

# MEETING HELD MONDAY 19/11/2001.

## AT GOSFORD DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

### CLUBS PRESENT:

G.D.T.A.:	Hal Moir, Stephen Gibson, Pat Healy, Jamie Byrnes, Chris Cox
TENNIS NSW:	Craig Watson, Kathy Fahim
UMINA:	Neil Packer, Carol Munday
KIMCUMBER:	Dale Horn, Mick Schmitzer, Gary Robertson
TERRIGAL:	Lyn Davis
ERINA:	Warner Huckle, Ray Light, John Ashworth
WYOMING:	David Graham
SARATOGA:	Alan Skinner, Jann Skinner
GOSFORD TENNIS:	Rod Rosenfield

Meeting convened by Tennis NSW to discuss problems associated with the Clubs and GDTA regarding tennis in general in the Gosford shire.

Hal Moir, President GDTA opened the meeting thanking everyone for attending on such a terrible night.

He then introduced Stephen Gibson who explained why the meeting had been convened stating that GDTA and the Clubs in the district should be working together to increase the number of people playing competition and for the Clubs to affiliate through GDTA with Tennis NSW Player Registration. A proposed fee of \$50.00 per year for the Clubs to affiliate with GDTA was mentioned. Clubs would send a list of their members, plus fees to GDTA to forward on to Tennis NSW.

Craig Watson then addressed the meeting. He stated that a district association is a group of clubs within the boundaries of the shire. NSW has throughout the state about 45,000 players some registered, some not. At present time we are at the crossroads of tennis and need to discuss ways and means of attracting players back to the game. Registration is a way of knowing who is playing and where. To gauge the structure of failures and successes that Tennis NSW provides.

Stephen then asked if there were any question or comments anyone would like to make.

Neil Packer started the ball rolling. He has some problems with GDTA that need addressing. He also stated that some of his players have been refused permission to play tennis at GDTA. Also discrimination against junior players from Tennis NSW.

Pat Healy then asked for cooperation from the clubs to place some of their junior players in the GDTA Junior Competitions that we conduct. It would be nice to sign up more players and perhaps look at a home and away bases for the teams, i.e. a team submitted from Umina have a home court at Umina, etc. GDTA would also like to increase their Inter-District teams.

Rod also stated that he thought a home and away system in all the competitions would be a good idea and it might encourage more players back

Neil stated that he has had feed back from people concerned at the lack of supervision during the junior competitions. At Umina he pays \$10.00 to some of his 15 year old juniors to supervise the competitions that he conducts at Umina. by standing on the court and advising them on scoring, and any problems players may have etc.

We need feed back which way the clubs would like to go even if it means a restructure of the Association as it now stands.

A lengthy discussion also took place regarding Insurance, especially Public Liability which needs to include Participant to Participant clause in the policy to cover injuries to players from foreign objects that should not be around the court

area. At present Tennis NSW has a Public Liability Insurance cover which costs \$77.00 per court. Neil also stated that if your insurance policy has Product included you are covered.

Carol Munday stated that Gosford Council has an SLE umbrella cover in their policy.

Information from Tennis NSW is not getting to the outside clubs, if they become affiliated with GDTA then this information can be forwarded to them as addresses are unknown.

Craig said that some of the Regional Clubs are not running very well especially in the South West of the state, with the exception of Griffith and Young who are doing wonderful things within their club – but still have a problem with Saturday competition. He also mentioned the State League which will be streamlined next year.

Communication from everyone seems to be a big problem and that is something we need to fix if we want things to work between GDTA and the other Clubs.

All attending agreed that a further meeting in February was needed to iron out some of the problems. Perhaps an inter club meeting every so often. Also a possibility of the coaches attending grading meeting of the juniors so we have some idea of their ability.

The Association needs to look at their own structure and ways and means of improving it. It is something that will no doubt be discussed at length at our Monthly meeting for any ideas and suggestions before the meeting in February.

Jamie Byrnes mentioned the web site and suggested that if any of the Clubs would like any information regarding any aspects of tennis within their club to appear on the web page please forward to him.