

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th April 2014

1. Attendances

38 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 29-07-13	26-08-13	28-10-13	24-02-14	28-04-14
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	

2. Apologies

Sue Malins, St John Bosco & Larry Pelly

3. 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**.

4. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil.

5. Correspondence

(a) Inwards correspondence:

- North Park – Change in Secretary
- Keilor – Receipt of email regarding lighting levels
- Essendon – Receipt of email regarding lighting levels
- Sunbury – Change in email address
- St John Bosco – Apology for April meeting
- Tennis Victoria – E News
- Doutta Galla – Change in secretary's email address
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder for Metropolitan Assoc meeting in March

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs – Amended minutes from February meeting and Agenda for April meeting.
- All Clubs – Minutes from February meeting
- Princes Hill – Court lighting levels
- Coburg – Court lighting levels
- Mt Carmel – Court lighting levels
- North Sunshine – Issues with court surfaces
- Essendon – Court lighting levels
- Keilor – Court lighting levels
- Essendon, St Monicas, Avondale Heights, Mt Carmel, Sunbury, Greenvale & West Brunswick, withdrawal mixed C2 Royal Park side.
- Corpus Christi, Merlynston, Bulla Village, Essendon, Taylors Lakes, St Thereses & Westmeadows, withdrawal mixed A-2 East Keilor side.

6. President's Report

Going through all the milestones that the Association has achieved in the past few years its hard to believe that majority of the work is done by volunteers. To continue this development the Association needs more volunteers to step forward and take on active roles within the Association.

Sue Malins will not be standing for re-election to the committee so there will be a vacancy for Assistant Secretary. The Association recognise that over time the workload has become too much for one person. However, we are addressing this now so that the next person who takes on the role will not be expected to ALL of the activities that Sue has been doing since taking on the position. We wish Sue the best in the future.

A change with Tennis Victoria's fee structure has brought on the Associations need to increase our own affiliation fees from \$20 to \$30 per annum. This will help the association to pay the TV affiliation fees. It is anticipated that the affiliation fee may rise again to cover the ever increasing TV affiliation fees.

Also, the Team Entry Fee, currently set at \$30 is also slated for an increase to \$35 at the next AGM. This will apply for the Spring 2014 season and beyond. It is being implemented to maintain the healthy state of the Association budget. The Association should be capable of operating on these fees and not depend upon revenue raised from fines. This money is used to purchase updated equipment within the committee.

A letter will be sent to all clubs outlining these proposed changes including a number of changes to the honorarium structure. This is being proposed as a means of recognising the current time and effort that the committee members put in to the running of the Association and also to try and encourage new volunteers to come on board as committee members.

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rhys Collins (Essendon that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – **Carried.**

(b) Bills for Payment:

Glasses	\$5000.00
Pennants	\$4500.00
Co-ordinator Payment	\$2100.00
Pellysoft Pty Ltd	\$1500.00
Autumn Lighting	\$ 4200.00
Light Meter	\$307.45
Co-ordinator mobiles	\$70.00

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Colleen Taylor (Corpus Christi) – **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

- There have been 2 team withdrawals in the mixed competition. Keilor East Mixed A-2 and Royal Park Mixed C2
- Light testing is continuing, with results being sent to clubs. Sue Malins has done a lot of testing in past few months. Each club should be tested every 3 years. If issues arise from light testing, notification is sent and clubs have 12 months from that date to rectify any issues before courts are placed on a banned list as unsuitable for NSNTA competition.
- There have been a number of disputes with regards to washouts. Reminder that By-laws require agreement between both captains and procedures must be followed. If club delegates can't be contacted by phone then all teams are expected to attend match's listed venue. The delegates contact number can be found in the fixture, not the website.
- Additional registrations close this week for all competitions. They must reach the M&P Chairman no later than 7pm on the night of each competition. There have been over 200 additional registrations and 42 de-registrations this season with only 3 refused and 19 told not to play again.

- All results for Round 14, semi finals and grand finals are to be phoned through to Peter Olney on 9354 9019 not later than 11pm. The aim is to have the finals draw up on the web that night. Clubs are reminded to check website to see if they are hosting finals as no documents will not be sent to clubs to remind them. Clubs must advise no later the 12th May if they are unable to host finals.
- Light testing calculations have been examined by the committee and advice sought from Energy Safe Victoria. The average tennis court lights are 2000w and based on 6 lights per court, that requires 12kW to light the court. On average a club will pay 35 cents/kW for peak energy usage, which means it costs clubs on average \$4.20 per court per hour for lights. This is less than the \$5 per hour court subsidy for finals; therefore the Committee has decided to make no change to the current rate.
- There are new team entry sheets on the website that must be used for next season's team entries. There is now a column for first name and surname. Ensure that you apply for the appropriate grade. There are instructions on the web on how to complete a team entry sheet. Don't forget to include the Grade contract Sheet. May possibly look at whether delegate's are happy to have their phone numbers put on the website, Will need to indicate on the grade contact sheet whether delegate is happy to have details displayed on website.
- Dates for next season: Ladies - 5th August
Mens – 7th August
Mixed – 13th August
- When a player is registered to a club without consent the club will now incur a fine of \$40 next season up from \$20.
- Withdrawal fine – the Association has tried to make it less attractive for clubs to withdraw a team. Clubs have advised that they find it easier to pay a \$40 fine, rather than finding players to play. The proposal is to increase this fine to \$100. This proposal will be put up at the AGM for adopted and if approved will be implemented for Spring 2014 season.

9. General Business

- Maria Keys (Vice President) spoke about the Tennis Victoria having sent all affiliated clubs notification of a meeting on the 21st May which may explain the changes to the governance of the associations and how Tennis Victoria interacts with clubs.
The same number of Directors are being elected as per the current board however, there will no longer be a position of Treasurer or Vice President in the new structure.
The President will still be elected at the AGM for a term will of 3 years. If a President needs to resign prior to their term, the board would appoint a new President for the remainder of that term from among its members and a new Director will be appointed. There will be a limit on the length of term in office; proposal of 9 years has been suggested to encourage new people to join the board.
- Potential to introduce postal voting for Tennis Victoria, will be voted on at this meeting Meeting.

Meeting Closed – 9.50 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 25th August 2014 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club