

Minutes of the JUNIOR SUB-COMMITTEE meeting held October 13, 1997.

**In Attendance:** Kerryn Maraga, Matthew Roberts, Dennis Stimson, Ove Thapper.

**Apologies:** Stephen Gibson

*Meeting commenced at 7:59 p.m.*

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting held September 8, 1997.

Moved: Mrs. K. Maraga

Seconded: Mr. O. Thapper **CARRIED**

**Business Arising:**

\* Mr M. Roberts reported that the Northumberland Region received Gosford's bill for the player subsidy last month.

\* Mr M. Roberts raised the issue of player registration. He said that GDTA members are tired of excuses about the fact that most of them have not received their "Player Registration". After lengthy discussion it was agreed that it is totally unacceptable that we have to wait this long for the cards after we were promised initially it would take only "one or two weeks" for us to receive the cards. These ~~player registration cards~~ were due in mid-July.

Mr Roberts also reported that some members are still waiting for their 1996 cards. Mr. D. Stimson to urge the main committee to send a letter to Tennis NSW re: this issue.

\* Mr. D. Stimson and Mr. M. Roberts will be attending a Referee's Course on behalf of GDTA. Mr. Roberts will fill in the form and send to Barry Masters. the course will be held on 28/29 October.

\* The incident letters re: Interdistrict will be written and sent next week.

\* Mr D. Stimson will contact Lisa McCrory and Samantha Rose re: Monday squad.

**Correspondence In:**

1/ Vicki Dowse - re: Paul O'Sullivan award decision. It was stated that Melissa will not accept a joint award. Vicki said that a member of the main committee leaked the decision, which is supposed to be a secret. There was some discussion about the letter. We recommend that our decision to award joint 1996 winners, stands.

Mr. D. Stimson has already arranged prizes for both players.

**Correspondence Out:**

1/ Letter to Lyn Cornish - re: \$300 account for KUMON for Sunday Morning Comp sponsorship.

2/ Letters of Congratulations to 4 x members of Esca Stephens Div.1 team

4 x members of HVCC Div 2 14/11 team

we have received many positive comments about these and other letters of congratulations that we have sent.

**Squads:**

Mr. D. Stimson reported that a parent of one player has apologised for being unable to pay for terms 2 & 3. There was short discussion about squad payment and precedents etc. Perhaps they could apply in writing to pay in instalments or a discount? Mr Stimson will raise this issue at a main meeting. At the moment we will inform this parent that their child can remain in the squad.

The gym session was very popular with the squad. Mr. Stimson explained the financials behind it. It was decided that Mr M. Roberts organise another session for term 4. Rod Rosenfield has supported these sessions.

Joshua Morgan (Fri) needs to be phoned re : joining squad as does Julie Ryan (Thurs).  
The Monday squad in particular is running well.

### Regional Meeting:

Mr. D.Stimson and Mr. M.Roberts reported on a number of matters that came up at the recent Northumberland Regional Meeting.

There will be a trial with seeded cards in the 14/u and 16/u age groups for 1998 during the Classic Round Robin Series. There will be no 18/u only an open mens on 5 dates (the top 18s will still have a Champion of Champions).

All seedings for all round robins to be done by the regional selectors.

Wyong was re-instated as a round robin venue. Short discussion followed about the pros and cons of this..

### Sunday Morning Competition:

Going well. Thanks to Kerry Moon for lending assistance.

### Association Championships:

Mr. M. Roberts reported that the championships finals day was marred with bad weather. All but four of the matches will be played on October 12 and 19. These dates were announced on the day and there have been no real problems with these dates.

Ryan Healey has injured himself - what happens now ?? Mr. Stimson telephoned the Healeys and Ryan's condition will be finalised next Monday. It was decided that a decision will be made after that. Ryan has 3 finals to play - two of these involve this committee.

The Tennis Committee have queried the fact that there are junior first-time players who only joined the Association prior to taking the court for the Championships. Mr. Roberts explained that bringing new players into the Association is good for junior development, especially as most of the players being spoken about are not even 10 years old!

What happens is that they are allowed in so that they can be placed in competitions afterwards. Sometimes coaches/centres do not tell them about association activities - therefore the championships is sometimes an introduction to the GLTA for these players.

Mr. Stimson explained that there was a problem for the tournament committee in that one lady refused to pay for her two sons.

The committee was split as to whether to allow these new members to play in the future or exclude them. Lengthy discussion followed - should players have to play 3 competition matches to play in the championships?. Did the Tennis Committee adhere to these rules when the two new veterans played Interdistrict this year?- these new vets did not play three competition matches!!!

### General Business:

\* The entry form for the 1998 Gosford Junior Open needs urgent attention. Mrs K. Maraga made a suggestion re: printing. She will follow this up. We need to know when the closing date for entries is. The tournament will run from January 18-22.

Rod Rosenfield to be used as a contact phone number. Mr Roberts wanted to know whether he will have control over the tournament like Steve insisted on if this happens - ie. as tournament director, shouldn 't Matthew be the person to answer inquiries? Recommended that both phone numbers be on the entry form. Rod is happy to punch the names into a database.

Mr. D. Stimson to approach Singleton re: linking our tournaments.

Mr. M. Roberts to approach McDonalds for vouchers in exchange for umpiring.

Mrs K. Maraga suggested that we approach businesses to sponsor the tournament as per Sawtell, Port Macquarie etc. Kerry to follow this up and Matthew to approach Motels. \$50-00 per square.

The Committee like the Eastern Suburbs entry form layout but decided it was not practical for our needs ie. sponsors and extra events (odd ages).

The Committee looked over the entry form, changes to be checked with Steve.

Mrs K. Maraga suggested we send out draws and time draws in the mail.

The 11/u singles to be a round robin - in line with Tennis NSW policy. No 9/u round robin though.

Mr Stimson raised the possibility of an odd age feed-in, perhaps for those who do not reach the round of 16. This would be good for local players who find our tournament too tough nowadays. It was decided that we wouldn't have time or the courts.

The 18/u Mixed will be a sign in on day one.

8:00am umpires for first three days, to make things more consistent.

Mr. D Stimson to approach Lyn Graham re: court availability for Woy Woy on first 3 days or part of.

\* Mr. M. Roberts asked when the Paul O'Sullivan award will be presented. Is there a presentation night? Should we have a Junior presentation night? Mr. Stimson to approach social committee at next main meeting.

\* Melissa Dowse and Ryan Healey won national titles in Melbourne. Adam Feeney was runner-up. Congratulations letters to be sent.

\* There was a question as to if the committee had changed its policy re: financial assistance for "selection only" junior events. The question was asked that if this is not the case then why did we knock back assistance for Melbourne when we had given money to a number of players in the past for the exact same event. It was stressed that players are SELECTED to play in National Grasscourt and Claycourt titles.

Mr. M. Roberts said that it would be great, if budget permits, to give some assistance to our top players and support them as they have supported us. He asked about our financial situation given that we now receive a large amount from the licensees.

Mr. D. Stimson said he was unaware that players were selected for these events, but on the other hand it may be unfair to give money to only a handful of players.

Mr. Roberts replied that his point was about a perceived change in policy - not the money, after all not everyone asks/needs the money as many trips are funded in some way.

Should we have a junior development fund where we take \$1 from each junior open entry and have an account? This idea was, in general, disagreed with.

Mr. D. Stimson promised he would take this committee's concerns to the next main meeting.

*Meeting Closed at 11:00p.m.*

