

NORTH SUBURBAN NIGHT TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Reg. No. A0015517W)



Minutes of the General Meeting Held on 28th October 2024 at Maribyrnong Park Tennis

1. Attendances

Clubs Present 42

Clubs	23-Oct-23	26-Feb-24	29-Apr-24	AGM	26-Aug-24	28-Oct-24
Aintree	✓			✓		
Airport West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ascot Vale	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Avondale Heights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Buckley Park	✓		✓	✓		
Bulla Village	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Caroline Springs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Coburg	✓			✓	✓	✓
Craigieburn		✓				
Deer Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delahey	✓	✓		✓		✓
Diggers Rest	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Doutta Galla	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
East Coburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Essendon	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Fawkner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gladstone Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Glenroy Community					✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PEGS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Princes Hill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Royal Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St Albans East				✓		
St. Christophers		✓	✓		✓	
St. John Bosco	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
St. Monicas	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
St. Thereses	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Vincents					✓	✓
Strathmore	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sunbury	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Sydenham	✓	✓		✓		✓
Taylor's Lakes	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Tullamarine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
West Brunswick	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Westmeadows	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

Aintree, Buckley Park, Bulla Village, Craigieburn, Delahey, Diggers Rest, Essendon, Glencairn, Hillside, Keilor Park, St Albans East, St John Bosco, Sunbury, Sydenham

2. Apologies

Denise Beckett (Maribyrnong Park) Anthony Barbieri (Maribyrnong Park), Reagan Burgess (Mt Carmel), Christine Smith (Green Gully), Belinda Green (PEGS), Kim Morris (Sundury), Charles Warwick (M&P Committee)

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved Gail Riddell (Tullamarine) 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

None

5. Correspondence

Inwards correspondence:

- Tennis Victoria
 - Metro North West Updates
 - Upcoming Workshops
 - Thriving Tennis Communities forum
 - Recap of Associations Forum/Governance Workshops
 - Notice of 2024 AGM and Board Elections
 - Update regarding Australian National Insurance program
 - The Service Line flyer
- Commission for Children and Young People
 - Child Safe Standards Community of Practice forum recordings
- Australian Sports Commission
 - Your Sporting Summer newsletter
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
 - Sporting Club Grants
 - Get Active Kids Voucher Program
- PellySoft maintenance contracts for July 2024-June 2025
- St Monica's TC – questions around the grading system
- Doutta Galla TC – letter of complaint
- Coburg TC – update on lighting upgrades
- City of Melton - finalisation of the City of Melton Tennis Strategy 2024
- City of Melton – request for extension of lighting upgrade requirements for Aintree TC
- Tullamarine TC – notice of relocated matches due to court works
- Oak Park TC – letter regarding lighting issues at Coburg TC
- East Coburg TC – advice that the club accepts the outcome of the Code of Conduct review
- Keilor TC – new competition contacts
- Delahey TC – new NSNTA delegate
- Doutta Galla TC – acknowledgement of receipt of Code of Conduct outcome
- Hume CTC – response regarding membership requirements
- NAB – notice of account inactivity
- Australian Taxation Office – Not For Profit details

Outwards Correspondence:

- Craigieburn TC – request for response regarding complaint from Doutta Galla TC
- Craigieburn TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Doutta Galla TC – Code of Conduct outcome

- Gladstone Park – update on fines and the process of review
- Hume TCC – advice on membership requirements for NSNTA competition play
- East Coburg TC -Code of Conduct outcome
- Green Gully TC – Code of Conduct outcome
- Hillside TC – lighting requirements
- St Monicas TC – response to query regarding gradings
- All clubs – notice of withdrawal of LADIES A RESERVE 1 – OAK PARK
- All clubs – notice of withdrawal of MENS C RESERVE 4 – GLADSTONE PARK
- All clubs – minutes from August delegates meeting and agenda for October meeting
- All clubs – October Treasurers report

6. President's Report

Larry thanked Maria for standing in for him at the last meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they pay particular attention to Roberts report for finals details.

7. Treasurer's Report

- (a) The Treasurer's Report had been distributed to the delegates. It was emailed to clubs last week. Please contact Graham Sandman if it was not received.

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ian Lyster (East Coburg) – **Carried.**

- (b) Bills for payment:
Two new laptops \$15K

Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Lynton Joseph (East Coburg) – **Carried.**

(c) Auditor

Current auditor to be re-appointed
Moved Graham Sandman (Treasurer), seconded Ron Morton (Merlynston) – **Carried.**

8. Match and Permit Committee Report

Team withdrawals

- Since the last meeting two more teams have withdrawn:
- Ladies — Oak Park — A Reserve 1
- Mens — Gladstone Park — C Reserve 4

Defaults

- The number of defaults has been down this season, which is great. Thanks to all the clubs and delegates who have ensured teams are fielded each week.

Additional registrations

- Closing dates
- Ladies Competition — closed
- Mixed Competition close 7.00 pm Wednesday, 30 October 2024
- Mens Competition close 7.00 pm Thursday, 31 October 2024
- 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. Contact will only be made with the Club if an additional registration has been refused.
- We usually wait for a player to have played three matches before accepting an additional registration. When a player has no other history, we need to base our decision on the results of those three matches.
- 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 track how many times emergency players have played.
- 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.

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 5 November 2024 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.
- In finals, registered qualified players can play up into a higher team for the same club in the same competition. Players cannot play up between competitions (e.g. between a Tuesday ladies team and a Wednesday mixed team).
- We will no longer charge for extra glasses for premierships winning teams. However, players must be registered and have played three matches to be included on a pennant.

Committee rulings update

- We have updated the Committee rulings document online to clarify that for the purposes of By-law 40, a player shall be deemed to have played a match when:
 - (i) their name is listed on the match result sheet and the match has commenced (even if one or more of the sets the player was listed to play was forfeited or not completed); or
 - (ii) their name has been listed on the match result sheet and the match has not commenced due to wet weather, default or any other reason.
- A player will not be deemed to have played a match if the opposing team later withdraws from the competition and is replaced with a Bye.

Team entries for next season

- Close 8.00 pm on Friday, 29 November 2024
- 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 such as PDF or pages.
- Clubs must also send a Grade Contact Sheet.

- **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 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.**

Autumn 2025 dates

- **Ladies – Tuesday, 4 February 2025**
- **Mixed – Wednesday, 5 February 2025**
- **Men’s – Thursday, 6 February 2025**
- **The pickup night for fixtures and result books for Autumn 2025 will be advised.**

Light testing and policy

- **We are still waiting for a few responses from clubs to our letters about lighting standards — Delahey, Diggers Rest, Green Gully, Greenvale, Tullamarine and Westmeadows**
- **Clubs are reminded that they have until 1 July 2025 to ensure their lights meet the required standard, otherwise they will be banned**

Supper

- **As per the decision by clubs at the February 2023 meeting, supper is now optional on an ongoing basis**
- **Home teams are welcome to offer supper, but it is not required**
- **There are no plans to change this — clubs who want to change this would have to put a new proposal forward for a vote**

9. General Business

Tennis Victoria Report:

- Not everyone who registered to vote in the Board elections could get online
- 2 incumbants returned
- Parkville TC celebrated 120 years

Meeting closed at 9:21 pm

Next Delegates' Meeting

24th February 2025 at 8.30pm – Maribyrnong Park Tennis Club