



SOUTH SUBURBAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION

PO Box 96, CANNINGTON WA 6107

Minutes of the Delegates Meeting held on Monday 4th October 2010

At
Canning Tennis Club

MEETING OPENED: 7.44pm

PRESENT:

Jean Love (Secretary) Fiona Turner (Treasurer) Peter Kepa (Recorder) Ian Love (Higgins Park)
Alan Francis (Maylands) Max Anderson (Armadale) Alicia Achari (Manning) John Cockburn (Canning)
Ernie Short (Bullcreek) Clark Marshall (East Fremantle) Peter Galbraith (Bullcreek) Peter Merry
(Belmont Park) Terry O'Gorman (Willetton) Wendy Tucker (Roleystone) Darryl Maxwell (Kelmescott)
Sharon Vermeer (Safety Bay) Rhonda Kulic (Parkwood) Lyn Searle (Mandurah) Adam Anderst
(Midland) Dick Finucane (Pignatelli) Graeme Shearwood (Roleystone) Lyn Marangoni (Kwinana)
Russell Staniland (Kwinana) Brendan Fernandez (Willetton)

APOLOGIES:

Rob Bellis (President) Carlene Wakefield (Parkwood) Danny Orchard (Higgins Park)

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS DELEGATES MEETING MINUTES: held on Monday 6th September 2010

Accepted: Clark Marshall (East Fremantle)

Seconded: Ernie Short (Bullcreek)

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

Tabled at meeting

Accepted: Max Anderson (Armadale)

Seconded: Sharon Vermeer (Safety Bay)

TREASURERS REPORT:

Tabled at meeting

Opening Balance - Cheque Acc			4,374.28
Receipts: H&H Trophies	50.00		
			4,424.28
Payments Jean Love - Post & Stationary	32.60		
Sponsorship	300.00	332.60	4,091.68
Account Balance - Gold Term Deposit	5844.33		
TOTAL FUNDS			\$9,936.01

Gold Term Deposit was reinvested for 4 months at 6% - Maturity date 17/01/11. Short term option taken due to a possible interest rate rise in December.

Accepted: Dick Finucane (Pignatelli)

Seconded: Ernie Short (Bullcreek)

RECORDING OFFICERS REPORT:

The preparations for the new season are well under way. We have 27 teams from 18 clubs.

The Club Office Bearer/Delegates info has been updated based on the information supplied to Recording Officer by the clubs. Copies of the updated lists are available at this meeting for delegates information. All Delegates are asked to make sure that their contact details are correct on the lists as these will be used to post the fixture books to each club.

Team nominations close tonight. The SSTA Executives will grade the teams nominated. The grading will be carried out following the closure of the Delegate's meeting. Once the grading is completed the Recording Officer will work out the fixtures for all the divisions. The Recording Officer has called on the Delegates present to advise him of any special requests regarding the fixtures.

- East Fremantle – Away 1st match
- Safety Bay – Away 1st match
- Mandurah – both teams home for 1st match then 1 team home the other away
- Armadale – both teams home together
- Maylands - 1 team home the other away
- Midland – A team home 1st match
- Belmont Park – home game for 4th match
- Parkwood – both teams home together
- Bullcreek – div1 on H/C at home – other div on clay
- Manning – 1 team home the other away

The fixtures will be available on the website from Tuesday morning and in the fixture book for the season.

Space in this season's fixture books is still available for advertising. The cost is still the same as previous seasons. The cost starts at \$50.00 per 1/8th of an A5 page. Please submit your ads to the Recording Officer ASAP. Submissions close Monday 11th October 2010.

The Recording Officer has obtained 2 quotes from the printers to print the fixture book. The quote for printing of 400 copies of books are - Condor Printing - \$675.00 - SNAP Burswood - \$1210.00

- Darryl Maxwell moved that we use Condor Printing but ensure correct print size for sponsor's advertisements.
- Peter requested cheque for \$675 for the printing of the books + \$81 postage and refund for photocopying.

Please note that due the limited time given to prepare, print and distribute the books they will not be available till 2nd week of fixtures.

Good luck to all for the coming season.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Peter Merry (Belmont Park) new contact phone number (08) 9221 5789
- Terry O Gorman (Willetton) advised delegates that due to a shortage of ladies Willetton are unable to field a team for the coming season. Terry requested a discussion of ideas on amalgamating/combining clubs to make up teams when there is a shortage of players in clubs.
- Ian Love congratulated Kelmscott on a well run tournament
- Darryl Maxwell read out the following letter from Samantha Carey

To The President and Committee of the South Suburban Tennis Association.

"As you are aware, the Kelmscott Tennis Club recently hosted the SSTA Tournament on the Queens Birthday Weekend in September 2010.

Whilst the Tournament ran smoothly and was a success, I feel the need to ask a question of the SSTA Committee.

Do the players of the SSTA affiliated clubs want this Tournament to be held every year?

If the response is yes, then why are they not showing some interest in participating in the event?

If the response is no, then why is a host club doing a lot of hard work in September every year?

On the closing date of the Tournament, we had 14 entries for the Ladies Doubles, 17 entries for the Men's Doubles and 17 entries for the Mixed Doubles. To increase the numbers, in order to make the Tournament worthwhile, a huge amount of time and energy was spent on the telephone by people at our Club. We were able to obtain 18 couples for the Ladies Doubles, 21 couples for the Men's Doubles and 32 couples for the Mixed Doubles. Considerable effort was required to achieve this.

All of you sitting in this room tonight know that most Clubs function due to the efforts of a few volunteers. You that are present would know this because you would be in the group of the “few volunteers” that get things done at your Club.

We are no different to any other Club.

We appreciate the opportunity to host the SSTA Tournament, however, it requires a lot, from a few to organize it and make sure that it runs as it should over the two days. I do not think that the host Club should have to telephone other Clubs and ask players to participate. Most players that were contacted, agreed to come and play, after we had organized a partner for them. If people are that apathetic about the Tournament, should the SSTA bother holding it at all?

I, personally, don't believe that holding it on a long weekend has a lot of bearing on whether people play or not. I also don't believe that the AFL Grand Final has any bearing.

Perhaps, each Club should be required to have a certain number of couples participate in the Tournament. Of course, this would probably not be received very well by Clubs!

Perhaps, the event needs to be held on a single day only and it is up to the host Club whether they hold a Ladies and Men's Doubles Tournament or a Mixed Doubles Tournament. Maybe, the two day event is too much for players.

Perhaps, the players, themselves should be asked what they are willing to participate in?

I don't know the answer and I am sure that there is no easy solution. It would be terrible for the Tournament to disappear altogether, especially for those players who look forward to it every year. Many thanks for taking my comments into consideration”.

- Peter Merry (Belmont Park) suggested we circulate Samantha's letter to all clubs for discussion.
- Max Anderson (Armada) thanked Kelmscott Tennis Club and moved we respond and circulate Samantha's letter to the delegates, to be addressed at the clubs committee meetings. Seconded Clark Marshall (East Fremantle)
- All SSTA tournaments to be included in this year's brochure.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45pm. NEXT MEETING: Monday 1st November commencing at 7.30 pm