

GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12/7/95

The meeting opened at 7:38 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Stimson, Matthew Roberts, Steve Gibson, Mavis Slingsby, Tony Stuckey, Anne Thomas, Ove Thapper, Pat Healy, Murray Vaughan, Megan Healy.

APOLOGIES: Mick Nagle, David Graham

MINUTES: Minutes of previous meeting had been distributed and Tony Stuckey moved they be accepted and motion was seconded by Anne Thomas. Motion Carried.

MATTERS ARISING: Query as to whether money had been received from Passmores. It was reported that Kumon Maths people would probably be taking over Passmores sign. Murray Vaughan to approach Duncan Passmore re outstanding signage and sponsorship money.

Matthew Roberts reported that Citicoast Driver Education wants to put up a sign down at bottom courts. Citicoast are prepared to sponsor Gosford Championships. Retravision is prepared to sponsor C'ships again. Matthew to ascertain if sole sponsorship required by either sponsor or possibility of co-sponsorship.

Entry forms for Brisbane Water Open should be completed by the 2nd week of the last round of i/district.

Matthew Roberts queried shadecloth. Dennis Stimson reported that it has been difficult to get Brian Healy and Rex together but will work on it.

Country Perpetual trophy has been purchased and will be presented tomorrow.

Minutes should reflect that the purchase of raffle tickets was from Ben Preston and Jodie Thompson.

Tournament Marshall's role was queried. Mavis to send a letter to Barry Masters querying the tournament marshall system.

CORRESPONDENCE: (OUTGOING)

- 1) Letter from Peter Taylor re Spalding ball sponsorship.
- 2) Letter from Peter Taylor promoting Country C'Ships.
- 3) Letter from McDonalds Tennis re Junior Development. Ref to Junior Committee.
- 4) Letter from Gosford Council advising that yearly rental will be \$12,000 per annum (inclusive of rates). Ref G&FM.
- 5) Brochure for seminar on Windows program.
- 6) Letter from Aust Bureau of Statistics re Building Activity (Band Hall). Mavis to ring and advise that RTA and Council are involved with that building.
- 7) Letter from the Lew Hoed Bone Marrow institute. Mavis to place on notice board.
- 8) Sports Performance Assessment Center correspondence. Mavis to place on notice board.
- 9) Correspondence from Tennis NSW re Tennis Fun Day to be held Feb 11 1996. McDonalds R/R is being held at Gosford on that day.
- 10) Letter from Dennis Preston requesting we purchase raffle tickets.
- 11) Letter from Tennis NSW inviting nominations for Country Director. Steve Gibson advised he would be happy to be a director again unless anyone else was interested. Mavis to send in nomination form.
- 12) Letter from Country Tennis re Jack Crawford Shield.
- 13) Brochure from Sports Development Council advising of various courses available. Place on notice board.
- 14) BBC Credit card renewal (2). Mavis to give to Gary and Rex.
- 15) Letter from Penmans Solicitors enclosing letter of demand from Council's solicitors. Steve to contact Penmans.
- 16) Letter from Neil Packer regarding a conduct penalty imposed on his son and also the penalty imposed on Paul Roberts. Lengthy discussion followed re the penalties imposed for obscene language and physical abuse. Motion was then moved by Tony Stuckey that a suspension, duration to be decided at this meeting, be placed on Paul Roberts. Motion was seconded by Anne Thomas. Vote taken - 5 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Motion was then moved by Tony Stuckey to suspend Paul Roberts for two weeks from all Association activities. The President and Vice President advised that it would involve weeks and months of correspondence and work by the Secretary and this committee.

Motion was seconded by Megan Healy. Dennis Stimson read the procedures that must be followed from the Constitution. Tony Stuckey then withdrew his motion and amended the motion to a suspension period of 3 weeks. No second to the motion was received. Motion was withdrawn and original motion was moved again by Tony Stuckey that Paul Roberts be suspended from all Association activities for a period of two weeks. Motion seconded by Megan Healy. Vote taken - 5 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstain. Motion carried. The President then instructed the Secretary to invoke the appropriate parts of the Constitution to put the suspension into order.

TREASURERS REPORT: Murray Vaughan reported on a number of large accounts. We have paid \$5,100 to the court resurfacing company for the first 2 courts, \$8,310 affiliation fees to Tennis NSW. Approximately \$2,700 for i/d shirts needs to be paid. Telecom account was discussed which is approximately \$1400. Steve Gibson looking over the account and advised that there was a large amount of STD calls made from 252921. He felt that in future all Association-related calls, STD or otherwise, be made from the telephone in the meeting room and the phone in the clubhouse have an STD bar placed on it to avoid visiting players/teams from making STD calls - they should use the Gold Phone.

The Treasurer advised details of our financial position. We are in a good position financially and should have no difficulty in covering costs involved in complex improvements. Court hire income is down. It was felt that the drop was probably due in a large part to the considerable rain we have had.

Murray advised that the G&FM had recommended a 5% increase in wages for Rex and Gary. Committee agreed.

JUNIOR SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Dennis Stimson has spoken to a number of 12U and 14U boys about their behavior during the Little Masters. It appears they have heeded the warnings. There have been concerns voiced re A grade players bringing their children up or going down to play with their children in Saturday comp. That matter to be dealt with by Competition Subcommittee.

Dennis has letter to Paul Roberts as directed by the Junior Subcommittee which is basically a warning letter.

Dennis queried whether the Junior S/Comm letter to Paul Roberts advising of their decision should be sent. He was advised not to send the letter as it would only confuse the issue since the decision of the Junior S/Comm had been overruled.

Discussion followed regarding the protest made by the Junior Subcommittee regarding the McDonalds Regional Committee's exclusion of Gerard Lee and Scott Eaton from the Regional Squad.

Steve Gibson and Matthew Roberts advised the committee of some of the good results of Gosford players at the Country C'Ships.

SOCIAL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Megan Healy advised that they would like to present special awards at the Presentation night - possibly a Player of Each Grade, President's Award and a Junior Encouragement Award. She was advised to liase with the Competition S/Comm on how the persons receiving awards would be chosen. Megan showed samples of proposed awards i e caps and shirts to be embroidered with GDTA. Costs involved were discussed.

Procedures for nomination of players was discussed. Tony Stuckey moved that a shield or plaque be purchased for the Player of the Year. Megan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Concern voiced over the closeness of the Presentation night and the Interdistrict BBQ. Dennis felt this would 'spell disaster' for one or both functions however no date changes were made.

COMPETITION SUBCOMMITTEE: Tony Stuckey advised of some complaints regarding grading of Saturday comp however pointed out some of the reasons and problems involved in grading of the teams. Mixed teams were a big problem with teams of players with varying abilities causing difficulty. Considerable discussion followed. Suggestions on how to combat the problems were made.

Dennis queried situation re team from Bateau Bay/Forresters Beach.

INTERDISTRICT REPORT: Sean Karam's participation in the i/d team was discussed. Dennis was advised to discuss situation with Ian Campbell.

Kristy Herring has a new job which will interfere with her playing on Sundays. Sarah Preston has a back injury which will prevent her playing for at least a week. Shane Mayles will not be back this Sunday. Joshua Huxley has been allowed to play at Sawtell. Dennis understands state coaches are putting pressure on squad members to play at Sawtell. Gosford, however, should not allow quite a few members as there are not players to replace them. Joshua Huxley was allowed as he was in a team of 8 players.

GROUNDS & FINANCIAL SUBCOMMITTEE: No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Pat Healy advised that concerns had been voiced re lines that were too light on some of the courts. Steve said we should be able to use some of the line paint being used on the bottom courts to rectify the problem.

Two quotes have been received for the work to be done on courts 5-9 and we will be getting quote from Council to do some of the work as well.

Pat Healy queried whether we could stop teams entering with outside courts which may be contributing to the drop in court hire income. Committee was advised we do not have the right to knock back entries from outside courts. We can however, try to encourage use of Gosford courts.

Megan expressed concern over the amount of alcohol being consumed by A grade players on Saturday afternoons. She felt it is adversely affecting the competition in A grade and is not sure if the problem exists in the other grades. President advised committee to ask around to get opinions/feed-back and we'll discuss further at next meeting.

Meeting closed at 11:13 pm.