

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 27th February 2023 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

1. Attendances

Clubs Present TBA

Clubs	28/02/2022	02/05/2022	22/08/2022	24/10/2022	27/02/2023
Aintree	✓	✓			
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ascot Vale	✓		✓	✓	
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		✓	✓	✓	
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), Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park), Russel Baldry (Secretary)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Reagan Burgess (Mt. Carmel) seconded Ron Morton (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

Inwards correspondence:

- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - Assistance or flood affected clubs
 - Get Active Kids Round 5 notification
 - Fair Play Code notice
 - Get Active Kids Round 6 notification
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Webinars on Reportable Conduct Scheme
 - New Child Safe Standards resources
- Tennis Victoria
 - News — November 2022, December 2022, January 2023, February 2023
 - Tyler Krumholz appointed Associations Manager
 - Information on State League Championships
 - Notice that Luca Gallo will no longer be the Club Development Officer for Metro Central clubs
- Keilor TC – Protest Mixed C1 Keilor v Glencairn
- Riverside Tennis and Netball Centre – Advice regarding cleaning of courts post flooding
- Buckley Park – Protest Mens B-2 Buckley Park v St Monica's
- Airport West – Protest Mixed C+1 Airport West v Merlynston
- Airport West – Advice on one court unavailable for finals
- Merlynston TC – Response to protest Mixed C+1 Airport West v Merlynston
- Hume City Council Sport and Recreation team Matt McLellan requesting details of Lux readings from some Hume tennis clubs
- Eynesbury TC – seeking expression of interest in a charity fund raising golf event
- Healesville TC – January tournament
- Fawkner TC – Appeal on grading of Fawkner Mens A Grade team
- Eynesbury TC – Flyer for their January Tennis tournament
- Gladstone Park TC – advice on clubroom closure
- Brimbank Council - Request for review of timeframes for lighting level change requirements
- Buckley Park TC – Protest re emergency Mixed C+1 Buckley Park v St Monica's

Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs
 - Agenda, previous minutes for Delegates meeting 27th February 2023
 - Team allocations for Autumn 2023
 - Notice of vote for resumption of supper
 - Notice of vote regarding changing lighting policy

- Notice of vote for establishing a boundary for club affiliation
- Deer Park TC – Notice of banned courts
- Diggers Rest TC – Notice of courts requiring attention to lighting levels
- Airport West TC – Result of Protest re refusal of additional registration of Lauren Borg in C Grade 2 Ladies
- Merlynston TC - Response to protest Mixed C+1 Airport West v Merlynston
- Maribyrnong Park TC – Response re playing surface at Essendon TC

6. President's Report

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Robin Aitken (Sunbury) – **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment: Nil

- (c) Fees are due 7pm 14/03/2023 – some 16 Clubs have not yet paid – refer to the website. If Clubs are unfinancial after the closing date, no points will be awarded to winning teams and these points cannot be returned once payment is received.

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Finals last season

- The finals last season all went smoothly, except for some washouts in the semi-finals of the Ladies competition. Thanks to all clubs for their assistance hosting multiple weeks.

Team entries for Autumn 2023

- Team entries for this season are up by 7 teams with a total of 516 teams
 - 129 teams in Ladies – up 9 teams and 2 grades
 - 127 teams in Mixed – down 1 team
 - 260 teams in Men's – down 1 team

Team withdrawals

- There have been no team withdrawals yet this season, which is fantastic. Thanks to clubs for ensuring your teams have enough players.

Additional registrations

- 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.
- We have already received 55 additional registrations and 17 deregistrations this season.
- Please remember that the purpose of additional registrations is to replace injured or unavailable players. All are scrutinised to ensure they are not strengthening the team. Clubs should not expect players to be accepted just because they wanted to join a team late or a club doesn't have another team for them.

Emergencies

- Please ensure you check the history of emergency players before they play.
- All emergency players are scrutinised, and we do not wait until a complaint is received from the opposition.
- If players are deemed too strong, clubs will be warned that if they play again loss of games will be imposed. In clear cases, loss of games has been imposed without a warning being given.

Late player rules

- The late player rules are outlined in By-law 26.
- The NSNTA is a one court competition, so if the first set starts on time, the second set cannot be claimed until the conclusion of the first set.

Rulings

- We have a Committee rulings document on our website at: <http://nsnta.org/committeerulings.html>
- This includes important clarifications of the By-laws.

Washouts

- Delegates should familiarise themselves with the requirements of the NSNTA Washout Procedures - <http://nsnta.org/washout.html>
- Current By-laws require two teams to agree before there is a washout. A washout cannot be called without agreement.
- Please remember that unreturned voice mails or texts are not sufficient. If Delegates cannot be contacted to arrange a washout in advance, all players need to turn up at the venue and captains can then agree a washout
- The two Delegates do not have to agree to a washout over the phone. The away team has the right not to agree and to attend the courts and inspect them to see if they are playable.

Premiership glasses

- A suggestion was raised at the last Delegates meeting that we add the word "Premiers" to the glasses given to winning teams.
- The Treasurer has confirmed this is no extra cost, so we will add it for future seasons.

9. General Business

- Maria Keys (Life Member) gave a report from Tennis Victoria:
 - Pennant team entries close 1st March 2023
 - Community grants are available for equipment, clothing, courses etc. and is open for approx 3 weeks
- Vote on supper (all competitions) – Optional by vast majority, mandatory only 9 votes
- Boundaries for NSNTA discussion:
 - All current clubs are within the proposed boundary
 - New applications will only be considered if they are within the boundary, will still undergo the same checks (lighting, facilities, etc.) and need to be approved by delegates
 - If outside the boundary, new applications will not be considered
 - Discuss at club level, feedback welcomed and will be voted on at the AGM in July 2023
- Lighting Policy discussion:
 - Currently average 200 lux per court (since 2014)
 - Tennis Australia's average is 350 lux per court
 - Proposed minimum 250 lux and potentially address points on court below average
 - Time provided to transition to new lux level to meet requirements (approx. 18 mths – 2 yrs)
 - Discuss at club level, feedback welcomed and will be voted on at the AGM in July 2023

Meeting closed at 9.21 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 1st May 2023 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club