

GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8/2/95

The meeting opened at 7:46 pm.

APOLOGIES: Mike Nagle, Marty Smith

MINUTES: Minutes were distributed. Anthony Hickey moved they be accepted and Matthew Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Matthew queried the amount of the Alinta vouchers and the status of negotiations with Alinta re ball and various sponsorships. Secretary to follow up with Alinta for their sponsorship proposal.

Matthew wishes to be advised of any discounted court hire promotions for inclusion in Tennis Topics.

Steve Gibson questioned whether the Saturday teams which had not paid court hire after forfeits had paid. Mavis advised that cheque received from one team - Steve Guest captain. Fred Every to follow up with remaining teams.

Steve advised Committee that minutes of sub-committee meetings should be collected from the meeting room the week prior to Committee meetings. They should be read prior to the Committee meeting in order to avoid delays during the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Incoming: 1) Letter from LMW re Country Week subsidisation, use of driveway and toilet block. Response to LMW read and discussion followed. Toilets have been water blasted and that is the best that can be done at present. With regard to driveway usage, the ladies' concerns were discussed. Current policy is that coaching staff, committee persons performing duties for the association and delivery persons are permitted to use the driveway. G&FM sub-committee will discuss driveway usage and if they feel a change to that policy is necessary, they will recommend same to this meeting

Outgoing: 1) Letters to Michael Dowd and Steve Guest re unpaid court hire for Saturday comp with copies to Becky Phillips and Vince Roberts.

- 2) Letter to Chris McInerney advising of policy re subsidisation.
- 3) Letters to Tim Graham, Melissa Dowse and Ryan Healey congratulating them on their state selections.
- 4) Letter to Central Coast Leagues Club advising of office bearers for 1995 and thanking them for the cheque for sporting allocation.
- 5) Letter to Umina Tennis Club requesting court availability for Saturday Competition.
- 6) Letter to Secretary of Tennis NSW advising of office bearers for 1995.
- 7) Letter to Paul McInerney congratulating on win in Tasmania.

Incoming: 1) Correspondence promoting sale of T-shirts, track suits, etc. Dennis Stimson advised he would handle the material.

2) Brochure regarding Country Festival of Sport. Matthew Roberts to review to see if it should be publicised and also will advise if it is something we should be involved in.

3) Circular from Tennis NSW re player registration card system. Steve advised that he will organise getting the list of members to Tennis NSW.

4) Letter from Tennis NSW, Natalie Cutcliffe re development of Information kit and requesting copy of our Association Competition Fixture Book. Our Competition Fixture Book has not been compiled at present.

5) Inter-district Correspondence, entry forms etc received and all information given to Dennis Stimson. Competition and Junior sub-committee to handle.

6) Another letter from Chris McInerney re subsidisation enclosing copy of letter he received from Barry Masters. Same matter as previous and referred to G&FM sub-committee to handle.

7) Letter from Shortland Insurance Brokers advising that Nita Masen's claim falls short of excess and that we should settle with her directly. Sample release form was enclosed and Mavis will get release form and cheque to Steve to handle.

8) Letters from Senior Veterans Group re Gold Card. To be discussed in General Business.

9) Letter from Chris McInerney thanking Committee for their assistance to Paul over many years.

10) Trophy correspondence - Will be passed on to Mick Nagle.

11) Letter of resignation from Anthony Hickey. He will remain on Competition Competition and continue to run the night comps. Notice to go on the board to fill vacancy. President thanked Anthony for his assistance in the past.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Outstanding - Gosford City Council for \$943 (services) and from Gosford RSL Club for \$25 for a turkey (ref LMW raffle). Bank balance as at 31/1/95 - \$21,320.46. Junior tournament a big success. Murray moved to accept report and seconded by David Graham. Report accepted.

COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE: Matthew queried whether George Lee could send out correspondence to people owing money and was advised that as Mavis is sending out similar letters to people owing money that George should get his list to Mavis to handle.

Fred Every advised that the Competition sub-committee is happy with the guidelines provided and will abide by those guidelines

Steve pointed out that sub-committee must try to be consistent in usage of survey results i.e. dissatisfaction with 6 team comps (A & C grade). Also with regard to starting times, Steve felt that the Draw book was set out very well and that teams should enforce starting times by taking sets when rules are not followed.

Dennis Stimson pointed out that it is up to individual teams to book their outside courts. It is not up to this committee. This must be made clear to the teams to avoid problems such as occurred at Woy Woy last weekend where a team had not booked the court.

Dennis Stimson moved that Brian Thompson not be allowed to play for Toohey's Warriors (B3) due to his grade. Motion seconded by Matthew Roberts. Considerable discussion followed.

Voting - 6 in favour, 2 opposed. Motion carried. Steve advised Comp Secretary to advise Brian Thompson that the Main Body decision is that he may not play in that team and suggest he find a team in an appropriate division.

Dennis Stimson moved that Shane Ward not be allowed to play for the Gamblers in B2 due to his grade. Motion seconded by David Graham. Again, considerable discussion and vote taken. 7 in favour and motion carried.

Dennis Stimson expressed concern regarding players moving up 2 and 3 grades. This situation differs from the other two situations in that the remaining teams in the division are not being disadvantaged. However, the player is disadvantaged when they are moved to a much higher division.

Fred Every felt that a rule regarding players not being allowed to move up or down more than 2 grades would assist the sub-committee in grading. Sub-committee to work on wording and bring to next meeting of main body.

Steve Gibson advised of a very successful Junior Open with a record 570 entries received. Matthew felt one of the reasons was that boys and girls were at the same complex and Steve and Dennis felt that the odd - age group was an important asset for the tournament and junior tennis in general. Considerable discussion followed regarding the positive reasons for odd age group events which we would like to see publicised. Matthew Roberts was thanked for his "Usual good job" on the Jr Open i e television, radio and newspaper involvement.

Steve advised that the number of late entries was in part due to the fact that the tournament calendar came out too late for the entries to be made in time and that we must look at that for next year. He also advised that he will push for the Jr Open to be given Cat 2 status.

McDonalds R/R coming up this Sunday with 202 entries received which provide considerable income to GDTA. Regional meeting decided that entrants from outside the region could not play in the play offs - they may however play on the card. Steve requested assistance from anyone who might be around to assist in the running of the R/R.

LADIES MID WEEK: Pat Healy advised LMW had lost a division, were not using courts 5 and 6 however were using 2 courts at the bottom. Steve advised there is still a problem with the urn even though it had been modified and will keep working on it to solve the danger problem.

GROUNDS & FINANCIAL MANAGMENT: Murray advised that valuation not yet received and that bottom lease had expired however no reason for concern as they are progressing. Matters the sub-committee did need to deal with would be subsidy of players, provision of shade, ladies toilet area, list of assets of the association, court resurfacing, court 9 subsidizing. D&O Liability policy to go into effect shortly with insurance company requiring information re history of our legal costs, etc. It was explained that this will protect committee members and unfortunately will cost the association approximately \$5,000. Murray to be away for the next 3 weeks. Steve advised that he will ask Rex to come up with Specifications for Tender to repair subsidance problem on court 9 in order to obtain quote to get the repair work done.

Suggestion to request financial assistance via grant applications through the various government bodies.

Steve asked for letter to go out to Passmore's for \$1,000 sponsorship pledge and signage fee. Letters should also go out to Kathy Bowler and Central Coast Tennis Academy for signage fees.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Murray advised of break and enter resulting in a loss of approximately \$3,000. Claim will be put into insuror to reclaim some of the money.

Mavis requested reasons for lock on the office being changed. Steve gave a number of reasons and said he felt far too many keys were out and money had been lost/stolen/miscalculated, damage to trophies etc. Steve felt the meeting room should be utilised as an office and the present office be used only as a Cashier's office. A number of committee members gave their reasons for needing keys to the office.

Gold Card concern by senior players raised by Steve. Discussion followed. Murray advised that senior gold card members in 1992 was 25, 1993 -19 members, 1994 - 12-1/2 members.

Motion by Murray that the Gold Card for fees remain the same. Motion seconded by David Graham. Vote taken - In favour 4, opposed 5. Motion failed.

Motion from Matthew Roberts and seconded by Anthony Hickey as follows: Fees for the Gold Card to remain as is except for those members who produce a Pensioner Concession card, the fee be reduced to \$150. Vote taken - In favour 7, Opposed 2. Motion carried.

Secretary asked to send letters out to members who have not paid the fees for the Junior Open as well as those who haven't paid fees for the Championships asking for payment within 14 days and advising that unfinancial members will not be allowed to compete in any competition held by this association.

Steve advised there will be a meeting of the Central Coast Veterans Assn and invited any interested committee members to attend.

The feasibility of a Club Captain briefly discussed.

Sample of the Synpave Rebound Classic surface circulated.

Paul McInerney's win as the National 16 Champion - Steve suggested we acknowledge in some way. It was suggested that a photo and plaque in club would acknowledge his accomplishment. All agreed - Matthew to organise.

Pat Healy questioned progress on Court 5. Steve advised Snaewart people have had a numbers of delays however we are following up to get the repair work done.

Letter from Margaret Pye re problem during Monday Night Ladies read. No action will be taken unless letter from LMW committee received.

Dennis discussed a number of points to be raised at yearly review of CCTA lease. Mavis and Dennis to get letter out to CCTA for review meeting between CCTA and G&FM Sub-committee to be held on 15th March at 8:00 pm.

Meeting closed at 12:01 am.