

# NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### 1. Attendances

43 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 25-07-16	22-08-16	24-10-16	27-2-17	
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	✓		✓	✓	
Riverside	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rosamond	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Monicas	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Vincents	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Sunbury	✓		✓	✓	
Sydenham	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓		

## 2. Apologies

Colin Akers (Tullamarine) & Mara Cassar (Diggers Rest)

## 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Reagan Burgess (Mt Carmel), seconded Ron Merlynston (Merlynston) 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:

- Hadfield – Club works to be undertaken and relocation of some matches
- Gladstone Park – Request for fixtures to be sent out prior to meeting
- Tennis Vic – Notice of Associations Forum Meeting March 2017 & Minutes from previous meeting
- Community Clubs – Friday Feedback News
- St John Bosco mixed player – Request to keep playing after team withdrawn
- Deer Park – Request to publicise Club Championships
- Buckley Park – Second Delegate's details
- Colin Akers – Request to discuss possible interest for a 2017 Golf Day at next meeting
- Gladstone Park – Change in secretary
- Tennis Vic – Agenda for November 2016 meeting and minutes
- HTCC – Information regarding rejected NSNTA Affiliation and follow up
- Catholic Regional College – Inquiry about possible affiliation with NSNTA
- Tennis Vic – Reminder of Associations Forum Meeting in November 2016
- Tennis Vic – Updated Certificate of Insurance
- Taylors Lakes – Absence of Delegate
- Tennis Vic – Clarification of President's email address
- Tennis Vic – Minutes from November Associations Forum
- Sunbury – Version of events from complaint Mixed A-2 vs Keilor East
- Keilor East – Receipt of complaint Mixed A-2 vs Sunbury
- St John Bosco – Complaints vs Merlynston Mens C+4
- Maribyrnong Park – Complaint vs West Brunswick Ladies B1
- Matthew Kennedy (Tennis Vic) – HTCC Mediation details
- Tennis Vic – Invitation to mediation meeting with HTCC
- Lander & Rogers Lawyers and McFarlane Legal – Confirmation of mediation date
- Tennis Vic – Request for total number of unique players in NSNTA
- Lander & Rogers Lawyers – Mediation Agreement outcome
- Sydenham – Complaint vs Sunbury Mens A-1

**(b) Outwards Correspondence:**

- All Clubs – Pick up night for Autumn 2017
- St Thereses, Taylors Lakes, Keilor, Coburg, West Brunswick, Mt Carmel, Corpus Christi, Keilor East, Merlynston, Parkville, PEGS, Essendon, Riverside, North Sunshine & Gladstone Park – Mailing of fixtures
- Dousta Galla, Green Gully, Keilor East, Sydenham, Maribyrnong Park, Fawkner and St Monicas – Withdrawal Glencairn Mens B2
- Essendon, Oak Park, Riverside, Royal Park, St Thereses, Sunbury & East Coburg – Withdrawal Maribyrnong Park Mens C+3
- Strathmore, Essendon, Keilor, Sydenham, Coburg, Hadfield & Parkville – Withdrawal Merlynston Mens B+4
- Airport West, Buckley Park, Strathmore, PEGS, Sunbury & West Brunswick – Withdrawal St John Bosco Mixed A-1
- St John Bosco – Request to keep playing after team withdrawal response
- Tim Connelly on behalf of HTCC – Copy of President's report to be delivered at Delegate's February meeting
- Princes Hill – Formal Approval of NSNTA Affiliation
- HTCC – Formal rejection of NSNTA Affiliation application
- HTCC – Response to information requested regarding rejected NSNTA Affiliation
- Tennis Vic – Clarification of President's email address
- Keilor East – Response to complaint Mens B+3 vs Coburg
- Coburg – Response to complaint Mens B+3 vs Keilor East
- East Coburg, Fawkner, Glencairn, Hadfield, Hillside, Mickleham Mem, Parkville & St John Bosco – reminder to collect fixtures and score books from secretary
- All Clubs – Agenda for February meeting
- All Clubs – Minutes of October meeting

**6. President's Report**

Larry Pelly commented on concerns about the current state of tennis attire. Clubs were advised that some proposed clarifications to the NSNTA Dress Code will be circulated and we will look forward to club's feedback.

A prepared statement was then read regarding HTCC as follows:

"As Delegates will have noted from the correspondence tabled by the Secretary, following the last Delegates meeting there have been further developments in relation to the application by Hume Tennis and Community Centre for affiliation with the NSNTA, which was rejected at the October General Meeting.

Shortly after the meeting, HTCC wrote to the Association seeking clarification in relation to the procedures followed at the meeting. The NSNTA Management Committee responded to HTCC and provided an explanation for the meeting processes and detailed the requirements of the NSNTA Constitution.

HTCC was not completely satisfied with our response and approached Tennis Victoria for assistance.

Tennis Victoria advised HTCC that applications for affiliation are a matter for the Association, not Tennis Victoria. However, in order to help resolve the dispute, Tennis Victoria offered to facilitate and pay for a mediator to mediate the dispute. Naturally, in order to ensure a positive resolution without the need for litigation, the NSNTA Management Committee agreed to participate in the mediation.

The mediation was successful and the NSNTA Management Committee and HTCC have reached an agreement in relation to the dispute. HTCC intends to submit a new application for affiliation in time for it to be considered at the next General Meeting on Monday, 1 May 2017.

To ensure the new application is dealt with transparently, the NSNTA Management Committee and HTCC have agreed to certain protocols around how it will be processed. We will be writing to all Club Secretaries in the coming weeks to provide official advice of these arrangements.”

## 7. Treasurer’s Report

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

(b) Bills for Payment:

Steve Senior	\$90.93
Toni Cudmore (Toner & Australia Post)	\$109.40
Snap Printing	\$851.40
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$1051.73</b>

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Rob Haines (Parkville) – **Carried**.

## 8. Match and Permit Committee Report

We apologise to clubs for the issues with the printed fixture. Unfortunately, the printer printed the previous season’s fixture, despite having been sent the correct fixture. We did not discover this until all the boxes were opened on the night of the pick up as we started to sort the paperwork for each club. The correct fixtures have now been received and they were posted to the clubs that requested them. We have copies at the meeting tonight if clubs would like to collect some.

We are continuing to review the number of fixtures provided to clubs. As it seems different clubs require different numbers of fixtures, for next season we will put an option on the Grade Contact Sheet for clubs to nominate the number of fixtures they require.

Team entries for this season – 525 teams – 68 grades

- 145 teams in Ladies – up 1 team and 1 grade
- 137 teams in Mixed – down 2 teams, same number of grades
- 243 teams in Men’s – up 5 teams and 1 grade

The following teams have been withdrawn and replaced with a Bye:

- Mixed A Reserve 1 - St John Bosco
- Mens B Special 4 - Merlynston
- Mens B Grade 2 - Glencairn
- Mens C Special 3 - Maribyrnong Park

Light testing is continuing. There is a lot of light testing to be undertaken this season as there were quite a few clubs last tested in 2014. We will be in contact with clubs to arrange light testing soon. The next clubs to be tested are Riverside, Westmeadows, Deer Park, Oak Park, Fawkner, Glencairn, Sydenham, East Coburg and Avondale Heights.

It is pleasing to note that Airport West, Coburg and Green Gully each now have two additional courts with lights.

The issues we experienced with the online results system have now been resolved. There should no longer be a significant wait time for the result to be accepted, it should only take a couple of seconds.

There have been a number of issues with incomplete or incorrect match results, particularly in the Mens competition. We remind Clubs that it is the responsibility of the winning team to ensure match results are correct and complete.

- The winning team must ensure all players' names, including opposition players' names, have been recorded fully (first name and surname) and are legible before the result is signed.
- If a match result is submitted with any missing information the winning team will be fined.

- First name and surname are compulsory.
- If the winning team asks the losing team to enter the result and there are errors in the result, the winning team will still be fined.

There have already been 67 additional registrations and 16 deregistrations this season. Three additional registrations have been refused. Once again, many of these are due to players being left off of team entries. Please take extra care to ensure all players are listed on team entries in future. Please also ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise teams will lose games.

We have received several complaints recently about player behaviour recently. The Association is investigating the introduction of a Code of Conduct and a complaint handling procedure.

A survey will be going out soon regarding dates for the Spring seasons. We will send them link to Club Delegates and Secretaries, but please work together to only submit one response per club.

Fees and Payments must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th March 2017. Late payment will result in loss of match points. Once lost, points cannot be recovered.

## **9. General Business**

- Colin Akers from Tullamarine asked for it to be noted that the proposed date for the Golf Day is 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017. All clubs are encouraged to get involved.
- The Caroline Springs Delegate asked whether the Secretary could include a copy of the correspondence in the agenda sent out to clubs prior to the meeting. To be looked into.

**Meeting Closed – 9.12 pm**

**Next Delegates' Meeting**

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club