

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th July 2023

Attendances

46 Clubs Present

Clubs	AGM 25-07-2022	AGM 24-07-2023	
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 Tennis		✓	
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	✓	✓	

Opening:

President, Larry Pelly, welcomed everyone and officially opened the meeting at 8.05pm.

1. Apologies

Diva Duvaroren (Moomba Park)

2. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 25th July 2022 had been circulated by email.

Moved: Reaghan Burgess (Mt Carmel)

Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)

Carried.

3. Business arising from previous Minutes

Nil

4. Correspondence

(a) Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs — Agenda for July 2023 AGM together with minutes of the 2022 AGM

(b) Inwards correspondence:

- Consumer Affairs — Annual renewal notice
- Tennis Victoria — Renewal notice for affiliation

5. President's Report

In this post-COVID era our Association has continued to perform and remains in a strong financial position. On behalf of all the clubs, I thank Vice President Maria Keys, Secretary Russel Baldry, Assistant Secretary Cathryn Ryan, and Treasurer Graham Sandman, for their efforts in managing the Association's affairs.

To also ensure these affairs are handled effectively between the Association and the Clubs a good deal of thanks is also extended to the Clubs, individual delegates and committees. Thank you all.

As far as Match and Permit Committee affairs goes, another excellent year in operating the tennis competition. To Chairman Robert McDonald; I'm just lost for words as his contribution just amazes me, and to his Committee of workers, Russel Baldry, Cathryn Ryan, Steve Seiner, Ian Openshaw, Christopher Tenace, Diva Duvaroren and also to Sue Malins. A job well done.

The contribution of Peter and Gaye Olney on phone in nights cannot be underestimated. Also, the light testing program carried out by Ian Openshaw cannot be understated.

The one low spot this season has been the sudden increase in the "Code of Conduct" complaints handled by the Association. I am hoping that with clubs' assistance we can stamp this trend out, as resolving these issues pleases no one and can be very time consuming.

In signing off, as I have in the past, some fresh blood in running of the Association is always necessary. Some of us have been here for a very long time and more assistance is always encouraged. Please contact any of the Association's officers if you can assist.

Larry Pelly
President

6. Treasurer's Report

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Income and Expenditure statement shows a net profit of \$4,089.98 for the year ending 30 June 2023 compared to the previous year when we had a net profit of \$1,887.26 acknowledging that this budget year is the first time since COVID-19 started that we have been able to play two seasons in a fiscal year.

The Association will continue to absorb the GST charges.

I recommend that: -

- Team Fees remain at \$35 per team for the next 12 months
- Affiliation Fees remain at \$30.00 per club for the next 12 months.

The assets and income of the North Suburban Night Tennis Association Inc. will be used to further its objectives and no portion can be paid directly or indirectly to the members of the association except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on the behalf of the North Suburban Night Tennis Association Inc.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Match & Permit and Management committees for their support and assistance they have extended to me as the association Treasurer.

Thank you

Graham Sandman
Honorary Treasurer

The full Treasurer's report was included as part of the Annual Report.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) that the Treasurer's report be accepted — Carried.

Statement of Committee (for the year ending June 2023)

A resolution was moved by Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Maria Keys (Life Member) that the Income and Expenditure Statements and Balance Sheet as attached to the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 30 June 2023 be endorsed by the Committee as required by the Rules of Incorporation — Carried.

7. Match and Permit Committee Report

It is great to be able to report that in the last 12 months we were able to play and complete two full seasons without any interruptions from COVID-19. It is even more pleasing that numbers have remained strong, with the Ladies and Mixed competitions returning to similar numbers of teams as before the cancelled seasons, and the Men's has already exceeded them.

I would firstly like to thank our Competition Coordinators who ensure everything runs smoothly week to week: processing results, updating ladders, monitoring emergency players, assessing additional registrations and dealing with a range of other issues. For Spring 2022 the coordinators were Steve Seinor, Russel Baldry and Ian Openshaw and for Autumn 2023 Cathryn Ryan, Russel Baldry and Sue Malins.

Outside of the regular running of the competition, it has been a busy 12 months for the Match and Permit Committee, with a number of other initiatives being pursued.

We have continued to test the lights across all lit courts in the competition, to ensure lighting levels meets the requirements in the NSNTA lighting policy. A big thank you to Ian Openshaw who has done the majority of this testing. In January 2023, we wrote to clubs advising that we were reviewing the NSNTA Court lighting policy and considering recommending changes to our policy to bring the required lux levels closer to latest Tennis Australia guidance. We have now developed a proposed new NSNTA lighting policy, which has been circulated to clubs for consideration at tonight's meeting.

In response to feedback from clubs, we have also been working on a proposal to adopt an Association boundary. Under the current NSNTA Constitution, any club can apply for affiliation with the NSNTA regardless of its location. Given the current size of the NSNTA competition, we have proposed that clubs adopt an Association boundary to define the appropriate geographic area for the competition. New clubs would be eligible to apply to affiliate if they are located within the boundary, but clubs outside the boundary could no longer apply. This proposal will also be considered at tonight's meeting.

As noted in Larry's President's report, we have also dealt with a higher than usual number of Code of Conduct complaints. As well as dealing with the individual complaints, we have also reviewed our Code of Conduct document and have put recommendations forward to amend it to match changes to the wording in the *Tennis Australia Code of Behaviour: Competitive Play*, include a specific guidance around alcohol and smoking/vaping during matches and at competition venues, and provide the Match and Permit Committee with greater flexibility when determining an appropriate penalty. We are also exploring whether to issue a guidance document to teams on how to better resolve disagreements between themselves on the night.

Finally, we are also in the process of updating to our committee rulings document. The first change is to clarify that if lights go out before the conclusion of a match due to the courts not being booked until curfew, this is not lighting failure and any incomplete games and sets will be awarded to the opposition. The second is that if a player owes any money (membership fees or team fees) to a club and that club notifies the Association before the close of team entries, the player will not be accepted in a team for any club in all competitions until the outstanding fees have been paid.

I thank the other members of the Match and Permit Committee for their work and support over the past year: Russel Baldry, Diva Duvaroren, Ian Openshaw, Cathryn Ryan, Steve Seinor and Christopher Tenace. My thanks also go to the members of the Association's Executive, Larry Pelly, Maria Keys and Graham Sandman, for their advice and assistance.

Robert McDonald
Chairman - Match & Permit Committee

8. New Affiliations

The NSNTA has proposed a boundary be established to delineate the area within which new affiliations will be considered.

Moved: Robert McDonald (Match and Permit committee chair)
Seconded: Chris Robson (PEGS)

9. Election of Committee:

Peter Olney (Life Member) took the Chair and declared that all Committee positions were vacant. Elections were then held and the following people were nominated and elected:

President:	Larry Pelly	Nominated: Rob Stow (Caroline Springs) Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park)	Carried
Vice President:	Maria Keys	Nominated: Jason Vochala (Royal Park) Seconded: Russel Baldry (Secretary)	Carried
Secretary:	Russel Baldry	Nominated: Cathryn Ryan (OLN) Seconded: Jan Rhodes (Tullamarine)	Carried
Asst. Secretary:	Cathryn Ryan	Nominated: Larry Pelly (Life Member) Seconded: Chris Humbert (North Sunshine)	Carried
Treasurer:	Graham Sandman	Nominated: Carol Munro (Royal Park) Seconded: Graham Govan (Essendon)	Carried

Match and Permit Members:

In accordance with Rule 21(1) of the Constitution, the Secretary and Assistant Secretary are automatically members of the Match and Permit Committee.

M&P Member:	Robert McDonald	Nominated: Cathryn Ryan (OLN) Seconded: Chris Robson (PEGS)
M&P Member:	Christopher Tenace	Nominated: Graham Sandman (Avondale Heights) Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)
M&P Member:	Steve Senior	Nominated: Russel Baldry (Secretary) Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park)
M&P Member:	Ian Openshaw	Nominated: Carol Munro (Buckley Park) Seconded: Maria Keys (Life Member)
M&P Member:	Charles Warwick	Nominated: Russel Baldry (Secretary) Seconded: Glen Ferris (Oak Park)

All nominations for Match & Permit Committee members were accepted and carried.

Auditors:	Alan Williams	Nominated: Graham Sandman (Treasurer) Seconded: Shirley Peake (Moomba Park)	Carried
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10. Fees for 2023/2024

No changes	Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer) Seconded: Ron Morton (Merlynston)	Carried
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11. Honoraria:

No changes	Moved: Graham Sandman (Treasurer) Seconded: Carol Munro (Buckley Park)	Carried
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12. Other Business:

(a) Tennis Balls

The current Tennis Australia list of approved balls to remain in effect.

(b) Uniform Dress Standards

Nil changes

(c) Court Lighting Policy

A revision to the court lighting policy was moved (see Folio for details)

Moved: Robert McDonald (Match and Permit committee chairman)

Seconded: Reaghan Burgess (Mt Carmel)

Carried

(d) Code of Conduct

A revision to the Code of Conduct was moved (see Folio for details)

Moved: Robert McDonald (Match and Permit committee chairman)

Seconded: Russel Baldry (Secretary)

Carried

Meeting Closed: 9:44 pm

Next Annual General Meeting: Monday, 29th July 2024 at 8.30 pm at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club