

Minutes of the JUNIOR Sub-Committee meeting held February 19, 1997.

In Attendance: Stephen Gibson, Ross McKenzie, Kerryn Maraga, Matthew Roberts, Dennis Stimson, Ove Thapper.

Apologies: Nil

Meeting commenced at 7:50 p.m.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 5th were read.

Business Arising:

Mr D. Stimson wanted it added to the last minutes that round robin classic court fees were also discussed. The licensees accepted the \$500 offer made by the GDTA for the day.

The motion about Sunday Morning Competition fees was rescinded at a recent GDTA Main meeting. This means that we are now able to charge \$3 per player with 50c per player going back to the GDTA. The squad fees were also passed at the same meeting.

Mr. D. Stimson reported that the Main Committee is against paying court hire for the Northumberland Regional Elite Squad.

Mr. O. Thapper wanted to know why the Regional Elite Squad is charging a full term fee of \$80 for Term 1 when it is a 7-week term. Mr. M. Roberts replied that this was an error made by the head coach and this issue would be taken to the next Regional meeting and he would seek to amend fees for Term 2.

Correspondence:

1) TENNIS NSW - Re: squad application forms

- Mr. D. Stimson will fill these out and send to Tennis NSW.

2) KERRYN MARAGA - Re: Lee's unavailability for Sydney Interdistrict on June 15 & 22, 1997. Discussion will be held over until a later meeting.

Squads:

Mr D. Stimson reported that after a number of phone calls, the make-up of the squads was complete. See attached sheet for list of squad members. Squads will be held on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

There was a request from Ann Bull to change from Monday to Friday squad as she will be unable to attend on Mondays. The Committee agreed.

Jamie Aulsebrook and Natasha Rose will be unable to attend Term 1 but wish to be considered for Term 2. The Committee agreed to include them both in the Friday squad for Term 2.

The new players in the Thursday squad (4 boys, 1 girl) would only be charged \$48 for term 1.

Licensees will be paid fortnightly for squads. Money to be arranged by Mr. D. Stimson.

Mr. D. Stimson raised the possibility of having a Tuesday boys squad for the older boys (particularly those who missed out). This would be for players of HVCC Interdistrict standard.

Junior Comp:

Brief discussion on the player strength for the proposed junior afternoon competition. Mr. D. Stimson mentioned the possibility of a number of top players from across the region and Hornsby area are interested in playing.

Junior Singles Rankings:

There was brief discussion as to whether the rankings are necessary. Mr. D. Stimson and Mr. M. Roberts favoured a regular updating of rankings, perhaps every 5 weeks, feeling that this is the only effective way of keeping up with results. Mr. S. Gibson felt that the rankings should be altered a minimum of every 3 months because there are not always many changes to make.

Mr. D. Stimson said he received a verbal request from Alana Slingsby - not to be included in the rankings. Discussion followed - does this mean she does not want to play tennis or be in representative teams ? Dennis to speak to Alana's mother for exact clarification. Should Interdistrict selection be dependant on being included in our rankings?

The meeting agreed that the Chairman and Secretary will confer on a rankings list and come up with the names, age groups and approximate order of players. This would be discussed, then ratified/changed and the next junior sub-committee meeting. There was a worry that a lot of time was wasted on the junior rankings at meetings.

Round Robins

We spent \$20 per age group on trophies for our Classic Round Robin. There was no 18s or 10s girls. 50 c per player will go to the region. The region will send Gosford an account after the March 9 round robin.

We collected \$25 for Advantage Receiver on February 9. Mr S. Gibson explained that forms need to be filled out, with the players' details and association listed on the form. Mrs K. Maraga will ring the players and send the forms, and money to Tennis NSW.

Mr. D. Stimson and Mr. M. Roberts indicated they were available to assist at Gosford for the Wyong round robin this Sunday. Mrs K. Maraga to contact the Wyong round robin co-ordinator.

Discussion followed about Advantage Receiver. According to Mr. D. Stimson, there are flaws in the system of membership and extra work for voluntary committees because of Advantage Receiver. Does it mean that players technically do not have to be members of an affiliated club/association ? Mr. S. Gibson explained that Advantage Receiver is still in its early stages because associations are still joining (only 4 major associations to join now).

Interdistrict:

We have received no correspondence about Sydney Interdistrict for 1997. No-one at this stage is willing to take on either Interdistrict Co-ordinator position.

Brief discussion on whether our emphasis for representative tennis should be toward Sydney or Hunter Valley-Central Coast Interdistrict.

General Business:

Mr. M. Roberts mentioned that he had spoken at length to Tennis ACT about the teams event the GDTA were invited to. he also got detailed prices and canvassed some players at random. However, he pointed out that there is a clash with the Australian Grasscourt Titles, and other events and that the March 22/23 dates were probably not suitable.

He said that perhaps we should try later in the year November/December as it is a worthwhile event.

Mr M.Roberts asked if letters of congratulations had been sent to our Australian champions for 1997. He then suggested that letters of congratulations be sent to Melissa Dowse, Adam Feeney and Ryan Healey for their successive in their respective state teams in the Australian Teams Carnival held earlier this year.

Meeting Closed 9:30 p.m.

