

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 21st August 2023 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 34

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:
Caroline Springs, Delahey, Gladstone Park, Greenvale, Keilor Park**

2. Apologies

Liz Hede (St Monicas), Aintree TC, Sunbury TC, North Park TC, St Vincents TC, Coburg TC, Maria Keys (Life Member), Leo Ibrahim (Sydenham), Rob Sozzi (Hadfield), Anne Wooley (Keilor East), Rick Cesare (Fawkner)

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
 - May updates
- Tennis Victoria
 - News — May 2023, June 2023, July 2023
 - Request for committee member details
 - Request for feedback on State League championships
 - Thriving Tennis Tour notice
 - Affiliation renewals open
 - Aligning Association Calendars forum
 - Directors Nominations open
 - Competitive Player Profiles required for League Manager
 - Tennis Australia National Insurance Program policy
- Ascot Vale TC requesting update on Code of Conduct complaint
- Sunbury TC – comments regarding teams forfeiting Round 14
- St Christophers TC – request on status of their affiliation
- Hillside – submission of a Code of Conduct complaint
- North Park TC – submission of a Code of Conduct Complaint
- West Brunswick TC – question on approved racquet sizes
- West Brunswick TC – request for supper ruling to be either mandatory or no supper
- Notice from NSTA of the passing of Geoff Gordan, NSTA Life Member
- Doutta Galla TC – submission of a Code of Conduct complaint
- Sydenham TC – change of email address
- Parkville TC – note of intent to no longer be affiliated with NSNTA
- Gladstone Park TC – advice that clubrooms will not be available this season

Outwards Correspondence:

- All clubs – Advice that Coburg Mixed C-1 has withdrawn from the season
- West Brunswick TC – advice regarding ruling on match when lights went out
- Ascot Vale TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Merlynston TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Hadfield TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- All clubs – notification of team entry dates

- Craigieburn TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Sydenham TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Maribyrnong Park TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Airport West TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Delahey TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- Doutta Galla TC - outcome of Code of Conduct complaint
- All clubs – Notice of AGM
- Hillside TC – outcome of Code of Conduct complaint

6. President's Report

Larry welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all clubs for their attendance at the AGM. He welcomed back returning committee members and thanked Charles Warrick for joining the Match and Permit Committee.
As the season has only just commenced there was little to report.

7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates.
- (b) A reminder that all fees are due by 7pm 12/9

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Surinder Dhar (Taylors Lakes)
– **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

M&P Report

Autumn 2023 finals

- Thanks for all clubs for ensuring last season's finals all ran smoothly.
- We had some washouts in the Mens finals. Thanks to the clubs who hosted multiple weeks.
- We had a high number of defaults in Round 14, mainly teams seventh and eighth on the ladder who could not make finals. We received some emails from opposition teams complaining about missing out on playing tennis. Please encourage your teams to play even if they can't make finals as the competition is about playing tennis, not just winning.

Team entries for Spring 2023

- Team entries for this season are up by 7 teams with a total of 523 teams
 - 131 teams in Ladies – up 2 teams
 - 125 teams in Mixed – down 2 teams
 - 267 teams in Men's – up 7 teams and one grade

Team withdrawals

- There have already been four team withdrawals this season, which is disappointing.
 - Mixed - A Reserve 1 - Maribyrnong Park
 - Mens - B Special 1 - Diggers Rest
 - Mens - B Grade 4 - Delahey
 - Mens - B Reserve 1 - St John Bosco

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.

- 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 the club doesn't have another team for them.

Emergencies

- There has been a high number of emergencies play in the first two rounds — 141 emergencies have played in the first two rounds of the Men's competition alone.
- If your teams are having issues, please check in with them and assist them to find replacement players. Additional registrations can be submitted at any time — you don't have to wait until a player has played three matches.
- 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.

Rulings

- We have a Committee rulings document on our website at: <http://nsnta.org/committeerulings.html>
- This includes important clarifications of the By-laws to ensure we apply consistent decisions.
- Please check this document if you have queries about how the By-laws apply to different situations.

Lighting policy

- A revised lighting policy was adopted at the AGM. We will shortly be writing to clubs who have courts that do not meet the requirements of the new policy.
- Please be proactive and take action to address any areas where lighting needs to be improved.
- We are happy to write letters of support for grants etc.

Dispute resolution procedure

- We will be circulating a draft dispute resolution procedure for clubs to review and provide feedback, which will then be published for the guidance of players.
- The aim of the document is to help teams resolve issues on the night and prevent issues from escalating. It's much easier to resolve the issue and complete the match than have teams send emails and letters to the Association afterwards.

Match result books

- We are working on a proposal to discontinue match result books and have clubs print and provide result sheets. It will probably be voted on at a special general meeting held with the February 2024 Delegates meeting.
- We already have a stock of result books for Autumn 2024, so if agreed, changes would apply for the Spring 2024 season.

Supper

- A reminder that supper is now optional on an ongoing basis. Home teams are encouraged to offer supper, but it is not required.

9. General Business

None

Meeting closed at 9.02 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

Monday 23/10/2023 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club