

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 24th February 2014

Attendance at Meetings – 1-07-13 to 30-06-14

Clubs	AGM	August 2013	October 2013	February 2014	April 2014
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓		✓	
Keilor	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Keilor East	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Keilor Park	✓	✓		✓	
Maribyrnong Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Merlynston	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mickleham Memorial		✓			
Moomba Park	✓	✓		✓	
Mt. Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓	
North Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
North Sunshine	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Oak Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
OLN	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Parkville	✓		✓	✓	
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Princes Hill	✓	✓		✓	
Riverside	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. John Bosco	✓	✓		✓	
St. Monicas	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Olivers	✓				
St. Peters	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Vincents	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylors Lakes	✓		✓	✓	
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Brunswick	✓		✓	✓	
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	

50 Clubs present

1. Apologies

Glencairn

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Cathryn Ryan (OLN), 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

Item 8, change from Riverside to Rosamond as the club being welcomed.

4. Correspondence

(a) Inwards correspondence:

- Trybooking information
- Tennis Australia – Hot shots information
- Tennis Victoria – New affiliation model from July 2014
- Tennis Victoria – Governance and constitution reform update
- Glencairn – Apology for February Meeting
- Tennis Victoria – Agenda for March meeting and minutes from October meeting
- Hillside – Change in email address
- Essendon – Change in grade contact details
- Tennis Australia – Information for Australian Open 2015
- St Monica's – Change in delegate
- Tennis Victoria – Ambassador's Newsletter
- Tennis Victoria – New job position and description for Hot Shots leagues manager
- Tennis Victoria – Strategic plan til 2016
- Doutta Galla – Change in secretary
- OLN – Change to committee details
- North Sunshine – Inability to host finals Spring 2013
- Glencairn – Request to de-register player

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Notice of Special General meeting and proposed changes to by-laws
- All clubs – Reminder for February meeting
- Coburg – Banned courts due low lighting levels
- Essendon, St Vincent's, Rosamond, Maribyrnong Park and St Therese's – Withdrawal Ladies A Grade Avondale Heights
- Craigieburn, Royal Park, Airport West, Coburg, Keilor East, Sunbury and Westmeadows – Withdrawal Ladies C-3 Maribyrnong Park
- West Brunswick, Taylors Lakes, Moomba Park, Tullamarine, Buckley Park, Doutta Galla and Keilor – Withdrawal Ladies B1 Glenroy
- Oak Park, St Vincent's, Buckley Park, Airport West, Maribyrnong Park, North Park and Avondale Heights – Withdrawal Ladies C+3 Green Gully
- All Clubs – Pick up night January 2014
- All Clubs – Minutes from October meeting and Agenda for February meeting.
- Condolence card to Lyn Goodwin

5. President's Report

Welcome back! Tennis Victoria has been very busy as they have been looking to change their structure. Before Christmas, Tennis Vic sent out a copy of their extreme weather policy including lightening, smoke, wind, wet weather and extreme heat. A copy is available on the web page. There is also a new Tennis affiliation model. A club you will benefit from the new model as clubs will only be charged by how many courts they have as opposed to the current models which goes by how many members you have. As for the association the current affiliation fee is \$350 per annum and it will increase to \$1500 within the next 2 years. So the association will be looking at ways to increase revenue to cover this extra fee. This may include increasing the team entry fees and/or club affiliation fees. By being affiliated with Tennis Vic this covers insurance needs for players.

Reminder to all clubs to pay their fees on time.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

(b) Bills for Payment:

Snap Printing (Fixtures)	\$1913.25
Robert McDonald (Stationary)	\$48.32
Sue Malins (Phone)	\$40.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ryhs Collins (Essendon) – **Carried**.

(c) Reminder to pay all fees on time. So far 15 clubs have paid. Fees due by 7pm 18th March.

(d) Possibility of cost saving by seeing if clubs do still want the paper fixtures or a decrease in the number handed out to clubs at the beginning of each season.

(e) All team sheet entry form fines will be handed to clubs at meeting.

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

- Finals last season went reasonably smooth except for washouts. Reminder that players can be played up from lower grades that are qualified for finals. All clubs are also reminded to phone thru all results promptly and that all host clubs must have someone in attendance to host for the whole evening.
- Team entries for this season were a total of 543 teams or 70 grades
159 teams in ladies – down 1 team
141 teams in mixed – up 9 teams and 1 grade
243 teams in men's – down 3 teams
- There have been 4 teams withdraw from the ladies competition so far this season for a variety of reasons. Make sure there are plenty of registered players in the lower level grades so they are able to play up in higher grades if required. The teams that have withdrawn are: A Grade Avondale Heights. B1 Glenroy. C+3 Green Gully & C-3 Maribyrnong Park.
- The team entry sheets need to be filled out in alphabetical order and must contain any player history you have available. Reminder to put in correct email addresses and contact phone numbers. Ensuring all of this is done it will avoid any fines. From next season there will be two separate columns for surname and given name.
- All additional registrations are done at the time that the additional registration is received. There are no guarantees that all additional registrations will be accepted. Reminder to make sure that all players are put on team entry sheets for grading. Lots of emergencies being used so far this season.
- Light testing is still continuing with quite a few clubs tested in the past few weeks. Lighting reports will be given to clubs that have already been tested.

- Players have been registered in teams without their permission or a commitment. Once the season starts a player is locked in to that club. De-registering a player doesn't allow them to play for another club. Reminder to all clubs to check with all players that they do want to play in the next season because once a player has played for a team they are locked in to that club for that season.
- All information relating to finals will be put on the website as it was found that emails weren't always getting to the appropriate person. It can be found under the area listed for finals.
- Reminder that fees and payments are due to the Treasurer not later than 7pm on Tuesday 18th March 2014. Failing to meet this deadline will result in loss of match points.

8. General Business

- Maria Keys (Vice President) spoke about the Tennis Victoria Governance plan.
 - Affiliation fees are currently \$30 for every member registration fee.
 - Clubs will now pay a per court fee rather than per member.
 - 1-4 courts \$930
 - 5-9 courts \$1505
 - 10+ courts \$3955 (all Inc GST)

If courts are unused this will need to be discussed with Tennis Victoria. For individual members there will be no fee.

 - Clubs will need to look at how they will recoup these fees from their members.
 - Comes into effect 1st July 2014
 - If your club has any queries or concerns please contact Tennis Victoria and there is a council meeting on 26th February and all clubs are invited to attend at the Royal South Yarra Tennis clubs.
 - Fees will be looked at annually and will be subject to fluctuate due to inflation.
 - Clubs will need to send a list of current members to Tennis Victoria for insurance purposes.
 - Main reason for the change in fee structure is due to the growing angst over the current \$30 per member fee. It is also the model that other associations in other states are adapting.
 - Members will still receive insurance, the pennant competition and access to deals for tennis tournaments and the Australian Open.
- Tennis Victoria is made up of a board of directors. Proposal is that these members would be elected by the general members at the AGM. Council will be dissolved so that the input to the board will come from the affiliates to give them more say and direction in the future of Tennis Victoria. There is also a proposal for a maximum of 9 years to be introduced for a director to stand, there is currently no limit. The idea is to try and encourage new members to get new ideas.
- Tennis Victoria is also looking at the possibility of using postal voting for the AGM. There have been mixed reactions so far, mostly negative. The main criticism is that it will encourage people not to attend the AGM. The NSNTA currently elects a member to represent us at these meetings.

With the election of a new board it is hoped that they will be able to get some new people with new skills.

Meeting Closed – 9.35 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 28th April 2014 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club