

GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of extraordinary meeting held at Vaughan Park Gosford 21/10/92

Meeting opened : 7.30pm

Attendees : S Gibson G Lee J Anders C Dewdney N Norris T Morris  
T Haworth S Guest D Stimson Z Kyzelis V Douse  
M Magle M Vaughan N Lulham G Healey

Correspondence

Inwards : Letter dated 14/10/92 from D Graham resigning his  
position on committee  
Acceptance- Moved T Morris Seconded G Lee- Carried  
Usual letter of acceptance to be sent

Subject

: Decision of John Marks not to take up lease of courts  
and pro shop as tendered

S Gibson explained to committee a new offer made to  
J Marks which varied from original tender and in the  
main was for the first year to comprise 6 months free  
of rent with the remaining 6 months on a \$ cost per  
court per hour used

However following further discussion with Marks, it  
appears that money may not have been the major  
problem :-

- a) Family move to Central Coast
- b) Too much work to build up sub junior coaching
- c) Need to keep current coaching going plus b)

A former tenderer, Jeff Snelling had already heard that  
Marks had left and wondered whether the lease would  
be awarded to a former tenderer or whether new  
tenders would be called for. His opinion was that new  
tenders should be called for.

There was argument that as all groundwork had  
already been done the lease should be awarded to  
whoever ran second in original ballot.

Argument against that thought was that it appeared  
to some members of committee that some coaches  
did not tender because they thought it useless as  
John Marks would get it anyway. Also there may be  
coaches who have only just become available due to  
completing current commitments.

Original ballot was to select one coach, not to place  
them in order of preference

Discussion continued for some time as above with  
most members expressing their point of view.

M Vaughan then moved to thank S Gibson for the  
tremendous amount of work that he had put into the  
selection of coach and no possible blame should be  
placed with him. In fact, the effort and selection was  
a shared responsibility of the committee as a whole.

D Stimson reiterated M Vaughan's remarks and stated that he believed that the best possible job was done in the eventual selection of J Marks as coach.

There was then discussion as to GDTA reputation after a leading coach had walked out.

Motion:-

That a letter be forwarded to Tennis Professionals Association expressing our disappointment in Mr Marks' decision, explaining sequence of events and that he left of his own accord.

Argument against was mainly :-

- a) Would serve little purpose
- b) May alienate an ally when a reference may be required by any interested party

Argument for was mainly :-

- a) Face saving exercise for GDTA
- b) J Marks may not necessarily say anything good about us anyway
- c) Manner in which Marks left people "up in the air" was not considered professional in the least

Motion moved T Haworth seconded T Norris  
Carried 10/4

Committee requested Secretary to produce draft of letter prior to despatch.

Motion Moved T Norris Seconded S Guest :-

That GDTA call for new tenders for the lease of courts for coaching and proshop.

Arguments for in the main were :-

- a) Fairest way to former tenderers and those coaches who did not previously tender
- b) May not necessarily want one of former tenderers

Arguments against in the main were :-

- a) Already have 3 people on the books, one of whom has tendered higher
- b) A whole year has been used on exercise already and why should we waste more time

Carried 12/3

Secretary was directed to write to former tenderers individually to seek their new tenders

S Gibson spoke to Jack Musgrave at TPA with a view to getting a locum coach to keep things going until new coach is selected - none available at this time

Advt for coach to be placed in November issue of TPA magazine with tenders to close 8/12/92

Existing junior coaching to continue with subordinate coaches- they to receive \$15 per hour



Caretakers to maintain a list of coaching enquiries for future reference

It may be prudent to reduce class sizes to 6 or 8 and this will be recommended to any incoming coach  
GDFA will administer junior coaching arrangements until appointment of new coach

Due to own coaching commitments Greg Healey is unavailable to take any classes

Advanced coaching classes cannot be maintained at this time

Point made that McDonald squads must have qualified coach and that perhaps D Graham could temporarily amalgamate his Thursday night squad with GDFA

We should still try and get a coach for rest of term and G Healey will let us know if he can be available or maybe Glen Howard or D Graham - fee \$25 per hour

St Josephs and St Edwards will still be using courts on a weekly basis but will not have coaching

Enough tennis balls are in stock for one week and J Anders can call in to Tennis Ranch if necessary

Key still required for Sat afternoons for access to office

G Healey stock still in pro shop and he is to make arrangements for disposal

X Question raised as to insurance for coaches working for GDFA which, according to Constitution is unable to run a coaching school

Latest raffle held for Paul O'Sullivan family raised \$300 of which \$150 was given to O'Sullivan family. They in turn wish to donate this money back to GDFA in the form of a perpetual trophy

Beauty and the Beasts A2 are unable to field a team for the remainder of current competition and were informed that they were still liable for court hire

Query on grading for Kerry Pagliaricci- refer Z Kyzelis

Meeting closed 10.45pm