

Minutes of the JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE Meeting held April 30, 1997.

In Attendance: Stephen Gibson, Kerry Maraga (8:10p.m.), Matthew Roberts, Dennis Stimson, Ove Thapper.

Apologies: Ross McKenzie.

Meeting Commenced at 7:45p.m.

The minutes of the last meeting held March 31 were read and accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mr. O. Thapper Seconded: Mr. S. Gibson CARRIED

Business Arising:

* Mr. D. Stimson reported that he was contacted by the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Bryce Grossell, informing him that there was another letter of appeal by Neil Packer re: 16/U Boys Singles rankings. It was decided that Mr. D. Stimson and Mr. M. Roberts will represent this committee at the Appeals Hearing. The consensus of this committee was that our reply was an accurate account of the discussion held on March 31.

Correspondence In:

- 1/ Mr & Mrs Clancy re: Jessica withdrawing from Association Squad.
- 2/ Trish Clancy re: dates of unavailability for Jessica in Sydney Inter-district.
- 3/ Lyn Andrews re: dates of unavailability for Vanessa in HVCC Inter-district.

Permission was granted by the committee for the weeks they are "unavailable". Mr S. Gibson pointed out that this committee had become too slack in recent years in that many players now have dates where they are unavailable. In the past, players had to be available for all matches unless sick or injured.

Correspondence Out:

- 1/ Neil Packer re: appeal of Dean's ranking.
- 2/ Keith O'Neil re: Sydney Inter-district queries.
- 3/ Rochelle Rosenfield re: letter of congratulations.

Sydney Inter-District:

Grading of Sydney Interdistrict is complete, but not yet published as far as we know. Mr. D. Stimson reminded the meeting that a number of reserves had been registered in various teams. These players are reserves only.

Mr. D. Stimson gave a detailed account of Ben Howen's withdrawal from Gosford's Inter-district team and the emergence of a Tuggerah 14/u Boys Sydney Inter-district team. Ben withdrew from Gosford's team to play in Tuggerah's team. Dennis said he had spoken at length to the O'Neil's, Howen's and Brett Hagan to prevent Ben from switching teams and explaining why.

There was lengthy discussion on the reasons and ethics behind Ben's withdrawal. The meeting agreed that his withdrawal had affected a number of teams and age groups and may set a dangerous precedent.

it was decided that we invite the Howens in for a meeting with this sub-committee on Friday, May 9 at 7:30p.m. Mr. M. Roberts will inform the Howens in writing...

Hunter Valley-Central Coast Interdistrict:

Mr.M.Roberts explained that Gosford had 9 teams; 6 mixed teams and 3 boys teams. He then presented these teams to the meeting. Matthew Jepson should play every week in the 12/u Mixed #2 team and Jenny Baldwin should play every week in the 16/u Mixed #2 Team. Inter-district begins on May 18. Gosford fixtures commence at 11:00a.m.

It costs \$10 to register teams in the competition.

Managers need to be looked into.

Mr.M. Roberts suggested that we hold another manager's meeting, similar to the meeting that was successful in 1996. Some members of the meeting felt that the giving out of information at the Interdistrict BBQ would be enough.

Squads:

Mr.D. Stimson reported that there had been a number of withdrawals from our Association squads. Various reasons had been given by juniors & their parents. It appears that some juniors are dissatisfied with the way that the squads are being run.

The players who have withdrawn are as follows:-

MON NIGHT- Amanda Crook, Ben Gilchrist-Martin, Stephen Gregory, Chad Thompson. (8 remain).

THURS NIGHT- Jessica Clancy, Tamara Davoren, Niklas Thapper, Shane Mayles, Dean Packer. (7 remain)

FRI NIGHT - a couple of juniors are yet to attend this term but no withdrawals so far. (13 remain).

Mr. D.Stimson has spoken to Rod Rosenfield approx. 2 weeks ago re: problems of losing players to our squads and lack of coaches on court with the kids.

Kerry Dock has had little to do with our squads. Not all the players who have withdrawn are unhappy with the squad.

There was lengthy discussion about why the squads are unpopular. The meeting recommended that the licensees be made officially aware of the various problems with the squads. Mr. D.Stimson, Mr. S.Gibson and possibly Mr.M.Roberts to attend this meeting.

In the meantime a few names were suggested to bolster the squads:

MON- Clint Harris, Matthew Jepson, Ellen Rosten, Johanna Davis.

THURS - Carlie Ballard, Cassandra Knight, Nadia Bone, Hayley Newton, Mandy Stafford-Smith.

Mr.D.Stimson to approach these players.

When less than 10 players are in a squad, the Association loses a reasonable amount of money.

General Business:

* Special Regional Meeting at Cessnock will be held on May 4.

* GDTA has not received ball allocation from Tennis NSW because Mr.D.Stimson has not had an opportunity to send in the squad forms to Tennis NSW.

* Mr.M.Roberts asked about the Paul O'Sullivan Junior Player of the Year award. After short discussion, it was agreed that Dennis ask Nathan Healey and Melissa Dowse to submit player resumes for the calendar year of 1996 only.

* The organisation for the Inter-district BBQ is well underway. The date is Saturday May 17 6:00p.m. The managers will need to be made aware of this date.

* There is still no Inter-district co-ordinator for 1997. Mr.D. Stimson said that there was no interest from the members of the Main Committee in taking up the position.

* David Hawkins has been helping with the Sunday Morning Competition. More helpers needed. Mr. M. Roberts suggested that parents from the competition be asked to get involved.

* Mr. M.Roberts raised his concerns with the future of the GDTA as an "Association" with regards to junior players. Junior competitions are now running independently of the GDTA almost every day across the district.

This makes it almost impossible to monitor juniors' progress and identify talent, and give them further opportunities (such as rep. honours). This also means a lack of registered players in the GDTA and a lack of a big competition which provides a wide range of standards.

There was lengthy discussion on this topic and it appears that this is a problem.

* Mr.S.Gibson informed the meeting of the new player registration system at Tennis NSW which will be implemented as of July 1, 1997. The term "Advantage Receiver" will no longer apply and be replaced simply by a player registration number. The insurance and other benefits will still apply.

He urged committee members to read the Tennis NSW handout and reply in writing to Tennis NSW with their input.

Meeting Closed at 10:40 p.m.

