

Maryborough & District Tennis Association

Teams Submission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 5 September 2017 at 7.30pm

Maryborough Tennis Centre

Present: Judy Lennen, Rosalie Douglas, Lyndon Tait, Leanne Britten, Mark McLay, Matt Veitch, Wendy Pickering-Tyers, David Willis, Taryn Soulsby, Daryl Driscoll, Heather Driscoll, Bethany Fitzpatrick, Sharon Beavis, Daniel Potter, Lauren Potter, Ron Potter

Apologies: Mark Christie, Holly Beavis, Rachel O'Halloran

Moved: David Willis
Seconded: Judy Lennen
Carried

Minutes of last meeting: Not sited

Moved: N/A
Seconded: N/A

Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: **In:** Email - Extra payment for Ladder Secretary 2016/17
Email - from Amphitheatre re: Format of junior competition
Out: Emails - Teams submission meeting and reminder

Treasurer's report: Nil since AGM

Moved: N/A
Seconded: N/A

General Business:

- **Extra Payment for Ladder Secretary 2016/17:** Agreed that Ladder Secretary 2016/17 be paid a total of \$250.00, \$200.00 already paid - \$50.00 extra to be paid.

Moved: Mark McLay
Seconded: Bethany Fitzpatrick
Carried

- **Team registrations:** Team Registration forms submitted:
 - A Grade (7) - Amphitheatre, Avoca, Bealiba, Gully White, Lawn Green, Majorca, Moonambel
 - A Reserve (2) – Avoca, Lawn Gold
 - B Grade (3) - Avoca, Gully Yellow, Talbot (tentative)
 - C Special (1) – Avoca
 - C Grade (2) – Amphitheatre, Avoca

Given the lack of teams submitted, particularly in the junior grades, discussion followed to determine a way forward. It was concluded that the above 5 grades would need to be reduced to 3 grades to allow a competition to progress. The 3 grades decided on were A, B and C Grades.

- **Format of Junior Competition:** A number of ideas and suggestions were discussed with the aim to encourage additional teams and attract more players, such as number of players, number of males and females in a team, length of season, finals format, player age limits, and umpiring. The potential to attract junior players from the 2016/17 Maryborough Tennis Sectional Competition which may not run this season was discussed. Discussions converged on the following motions, given there needed to be some departure from the rules:

- **C Grade Competition to trial the following format for the 2017/18 season:**
(Aim to run at least 4 teams including Amphitheatre and Avoca and try to get a team from last year's Sectional competition, and perhaps a second team from Avoca made up from players from the C Grade & C Special players)

- Reduce teams to 4 players, each player plays 3 sets, total number of sets played will be 6;
- Retain 6 games sets with no tie break.
- Shorten season to 11 weeks – commence 28 Oct 2017, (break for Energy Breakthrough, 25 Nov 2017) through to 16 Dec 2017, recommence 3 Feb 2018 through to 24 February 2018, Grand Final played on 3 Mar 2018 between first and second finishing teams on ladder.

Moved: Mark McLay
Seconded: Sharon Beavis
Carried

Timing for final submission of **C Grade Teams** by – Monday 9 Oct 2017
Draft Draw to be prepared for comment by - Friday 13 Oct 2017
Confirm Draw by – Monday 16 Oct 2017

- **B Grade Competition to trial the following format for the 2017/18 season:**
(Aim to run at least 4 teams including Avoca and Gully Yellow, try to get a team from Talbot, and perhaps a Lawn team made up from players from last year's C Special players)

- Reduce teams to 4 players, maximum 2 males, each player plays 3 sets, total number of sets played will be 6 with 1 men's, 1 women's and 4 mixed sets;
- 6 game sets to be played with tie breaks and players are to umpire their own sets.
- Games to be played in mornings;
- Maximum age of players is 17 as at 31 March 2018;
- Shorten season to 11 weeks – commence 28 Oct 2017, (break for Energy Breakthrough, 25 Nov 2017) through to 16 Dec 2017, recommence 3 Feb 2018 through to 24 February 2018, Grand Final played on 3 Mar 2018 between first and second finishing teams on ladder.

Moved: Sharon Beavis
Seconded: Judy Lennen
Carried

Timing for final submission of **B Grade Teams** by – Monday 9 Oct 2017
Draft Draw to be prepared for comment by - Friday 13 Oct 2017
Confirm Draw by - Monday 16 Oct 2017

- **Format of Senior Competition:** Given there was only 2 teams submitted for A Reserve it was concluded that either more teams are required, or the 2 teams would need to be combined with the A Grade teams to make a 9 team competition. Some concerns were identified by Lawn and Avoca that the younger players may not want to play in the higher grade. There were a number of suggestions including reviewing the competition at the Christmas break to determine if the draw could be split or modified to draw out an A Reserve draw from the 9 teams. Discussions converged on the following:

- **A Grade Competition for the 2017/18 season:**
(Aim to run 9 A Grade teams in accordance with the rules until Christmas break then review A Grade competition at that time)

- Season 2017-18 - 15 rounds
 - Rounds 1 to 10: 14 October to 16 December 2017
 - Rounds 11 to 15: 3 February to 3 March 2018
 - FINALS: 10, 17 & 24 March 2018
 - Championships Sunday 18 February 2018 (back up 25 February 2018 if required)

Timing for final submission of **A Grade Teams** by – Monday 18 Sep 2017

Draft Draw to be prepared for comment by - Friday 22 Sep 2017

Confirm Draw by - Monday 25 Sep 2017.

- **Special requests for Tennis Draw:**
 - Avoca A Grade younger team Bye for Energy Breakthrough 25 Nov 2017 if possible;
 - Gully White Bye for 14 Oct 2017 if possible;
 - Avoca A Grade older team Bye for Avoca Races 21 Oct 2017 if possible, or Play Bealiba if Bye not possible;
 - Avoca has only 2 courts available all year;
 - Lawn Courts first bay not available until 4 Nov 2017 possibly until after Energy Break event;
 - Amphitheatre A Grade and C Grade to play home on same day if possible;
 - Lawn and Gully C and B Grades to play home on same day if possible.
- **Affiliation fees (\$10 per team) from all clubs:** to be paid when team registrations have been finalised.
- **Clearances:** to be submitted before 31 December 2017.
- **Scorecard Lodgment Process:** The scorecard lodgment process will change this year. The process to be updated and emailed out and placed on the website. Cards can be slid under the front door of the Maryborough Tennis Centre or emailed / texted to the Ladder Secretary.
- **Club Office Bearers and Team Contact details:** to be submitted to MDTA Secretary. Secretary to contact Talbot Tennis Club for their details.
- **Publication of Player Photographs:** MDTA Secretary to email forms out when players are known.
- **Working with Children:** Just a reminder about the requirements surrounding the Working with Children rules.

Other Business:

- **MDTA Website:** Domain Central Name which is a biennial fee has been paid by Wendy Pickering-Tyers for 2017 to 2019. Wendy to provide invoice to be reimbursed \$49.90. The annual website hosting fee has been paid earlier. Ladder Secretary will be progressively updating the website.
- **MDTA Executive Acknowledgement Board:** Board to be updated with 2016/17 and 2017/18 executive and placed in Maryborough Tennis Centre Club Rooms.
- **Face Book Page:** to be discussed at the next MDTA meeting.

Next Meeting: T.B.A. or may be needed to discuss A & possible A Reserve Grade teams submissions prior to Friday 22 September 2017 and C & B Grade teams submissions prior to Friday 13 Oct 2017.

Meeting Closed: at 9.30.pm

Signed:

(Ron Potter- President)

(Lauren Potter - Secretary)