they were being fined for incorrect "Team Entry Sheets" i.e. not in alphabetical order, history incorrect etc.

- The following courts have been upgraded:-

West Brunswick	2 new Mod Grass
Sunbury	4 new Plexi Cushion
Keilor East	All changed to Rebound Ace HSA Club
Deer Park	2 En-Tout-Cas changed to Syn Clay
- The back three (3) courts at Maribyrnong Park are back in action
- Clubs were reminded to advise the NSNTA in advance if they propose to do works on their courts and lights
- Clubs are to have "contingency" plans in place when submitting their teams, if they propose to carry out works on their courts and lights in between seasons
- So far it appears that the number of "defaults" are down which is very pleasing
- Clubs are to advise players that if a player name does not appear on the "drop down" menu when entering results on the website, it means that the player is not a "registered" player in the team and therefore must be an "emergency" or "played up" player
- Emergency players -
 - ♦ "Emergency" players can only play three (3) times in any one competition during a season
 - ♦ If teams know the emergency player has played for another club in previous seasons, they are to include that information on the Result Sheet
- Additional Registrations -
 - ♦ Clubs were reminded that if strong players have been omitted from the team for whatever reason, they will not be additionally registered as they would be "strengthening an existing team".
 - ♦ When submitting team for the next season, clubs need to be very careful on who they put down on the Team Entry Sheet
- Washouts -
 - ♦ Only a home club official can deem courts unplayable, and, if that is the case, that official is to ring the visiting teams and advise them accordingly as well as getting the names of the visiting players.
 - ♦ Teams cannot agree to a "washout" over the phone
- Juniors -
 - ♦ Query was raised as to Juniors playing in the NSNTA. Clubs were advised that it is an "open age" competition and therefore Juniors can play. However, Juniors need to understand tennis etiquette i.e. need to sit down at the end of the match with the opposition, provide supper, tea & coffee etc.
 - ♦ Parents of players are not to become involved in the match and must behave in an appropriate manner
- Testing of court lighting is continuing. All clubs were requested to ensure that all their lights are on when testing occurs in order to obtain accurate readings.
- There is an error on the ladies fixture for Round 5. The figure "1" has been omitted from the beginning of that round. It is correct on the web and for the Mixed and Mens. Clubs were advised to ensure their teams were aware of the error.
- There is no specific policy in regard to "lightning". Teams need to assess the situation on the night and ensure that conditions are safe for play to continue.

8. General Business

- Fawkner raised the possibility of the teams finishing the home and away season in the 1st and 2nd positions receiving a home Final. It was explained that this was not possible because:-
 - ♦ The NSNTA currently looks to give two (2) courts to all teams competing in the Finals
 - ♦ There would not be enough home courts available if all teams from the same Club finished in the 1st and 2nd positions
 - ♦ The By-Laws would need to be changed and accommodating the different scenarios would be difficult

The current policy is to give the same court surface to the team that finishes in the 1st position. Fawkner requested, in their case, that clay courts not be considered the equivalent surface as en-tout-cas.

- A request was raised as to whether a tie-break can occur at 5 games all. Delegates were advised that this was not possible.
- Tennis Victoria
 - ♦ New rules for Constitutions have been put in place. For full details, Clubs should go to:-
www.pilch.org.au/newlawsincassoc
 - ♦ Team Entries for Pennant close on the 4th March, 2013
 - ♦ Next Metropolitan Club Forum will take place early April

Meeting Closed – 9.20 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 22nd April 2013 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club