

Minutes of the JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE meeting held February 5, 1997.

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

Also In Attendance: Rod Rosenfield, Kerry Dock (they entered the room at 8:35p.m.).

Apologies: Ove Thapper

The meeting commenced at 7:45p.m.

Correspondence:

It was agreed that all Correspondence and Business arising be held over until the next meeting.

Squads:

Mr D. Stimson suggested that Mr M. Roberts should make a list of suggestions for our new coaches. These included: fitness, sprint work, supervised match play, use of gym and giving juniors the opportunity to learn a training program, variety in drills.

Junior Competition:

There was long discussion on the future directions of the proposed new junior competition. Mr. D. Stimson spoke in favour of it being held on a Wednesday for a variety of reasons. He raised a few ideas on how the comp could run.

Mrs K. Maraga & Mr. M. Roberts were in favour of the competition but raised some concerns about the day and that it might draw players away from our squads and other competitions.

It was raised about a possible crossover with Neil Packer's proposed Wednesday Junior "Comp" and that teams could play wherever they like in Gosford City. It appears this will be necessary if we get a reasonable response from players.

It was raised by Ms. K. Maraga if teams could play from Woy Woy. There was lengthy discussion and disagreement why this would occur when teams were moved from Woy Woy courts midway through the Sunday Morning Competition last year. Mr D. Stimson explained that it was not an Association decision, but a private one between he and Mr Packer. The previous decision had nothing to do with the GDTA.

Rod Rosenfield entered the room

Squads:

Rod Rosenfield gave his "vision" on how the squads would run, emphasising how important it was to keep all squad members "busy".

Mr. D. Stimson explained that our squads are selected every six months and that our committee usually requires a report on players' performance, attitude and attendance.

Rod Rosenfield discussed a possible squad program for 1997 which included some new initiatives and drills. Mr. M. Roberts raised some points about our squads and how many of our juniors were not getting anything out of them.

Mr S. Gibson reminded the meeting that there is no coaching at our squads, they are purely training squads.

Fees were discussed at length. Our committee will make an "offer" to the new licensees. The squads will begin from Monday next week.

It was decided that we would attempt to arrange a Monday squad (12 & under mixed), Tuesday squad (older boys), Thursday squad (older girls) and Friday squad (14 & under mixed).

Junior Competition:

Rod Rosenfield asked if he could arrange a sponsor for the Wednesday Night Junior Comp. Our Committee agreed enthusiastically. The sponsor would probably supply the balls.

He also mentioned that he had received phone calls about the "Friday Night Comp" on the 25 2921. He wanted advice on to handle these calls.

Lengthy discussion about times and formats for the comp.

Junior V.I.P. Card:

Mr M.Roberts asked about a junior gold card. The licensee explained that the cost will be \$20 per quarter or \$75 per annum. This applies to any non-working juniors under 18 years of age as at 31/12/97. This would also include various discounts.

Fees:

It was agreed that we offer the licensees \$50 per hour for our squads. We recommend that the Association would subsidise the rest. The 1st term recommended fee would be \$56 per player and \$80 per term for the rest of the year.

The Sunday Morning Comp fees were raised. Fees have already been set at the main committee meeting early in 1997. Mr D.Stimson suggested that the \$2 fee needs to be adjusted to \$3 because of the current licensee situation. The committee agreed. He added that perhaps 50c per player would come back to the Association no matter where they played.

The Wednesday Junior Comp fees were raised. It was agreed that the fee be \$4 per player with \$1 per head going back to the Association - wherever they play.

General Business:

Mr. D. Stimson was appointed squad director for 1997.

Mr. M. Roberts mentioned that he thinks that our Association no longer will receive the 2 dozen ball quota for our Classic Round Robins in 1997. This is because of the lack of sponsorship in tennis.

The committee discussed the licensees request that the players attending regional squad at Gosford pay an extra \$32 per week for court hire. This would have to be referred to the region and then the GDTA would have to decide whether this is viable for the players.

The meeting closed at 11:00p.m.