

Maryborough & District Tennis Association
MINUTES
Championships Seeding Meeting,
Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 7.00pm, at
Maryborough Tennis Centre

Present:

Sharon Beavis, Lauren Potter & Ron Potter,
Judy Lennen, Rosalie Douglas and Mark Christie arrived later.

Apologies: Bethany Fitzpatrick, Mark McLay, Rachel O'Halloran, Daryl Driscoll, Heather Driscoll,
Daniel Potter, Narelle Greenwood, Taryn Soulsby, Ben Christie.

Moved: Sharon Beavis
Seconded: Lauren Potter
Carried.

Minutes of last meeting: Additional Teams Submission Meeting 10 October 2017

Moved: Lauren Potter
Seconded: Sharon Beavis
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Finalisation and commencement of the A Reserve, B and C Grade competitions - implemented
- Team Registrations and Affiliation fees:
 - Affiliation fee - \$10 per team is still outstanding for four teams. Teams to be reminded by President.
- Finalisation of Tennis Draw 2017-18 and Finals format - implemented
- Reuse of B Grade tennis balls for C Grade - implemented
- Scorecard Lodgment Process 2017-18 finalised - website
- Request to Maryborough Tennis for Championships on 18 February 2018 - correspondence
- MDTA Tennis Coaching for junior grades – term deposit check and check tennis coaching quantum – other business
- Drawn Finals – other business

Correspondence:

- In:** Clearances submitted
Emails:
- In relation to Championships
 - Approval for use of Courts for Championships
 - Information on tennis coaching clinic format and costs.
- Out:** Emails:
- Request to Maryborough Tennis Centre for Courts for the MDTA Championships 18 February 2018
 - Minutes Additional Teams submission meeting and reminder Championships Seeding meeting

Treasurer's report: No formal Treasurers report as treasurer was absent. In summary - Payments: Nil, Income: Team Affiliation Fees.

General Business:

- Seeding of Players in each competition:
 - Entries spreadsheet used to determine format for each competition
 - 5 or less entries – round robin format.
 - More than 5 entries - split into two or three-way round robin format
 - Decided to introduce a two set plus tiebreak, if required, for the A Grade men's and women's, singles and doubles finals, if agreed to by the players of the finals.
 - Second deuce sudden death as in previous years.
- Courts –
 - The Maryborough Tennis Centre has indicated 11 courts will be available - 5 Hard court and 6 Lawn courts.
 - The courts played for each competition will be determined on the day.
- Umpires for C Grade:
 - Will encourage parents and senior players to umpire C Grade matches.
 - B Grade competitions should be umpiring themselves in accordance with the weekly competition matches.
- Presentation of Trophies – Championship trophies and runner up medals will be presented to all Grades on the day. Not on the grand final day.

Other Items:

- MDTA Tennis Coaching for junior grades – term deposit and tennis coaching:
 - Term deposit currently has about \$9,000 and came due last week. It was thought at this stage of the season it would be more effective to undertake a coaching clinic in the September holidays leading up to the commencement of the 2018/19 season.
 - Information has been provided by Brian Carr Tennis Coaching on a School Holiday coaching clinic that could be held in the September 2018 school holidays at the Maryborough Tennis Centre. Could be 3 x 1hour sessions over three days at a total cost of around \$900. All balls supplied, racquets available if needed, ball machine in use, on court coaching plus match-play drills. Brian also suggested there should be a small charge to ensure players attend the 3 days. To be referred to AGM for approval.
- Drawn Finals:
 - A range of concepts for the potential of drawn finals in A Reserve, B Grade and C Grade were discussed. One concept was that the higher team on the ladder should be the winner. The matter needs to be discussed at the Finals meeting on the 7 March 2018.
- Finals - additional players in finals:
 - The use of additional players in finals for the Junior grades is likely to be an issue where there have been more than the four players used during the season, and where one or two players miss the finals. The matter needs to be discussed at the Finals meeting.
- Format of the Finals Presentation Evening and the potential for changes to the format given the change in the finals date for C Grade:
 - The concept of not having a presentation evening has been raised during the season and the fact that attendance at the evening has been waning in recent years. The costs for conducting the event are increasing. The concept of changing the format of the finals presentation has been canvassed with many players over recent weeks. One compelling suggestion has been to present the grand final trophies and medals at the grand final venue after the match to allow the spectators and the teams to celebrate in the moment, rather than having to rush off to an evening where the celebratory mood is somewhat

lost. The grand final day should be the celebration by all teams in the competition, not just the teams that find themselves in the grand finals. The matter will be discussed at the Finals meeting, however the strong belief at present is that the presentations of the grand final trophies and runners up medals will be held at the grand final venues for each grade.

Next Meeting: Finals Meeting Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7.00pm at the Maryborough Tennis Centre

May require a brief finals meeting, or phone around, prior to the C Grade Final (3 March 2018) to be conducted on or before Wednesday 28 February 2018 to discuss the grand final venue, umpires and ball money.

Meeting Closed: at 9.15 pm

Signed:

(Ron Potter- President)

(Lauren Potter - Secretary)