

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 26th August 2019

1. Attendances

25 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 29-07-19	26-08-19			
Airport West	✓	✓			
Ascot Vale	✓	✓			
Avondale Heights	✓	✓			
Buckley Park	✓				
Bulla Village	✓	✓			
Caroline Springs	✓				
Coburg	✓	✓			
Corpus Christi					
Craigieburn	✓				
Deer Park	✓				
Debrahey	✓	✓			
Diggers Rest	✓				
Doutta Galla		✓			
East Coburg	✓				
Essendon	✓				
Fawkner	✓	✓			
Gladstone Park	✓	✓			
Glencairn	✓				
Glenroy	✓				
Green Gully	✓	✓			
Greenvale	✓				
Hadfield	✓				
Hillside	✓	✓			
Hume	✓				
Keilor	✓	✓			
Keilor East	✓	✓			
Keilor Park	✓				
Maribyrnong Park	✓				
Merlynston	✓	✓			
Moomba Park	✓	✓			
Mt. Carmel	✓				
North Park	✓				
North Sunshine	✓				
Oak Park	✓	✓			
OLN	✓	✓			
Parkville	✓				
PEGS	✓	✓			
Princes Hill					
Royal Park	✓	✓			
St. John Bosco	✓				
St. Monicas	✓	✓			
St. Thereses	✓	✓			
St. Vincents	✓				
Strathmore	✓	✓			
Sunbury	✓	✓			
Sydenham	✓	✓			
Taylors Lakes	✓	✓			
Tullamarine	✓				
West Brunswick	✓	✓			
Westmeadows	✓				

2. Apologies

Bob Granger (Greenvale), Ian Openshaw (Life Member) & Mara Cassar (M&P)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Sally Wilson (West Brunswick), seconded Merilee Stainer (Airport West) 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:

- Tennis Victoria – Notice of Metro Associations Forum September 2019
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder renewal notice
- North Sunshine – Review of finals hosting policy of the NSNTA
- Tennis Victoria – Reminder to vote for Victoria Tennis Awards
- Colin Akers – Information regarding 2019 Golf Day & Entry forms
- Caroline Springs – Change in club location and request for facilities to be inspected
- Corpus Christi – Protest of player additional registration refusal and by-law clarification
- East Coburg – Change in email address
- Tennis Victoria – Tennis Awards nominations now open
- Tennis Victoria – Call for directors nominations 2019
- Andrew Reynolds – Association updates and nominations for most outstanding competition
- PEGS – Application for exemption for multi-lined courts
- Ascot Vale – Notice of office bearers
- PellySoft – Tennis maintenance contracts
- Tennis Victoria – Many Friday feedbacks
- Tennis Victoria – Affiliation renewal notice
- Buckley Park – Interim delegates details
- Tennis Victoria – Associations forum for June
- St Vincents – Contact for court line works
- Moomba Park – New Delegate Details
- Riverside – Tennis community information session

(b) Outwards Correspondence:

- Airport West – Letter of support for court lighting upgrades to council
- Buckley Park, Green Gully, Hadfield, Royal Park, Essendon, Fawkner & Hume – Notification of team withdrawal Mens A Grade Delahey
- Essendon, Sunbury, Gladstone Park, Hadfield, Strathmore, Buckley Park & North Park – Notification of team withdrawal Mixed A Grade Sydenham
- Diggers Rest – Court Lighting levels and court banning
- Corpus Christi – Response regarding additional registration refusal and clarification of by-law
- All Clubs – Agenda for August meeting
- All Clubs – Copy of application for multi-lined courts for PEGS
- All Clubs – Minutes of the April meeting

6. President's Report

Larry Pelly welcomed everyone and said that the season has just commenced. Most information regarding competition will be discussed by the M&P Chairman.

7. Treasurer's Report

(a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Peter Anderson (Oak Park) – **Carried.**

(b) Bills for Payment: (Approval in Principle)

Administration

PellySoft Maintenance	\$1085.00
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Total Payments	\$1085.00
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Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Peter Anderson (Oak Park) – **Carried**

Reminder that all fees are due by 7pm on the 17th September otherwise there will be a loss of matches imposed.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Washouts in finals

- We had washouts in the finals of all three competitions last season
- Thanks to the clubs who had to host multiple times as a result

Team entries

- Team entries for this season – 511 teams – 65 grades
 - 138 teams in Ladies – down 4 teams
 - 125 teams in Mixed – up 2 teams
 - 248 teams in Men's – down 14 teams and 2 grades

Team withdrawals

- There have been two team withdrawals:
 - Mixed – A Grade – Sydenham
 - Men's - A Grade – Delahey

Court works – Keilor Park

- Due to court works, all matches due to be played at Keilor Park will instead be played at Bulla Village until further notice.

Additional registrations and emergencies

- Emergencies cannot play more than three matches in total, regardless of which grades they are played in (not three matches in one grade). It is the responsibility of the Club to keep track of how many matches emergencies have played. Please ensure that additional registrations are submitted before players play a fourth match, otherwise teams will lose games.
- The number of additional registrations is down so far, but we are still receiving some that are due to players being left off team entry sheets. Clubs are reminded that once teams have been graded, the additional registration and emergency rules apply, which means players cannot strengthen teams. This means that if, for example, the best or second best player in a team is left off the team entry form, and the team is graded without them, they will be refused additional registration as they will strengthen the team after grading. It is therefore very important that you check your team entries to ensure all players are included.
- Emergency players:
 - Where it is clear an emergency has strengthened a team, teams will be penalised with loss of games.
 - If a team is told not to play a particular emergency player again, and the team then plays a different emergency who also strengthens the team, a second warning will not be given.

Loss of games will be automatically imposed. This carries over between seasons. Loss of games will still occur when the team was told not to play the emergency player in a previous season.

- Where an emergency player is told not to play again in a particular grade, and plays in a higher grade and again strengthens the team, a second warning will not always be given. Coordinators will look at how much higher the grade was and how much the player strengthened the team.

Spring 2019 team fees

- Fees and Payments must be received by the Treasurer no later than 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 September 2019.
- Late payment will result in loss of match points.

Scoring system

- The Match and Permit Committee has discussed a couple of options to change the scoring system to address the number of defaults
- One option is to record a standard score for walkovers (e.g. 18 games to 0 games, or 12 games to 0 games).
- Another option is to award two points per set and additional points for a win (like NSJTA matches)
- An options paper will be developed and circulated to clubs for feedback to see if there is any interest from clubs in these changes.

Finals

- It was suggested at the AGM that the higher finishing team hosts finals.
- The Match and Permit Committee has discussed this, and there are a number of issues that would need to be decided in order to make this work.
- Firstly, consideration would need to be given to whether finals have two courts. If that is the case, recent season show approximately 3 Ladies, 3 Mixed and 10 Mens semi finals would need to be relocated each season.
- Another concern is who would resolve disputes, particularly if there is a difference of opinion about whether courts are playable in wet conditions.
- The Committee will discuss these matters further and report back to clubs at a future meeting.

9. General Business

- Application for exemption to use multi-lined courts has been submitted by PEGS. Kay Ehrenberg spoke on behalf of PEGS asking clubs for their support.

Ballot held to approve PEGS multi-lines exemption.

Carried — 24 in favour, 1 against

- Maria Keys delivered a report from Tennis Victoria – Junior Penant has begun, and the team entries are up from last year. Tennis Victoria's AGM is on the 2nd of October followed by a Community Forum There are two directors positions available. Tennis Victoria awards night is on the 18th October.
- Golf Day is on 27th October. All details are on the webpage or contact Colin Akers.

Meeting Closed – 9.23pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday, 28th October 2019 at 8.30pm at Buckley Park Tennis Club