

Minutes of the *JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE* meeting held May 28, 1997.

In Attendance: Stephen Gibson, Matthew Roberts, Dennis Stimson, Ove Thapper.

Apologies: Nil

Meeting Commenced at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes of the meeting held April 30, 1997 were read and accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting

Moved: Mr. S.Gibson

Seconded: Mr. O.Thapper

CARRIED

Business Arising:

* Mr. S. Gibson reported that the Interdistrict BBQ went fairly well. Attendance was a bit below that of previous years.

* Mr. S. Gibson wished to clarify the Advantage Receiver change. It is being replaced by the Tennis NSW Player Registration.

* The meeting with Ben Howen was moved back a week to May 16, 1997 due to the Howen's unavailability to attend on May 9.

* Mr. D. Stimson reported that he has not phoned the new players to fill the gaps in the squads because he and Mr. S. Gibson have not had an opportunity to approach the licensees about the squads. He felt that it would be unfair to ask these kids as the future is still up in the air.

The squad situation was again discussed and it was the consensus of the meeting that we had reached a critical point with our Association squads.

Mr. D. Stimson reported that there are only 7 players left in the Monday Night squad and 5 left in the Thursday night squad. There appear to be no problems with the Friday night squad.

Discussion followed as what do next. Perhaps any action should be held over until the licensee(s) are confirmed. There is a danger that members may lose faith in our squads and may not return.

Mr. M. Roberts felt that it is the Association's responsibility to run an Association squad because of what (in theory) we could offer the kids and that if we cancel these squads, our players would be losing 2 hours of tennis a week.

The meeting generally agreed with this but also felt that as a Committee, we are left with little choice and then perhaps look at a fresh approach from term 3.

Squad fees will need to be addressed because of less players attending and wet weather.

Mr. D. Stimson and Mr. S.Gibson will approach the licensees in the near future.

Correspondence In:

1/ Gosford Tennis Academy - brochure of their tennis services.

2/ Tennis NSW - Country Divisional Coaching School

3/ Melissa Dowse - tennis 'player resume'

4/ Nathan Healey - tennis 'player resume'

5/ Bryce Grossell - Appeals Committee Chairman re: Dean Packer.

There was a concern from this committee that the reply we received did not sufficiently explain the reasons for the appeals committee altering our junior singles rankings. Mr. D. Stimson will follow up at the next main body meeting.

6/ Tennis NSW - Lipton Club Grants Program Application form.

With so few on our committee we don't really have anyone who can follow this up - despite its importance. Mr. M. Roberts to approach Mavis Slingsby.

7/ Simon Woinarski - Tennis NSW Promotion and Development plan.

8/ Virginia Paul - re: Gavin's unavailability for Syd Interdistrict on August 10. Permission granted.

9/ Toby Schraer - re: Toby's unavailability for HVCC Interdistrict on June 22 and August 10. Permission granted.

10/ Greg Scriven - re: Regional Futures Squad and Regional Elite Squad nominations close on June 23.

Mr.M.Roberts emphasised the importance of making sure we were organised and made sure the players were all asked to submit player resumes.

Mr.S.Gibson felt that it was necessary only to ask any new nominations for their resumes. The committee agreed.

These nominations will be discussed at the next meeting.

Correspondence Out:

1/ Ben Howen - re: his attendance at a Special Meeting about Sydney Interdistrict.

Lengthy discussion followed about what action to take, if any, because of Ben Howen's withdrawal from a GDTA Sydney Interdistrict team after accepting to play. Ben is now playing with Tuggerah.

Mr. D.Stimson, Mr.M.Roberts and Mr.S.Gibson gave accounts of what they saw as the key points of the meeting.

It was the feeling of the meeting that Ben was misled but had still done the wrong thing. The Association runs Inter-district teams - not other people.

It was decided that since Ben withdrew from an Association activity in this way, our committee would recommend that he be withdrawn from an Association activity.

Moved: Mr. S. Gibson

Seconded: Mr.D. Stimson

"That Ben Howen be excluded from participating in the 1997 GDTA Association Championships"

CARRIED

This recommendation will now go to the next Main Committee meeting.

Paul O'Sullivan Award

Mr. M. Roberts read out the player resumes of Melissa Dowse and Nathan Healey.

The Committee agreed that both juniors had outstanding performances throughout 1996 and that it was too difficult to spilt them.

Moved: Mr. O. Thapper

Seconded: Mr. S. Gibson

"That Melissa Dowse and Nathan Healey be awarded joint winners of the 1996 Paul O'Sullivan Junior Player of the Year Award" **CARRIED**
Mr. D. Stimson to arrange prizes for the presentation.

GDTA Junior Singles Rankings:

There was an in-depth analysis of various junior singles results since our last meeting. Rankings were altered and will be posted by the end of the month.

Commonwealth Bank Country Divisional Coaching School:

This is on this year at Tuggerah from June 29 to July 4. It will cost \$20 per player for this camp. Our Association has a quota of 10 players allowed to participate. It was agreed that we select 3 16/u boys, 3 16/u girls, 2 14/u boys and 2 14/u girls for the camp. This may change according to acceptances.

Based on previous acceptances, billeting, perceived keenness of players and the rankings the committee chose a short list of 7 players per age (except 14/u girls) group to be asked. These players were:

16/U Boys - Rodney Cattanach, Anthony Webb, Paul Dunningham, Mathew Middleton, Toby Schraer, Neal Elliot, Neil Cattanach.

16/U Girls - Erika Russell, Tamara Davoren, Sandy Jackson, Donna Blackman, Cassandra Knight, Carlie Ballard, Mandy Stafford-Smith.

14/U Boys - Paul Roberts, Jamie Aulsebrook, Patrick Davoren, Tom Slingsby, Brett Healey, Nathan Gilbert-Smith, Joshua Morgan.

14/U Girls - Lauren Capps, Renee Barker, Sophie Klineberg, Natasha Rose, Amanda King.

Mr. D. Stimson to follow up.

General Business:

* Mr. M. Roberts gave a report on the Tennis NSW Junior Development Board meeting. One point which was, in principle, rejected by our committee was that all 12 and under events be round robins in 1998.

* The dates for State Junior League are tentatively September 6/7, 1997. The venue is not confirmed although George Fletcher is hoping that Gosford will be available. This is unlikely due to our Association Championships being held on one of these dates.

* Mr. M. Roberts asked about the dates for the 1997 Association Championships. Mr. S. Gibson reported that the dates were August 23, August 30/31, September 7, September 14. Mr. M. Roberts warned of clashes on all but one of these dates and that re-joining the Category A & B sections of the Championships could be to the detriment of the event and to the players who would like to play.

Meeting Closed at 11:00 p.m.

