



Regional Forum

15th February 2009

Minutes of Meeting

Present: John Glynn, President (Chairman)
Julie Glynn, Secretary
Orbost TC – Linda McIntyre, Craig Radford
Bairnsdale TC – Wendy Shanahan
Maffra LTC – Alecia Dignan
Lakes Entrance TC – Ruth McPhee, Mike Spruzen
Bairnsdale & District TA – Neil Draper

Apologies: Graham Bromwich
Glenn Schuback

Minutes of previous Regional Forum – 5th September 2008:
Tabled

Business:

Regional Council

Chairman advised the current active Council committee comprised President, Secretary and Glenn Schuback, with co-opted members as required. Each Tennis Victoria affiliated Association and Club in the region are members by default. We would like a further couple of hands to assist in freshening up the committee. The By-Laws are published on the website.

Calendar

Chairman reminded Associations and Clubs that information is still not being adequately provided to publish a full picture of events/functions in the region on the website.

Associations/Clubs asked to review the website, and adopt more of a regional view.

Report on Regional Meeting at the Australian Open

Secretary reported that three regions failed to send representative teams to this year's Inter-Regional Championships in January 2009, East Gippsland being one. President noted receipt of a letter from Tennis Victoria seeking an explanation for this.

Chairman noted that if regions continued to not field a team then Tennis Victoria financial support could be jeopardised.

Washed out Junior Circuit Lead-in Tournament (Bairnsdale) replacement date

It was resolved that there is no replacement date possible in view of various Association/Club events. It was noted that the 4th Lead-in Tournament is at Sale TC on 15th March 2009.

2008/09 Regional Championships replacement date

This season's event was to have been held again as a twilight event at Sale TC, but insufficient entries were received. Chairman noted that no substituted date had been found.

Associations/Clubs to consider recommending whether they be abandoned for this year, or replaced in May 2009. It was resolved that Associations respond within four weeks.

Introduction of NEW 2009 TEG Winter Junior Regional Pennant

Following the success of a trial winter Girls' 16/U pennant (2 players per team) two years ago including Traralgon and Churchill, which was unfortunately not continued for lack of a replacement organiser, it was proposed that we try again. Associations and Clubs to consider:

- (a) 2 x boys and 2 x girls teams;
- (b) season be around 6-8 weeks plus one finals day;
- (c) all matches be played at the same venue each round, with a different venue the following weeks;
- (d) in favour, or otherwise, of keeping it to East Gippsland, or inviting Central Gippsland;
- (e) clubs will make required courts available, and at what cost (if any).

Associations/Clubs to consider the Pennant and respond with their thoughts and likelihood, or otherwise, of fielding a team within four weeks.

Regional Pennant 2009/10

Chairman related the last minute collapse of the proposed reinstated Senior Summer Regional Pennant for 2008/09, and that he was asked to raise the matter for another attempt for Summer 2009/10.

Proposal that home-and-away Pennants be considered comprising:

- (i) Senior unisex teams of 3 players;
- (ii) Junior unisex teams of 2 players;
- (iii) Associations or Clubs to enter both Senior and Junior teams, or none;
- (iv) Seasons to comprise 1 x 8-10 week season pre-Christmas, and 1 x 8-10 week season post January 2010;
- (v) in favour, or otherwise, of keeping it to East Gippsland, or inviting Central Gippsland

Associations/Clubs to consider the Pennant and respond with their thoughts within four weeks.

Future Inter-Regional Teams

Chairman raised the query from Tennis Victoria in respect of the Region not sending a team to the 2009 Inter-Regional Championships, and that he will formulate a response as a result of this meeting.

Player Pathway

Chairman tabled and discussed brochures on (i) Victorian Junior Regional Cup Series; TEG Player Pathway, and (iii) Criteria for Regional Team Selection. These are also available on the web Events page.

Secretary related the change to the Bruce Cup (National Primary Schools) with Tennis Victoria assisting with the event from 2009, and that the matter will be detailed at this week's upcoming monthly meeting with Tennis Victoria in Melbourne. Documentation will be distributed through the tennis network shortly (previously distributed only through Primary Schools).

A new South Eastern Victoria Bruce Cup trial is proposed at Traralgon on 28th April 2009.

Equipment to Borrow

Chairman reminded those present of the equipment the Region has available to Associations/Clubs such as the Hot Shots Challenge kits.

Future Designation of Tasks

Chairman repeated the need for a person on each Association and Club committee of management to have a responsible person to raise matters of a regional nature, and advocate the many regional events.

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm