

# NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



## Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

### 1. Attendances

Clubs Present TBA

Clubs	27-Feb-23	01-May-23	24-07-23 (AGM)	21-Aug-23	23-Oct-23
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	✓	✓	✓		

**Clubs that did not attend the last Delegate's meeting:**

**Aintree, Delahey, East Coburg, Essendon, Glencairn, Greenvale, Moomba Park, North Sunshine, PEGS, St John Bosco, St Vincents, Strathmore**

## 2. Apologies

Liz Hede (St Monicas), Aintree TC,

## 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
  - Get Active Kids voucher program dates
  - Business and Community Flood Recovery grant program closing 1<sup>st</sup> May
- Tennis Victoria
  - News — March 2023, April 2023
  - Association Integrity Forum to be held 15<sup>th</sup> March
  - Bronya Kondzior appointed new Club Development Officer
  - Victoria Government Sporting Club Grants deadline 15<sup>th</sup> March
  - State League Championships to be held 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April
  - How to enter the 2023 Roland Garros and Wimbledon Ticket ballots
  - Thriving Tennis Tour back for 2023
- Moomba Park TC – advice about reminding player not to attend if feeling unwell
- NSNTA Treasurer advised that all clubs had paid the NSNTA invoices
- Tullamarine TC – Protest Ladies Round 7 Tullamarine vs Essendon
- Gladstone Park TC – change of delegate and competition contacts
- Greenvale TC – Query about standard of play in B Reserve 2 Ladies
- Tullamarine TC – Advice that the protest in Ladies Round 7 has been resolved by the clubs involved
- West Brunswick TC – Request to review an opposition player emergency
- Ascot Vale TC – Code of Conduct complaint B Special 4 Mens Essendon vs Ascot Vale and subsequent witness statements
- Essendon TC – Response to protest B Special Mens
- Maribyrnong Park TC – request to review an opposition player emergency
- Maribyrnong Park TC – Code of Conduct complaint Mens B Grade 2 Maribyrnong Park vs Airport West
- Essendon TC – Outcome of internal review of Code of Conduct complaint
- Individual player complaint about club player selection criteria and decision making
- Sydenham TC – Code of Conduct complaint Mixed B-1 Sydenham vs Craigieburn
- Hadfield TC – Code of Conduct complaint Ladies C+2 Hadfield vs Merlynston
- West Brunswick TC – Query about match outcome as lights went out during play

### Outwards Correspondence:

- All Clubs

- Minutes from Delegates meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Greenvale TC – Response re: standard of play in B-2 Ladies
- West Brunswick TC – Request for copy of match result sheet for match outcome when lights went out

## 6. President's Report

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The season has been very successful, however there have been several Code of Conduct complaints. Clubs are reminded to advise their players of the association's requirements for behaviour.

He thanked the committee members again for their efforts, and wished all teams good luck in finals.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

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

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston)  
– **Carried.**

## 8. Match and Permit Committee Report

### M&P Report

#### Team withdrawal

- Since the last meeting one more team has withdrawn: Coburg B Reserve 1 Ladies.

#### Doutta Galla match relocations

- Doutta Galla are currently having their courts resurfaced so matches have been relocated. The Doutta Galla Delegate is contacting clubs directly to advise of the new venues.

#### Additional registrations

- Additional registrations have now closed, as outlined in the email sent to all clubs. No late additional registrations will be accepted.
- The Chairman will respond with confirmation that he has received each additional registration. This only means that it has been received, not accepted. Usually we wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an additional registration. We reserve the right to refuse an additional registration after Round 13 or Round 14 if a team waits until then for a player to play their third match.
- Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- There were 189 additional registrations and 56 deregistrations this season. The majority have been in the Men's competition — 98 additional registrations.
- Please ensure your team has enough registered, qualified players for finals. A player must be registered and have played three matches (washouts included) to be eligible to play finals.

#### Incorrect match results

- We are continuing to have issues with teams submitting incorrect match results as they have chosen the incorrect name from the drop-down list.
- Please encourage teams to be more careful and to clearly mark if a player is an emergency or played up player.

#### Finals

- Results of Round 14 to be phoned through to Peter Olney by 11.00 p.m. on 9354 9019
- Do not phone through semi final and Grand Final results

- Aim to have finals draw up that night
- Clubs must advise by Monday 8 May 2023 if any courts are unavailable for finals, otherwise we assume courts are available.
- Players must be registered and have played three matches to be qualified for finals. Each competition (Ladies, Mixed and Mens) is a separate competition, and qualification for one does not count towards qualification for the other. No exceptions will be made to this rule, so please ensure teams have enough registered, qualified players and don't have to forfeit a final.

#### Team entries for next season

- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 9 June 2023
- Team entries must be sent in **Microsoft Excel format**. We use a macro to assist with importing player statistics for grading, which will not work if team entries are sent in a different format.
- There will be a new team entry sheet for Mens teams as a new grade (A Reserve 3) was added for this season. Clubs must use this new form. If you submit teams on the old form, they will be sent back for you to resubmit.
- Player lists will be provided to all clubs after Round 14. Please ensure player names are spelt correctly. You can copy and paste names from the player history lists into the team entry sheet.
- Please only list players that intend to play. Do not blindly copy all names between seasons. Clubs should be a commitment from players that they intend to play again.
- Please ensure an appropriate grade is applied for — particularly check on ability of new players and new teams.
- If there is a particular reason you are applying for a grade, such a player has left the team, please write this on the bottom of the team entry sheet so the Committee are aware when grading.
- Please ensure all players are listed. Additional registrations will be refused if strong players are left off the team entry even if the player has played in the team for many seasons.
- Some players on the lists may be marked as “Too Strong”. This means they played an emergency this season, but were deemed to be stronger than the other players in the team. We encourage you to register these players if they are going to play next season. If an emergency player has been deemed “Too Strong” this season and then they play as an emergency in the same team next season, the team will be automatically penalised with loss of games.
- If you know the player comes from another club, put that information on the bottom of the sheet
- Do not put in a team with only 4 players in it — register the players a team will use in the event of an injury or unavailability
- If there is a new player to your Club, check with the Coordinators or Chairman for previous history
- Please limit the number of special fixture requests as it makes it very difficult for the Committee to complete the draw. If too many clubs submit special requests, they cannot all be accommodated and some clubs will miss out

#### Spring 2023 dates

- Ladies – Tuesday, 8 August 2023
- Mixed – Wednesday, 9 August 2023
- Men's – Thursday, 10 August 2023
- The Ladies Competition will not play on Cup Day and the Mixed and Mens will not play the week leading up to the AFL Grand Final long weekend.
- The pickup for fixtures and result books for Spring 2023 will be at the AGM on Monday 24 July 2023.

#### Code of Conduct

- We have received a number of Code of Conduct complaints recently. Please remember that minor Code of Conduct violations should be resolved between representatives of the two clubs.

- One of the complaints related to consuming alcohol and smoking/vaping on the court and at venues. We will look at updating the Code of Conduct to provide specific guidance around this.
- We also plan to put a proposal to the AGM to update the penalties section to give more flexibility.

#### **Book a court lights**

- We are continuing to have issues reported where lights are going out during match due to lights not being booked/programmed correctly in the book a court system.
- We also have had matches where the lights had gone out before the conclusion of a match due to the courts not being booked until curfew.
- The Committee has decided that going forward this is not lighting failure and any incomplete games and sets will be awarded to the opposition.
- We encourage clubs to make keys available so lights can be turned on manually if required.
- We will update our Committee rulings documents shortly to reflect this decision.

#### **Complaints about grading and standard of registered players**

- We have received some complaints from clubs and teams about the standard of registered players playing for other clubs and that they are too strong for the grade.
- The Committee does its best to grade teams accurately based on the information available to it. We do not question clubs internal team selection decisions, as we are aware some decisions are based on family members playing together or friendships.
- There are some teams which are a mix of stronger and weaker players. We grade the team as a whole and not individual players. Its not unexpected that a team will win more when their stronger players play.
- We are happy to have discussions with Club Delegates about grading, but its unhelpful to use emotive language or include criticism when asking for clarification.

## **9. General Business**

None

**Meeting closed at 9.21 pm**

#### **Next Delegates' Meeting**

Monday 21/08/2023 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club