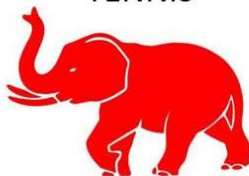


TENNIS



NELSON MANDELA BAY

Presidents Report – AGM 14 June 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen

I have pleasure in presenting a report on the affairs of Tennis Nelson Mandela Bay over the last year.

This is the first year where we report on the Metro as a District of Eastern Cape. The financials will now be consolidated into one account going forward.

It has not been an easy task to drop the EP name as it still carries a lot of history and equity. Senior tennis still incorporates the EP name in their Inter Provincial teams, with the blessing of TSA. Juniors will need to look into moving towards the Eastern Cape name together with Border and Transkei should they want to tap into government resources going forward.

The major concern for tennis in the metro, and indeed the whole country, is the dearth of young players at clubs. There is still meaningful participation in the game at school level, but this is not translating to club players. A means of encouraging youngsters to join clubs needs to be found, otherwise we will continue to see clubs die, and with them their tennis facilities.

We will be embarking on another round of Lotto applications this winter to restart our development efforts, as well as to assist PE Tennis Club maintain the 14 courts in St Georges Park which are generally considered the home of tennis in PE, and used by many organisations. Our thanks to PE Club Management for their ongoing support in this regard.

We then have one more hurdle, and that is the non-existent progress with Tennis Eastern Cape. We have requested that TSA become involved in this regard, and we hope to make progress during the course of this year.



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Financials

Report from Wayne McCay

<u>Bank Accounts - 31 March 2017</u>		
TEP	87 574.00	This includes Investment of R 60 000 at Nedbank
TNMB	9 134.00	
	<u>96 708.00</u>	

<u>Interest Received</u>		
	-	
	<u>5 801.00</u>	From the Investment Account

<u>Major Expenses in Year</u>		
Sponsorships	12 200.00	EP Seniors - Inter Pro Hosted in PE (R 5 000) ; Tennis Balls various Club Tennis Tournaments (R 7 200)
Gifts	4 600.00	Mike - For all he does and has done for Tennis in EC (R 2 000) ; Neal Emslie - For years of Reporting on tennis in EC (R 2 600)
Travelling	5 964.00	Mike - Airfare TSA AGM Jhb (R 2 725) ; Andus - Juniors Meeting in Jhb (R 3 239)
Honoraria	5 500.00	Treasurer and Secretary
Tennis Court Resurface	35 000.00	PELTC - Donation towards resurfacing Tennis Court at the Headquarters of EP Tennis
Audit Fees	8 721.00	TEP (R 6 441) ; TNMB (R 2 280)
Brendon Dryden	2 000.00	Walmer Coach - Payment from Previous Year Lotto
Entertainment /AGM	4 380.00	AGM Food/Drinks (R 1 000) ; Annual Committee Dinner (R 3 380)
ITF Coaches Conference	5 000.00	Yvonne Vermaak - R 5 000 Sponsorship
	<u>83 365.00</u>	

<u>Loans from TEP</u>		
Rian Viljoen	10 000.00	Original Loan of R 20 000 - Repaid R 10 000 to date
Johan Van Zyl	20 000.00	Original Loan of R 20 000 - No Repayments to date , with repayments to start shortly

<u>Receipts Received</u>		
TSA / TEP Yearly Fees	16 480.00	
TNMB League Fees	1 280.00	
	<u>17 760.00</u>	

Club Tennis

Report from Delia Greeff

Club Tennis is alive and well in most of the Clubs in the NMB Metro. Most of the Clubs are participating in the Summer and Winter leagues except for PE Tennis Club who only play social tennis. In October 2016 Park Avenue closed its doors and amalgamated with PE Tennis Club. Night league was only played once during last year, this needs to be looked at and perhaps revived.

Westview has a men's and ladies social tennis evening on Tuesdays where at least 3 courts are being filled and is most enjoyable for all. Wembley has an active Men's social evening on Tuesdays. Despatch also plays social tennis on a Thursday evening which we believe to be well supported. PE Club play mixed social on a Wednesday afternoon.

Tournaments:

We thank the following clubs for arranging successful tournament over the course of the year:

Sunridge – Men's tournament

Wembley – Men's & Ladies tournaments

Walmer – Mixed tournament

PE Club – Movember Mixed tournament

Leagues:

Winter league was a bit of a disaster, the weather did not play its part so quite a few matches had to be cancelled, not a true reflection of the league. Summer league went relatively well with only one Club, Rhodes, withdrawing from the Premier league due to unavailability of players. The league committee would like to remind Club to please not enter teams into a league if they are not going to be able to fulfil their commitment, it messes up the league for the other Clubs and players. Thanks very much to Roberto Almanza for the thankless job of collecting and collating the scores for leagues, it is much appreciated.

Lotto funding:

Westview/Gelvandale received Lotto funding. Well done to them for applying. We would like to urge all the Clubs to apply for Lotto funding.

Fish River Club in Cradock joined as an affiliated Club.

Juniors

Report from Karlo Swart

EP Juniors has had quite a few changes over the last year. After many years of service, Andus Bruwer has stepped down as chairman of EP Juniors with Karlo Swart taking over as chairman, Shawn Elkington as vice-chairman and Lizaan Willemse as secretary. I wish to thank Andus for his many years of service to EP Tennis and dedication to not only growing the sport, but most importantly love of the sport especially among the younger players.

Our juniors represented the Eastern Cape at the TSA Schools in Bloemfontein. Our EP Junior's under 13's ended 8th, the under 15's ended 9th and the under 19's ended 9th in their respective Divisions. Janre Viljoen , Daniel Tam and Anja De Beer were selected to represent the South African schools team while Caitlyn Zietsman selected as a reserve.

We have recently implemented a significant revision of our EP ranking system, which is aimed at supporting a change in TSA's age group classification (from day of birth to year of birth). This was aimed to encourage greater participation for all tournament players, particularly those playing multiple sports or traveling greater distances to attend our tournaments as the requirements to qualify for EP selection now rests on attending fewer tournaments. Our new ranking system will introduce trials for the EP Schools selection which will allow us to be in a position to announce our teams in late January, allowing more time for parents and players to raise funds to attend these events.

We have also greatly reduced the total number of tournaments per year in 2017 which has seen a significant increase in support based on our first four Brian Bands tournaments. Our Brian Bands Series 2 Grand Prix was particularly well attended with 160 participants from all over the country. We are also promoting tennis outside of Port Elizabeth with the Graaff Reinet Mini to be held in early July and talks are in place to finalise the date for the Cradock Mini later in August.

I have seen a tremendous interest in tennis at school level and our challenge now is to convert that interest at school into participation at our EP tournaments. Our aim for 2018 is to:

1. Continue to promote tennis across juniors and schools and investigate ways to encourage all players of all skill levels to enter EP Tournaments.
2. Provide mechanisms for generating revenue for EP Juniors via local tournaments, EP squads affiliation fees, or sponsorship.
3. Continue to improve our local tournaments to ensure events continue to encourage future participation.

Seniors

Report from George Holloway

This has been my second year and it could not have gone better.

Senior Tennis Players in the Eastern Cape have been involved in most tournaments including Grahamstown, Graaff Reinet, Port Elizabeth, Cradock, Durban and Nelspruit. The highlight for me of course was the 4 teams that went to Durban for the 50+ Inter- Pros. Our stay in Durban did not start off well when, a certain gentleman accosted Sharon Dawson and stole her gold necklace right in front of the hotel. After that, I'm delighted to say, is a record that will stay for a while. For those uninformed all 4 dream teams won Gold.

Next on the list was the EP Open hosted at PE Tennis Club. We were hoping for a bigger draw but it turned out fine in the end.

A few results:

M70+: Billy Kehl - winner

M 65+: Dave Nichol – runner up

W60+: Jayne Turner - winner

M60+: Louis vd Merwe – runner up

M55+: Patrick Grewar – 3rd place

W50+: Elana Alberts – 3rd place

M45+: Ian Pattinson – winner

W40+: Di Gascoyne – runner up

W30+: Vicki Allnutt – winner

Congratulations to you all and I trust we will see you all here again in June. It would be nice if we could have a bigger draw of local players.

Finally on the list of successes for the year was the 30+ Inter Pro held in October at PE Club, Westview and Despatch. Thank you again to those clubs who hosted the teams. The teams that played in Despatch commented on how well they were treated and loved the fact that the wind did not blow there as badly as in PE. We had a combined 30/35B cup side who enjoyed the tennis. The organizing of the tournament went smoothly and the functions were enjoyed by all. I am proud to announce that we made a R44503.00 profit.

This year the 65-70+ Inter-pro side will be going to Eden - George from the 21st May, the 50-60+ will be going to Gauteng East – Benoni from the 23rd April and the 30-45+ Will going to the Free State – Bloemfontein from the 8th October.

In order for senior tennis to be successful at a local tournament we must have a minimum of 60 players.

We started with sponsors last year, thank you for your generosity. Warwick Wealth will be sponsor for the year. Thanks to Ryan.

Congratulations to Vicki Allnutt for being chosen to represent South Africa in Croatia last year and again this year in, 2017 Cape Town.

Coaches

Report from Hennie de Klerk

1. Member numbers: The number of coaches registered with TSA (2017) has dropped to 15. This is mainly due to an increase in annual subscription fees and uncertainty about coach's policy requirements.

2. SASCO: The SA Sports Act is being revised and includes the establishment of a Coaches Association for SA (CASA). This will bring changes to coaches' designations; registration requirements, training obligations etc.

3. Role of coaches in the province: Coaches are playing a major part in tennis training and administration in the province. They serve as school and club coaches, tournament administrators, selectors, team managers, general administrators and veteran's players.

Coaches such as ANDUS BRUWER and others play a major role in managing and hosting tournaments in the province. Testament to the success of TEP coaches is the number of EP players that has made the SA Schools side

4. Communication: The internet is currently the main form of communication between coaches

5. Meetings: A tennis coaches AGM must be held as soon as possible. TSA recommends that coaches conform to the new District demarcations and establish district Coaches Associations. Delays in the finalization of the TSA constitution has caused delays in the establishment of the coaches' district structures.

6. Finances: The Coaches Association funds are currently "ring fenced" with the TEP funds in the same account. The amount available is about R4 000. Funds are used for coaches' courses.

7. Projects: Coaches TEP host one coach's course per annum. The 2016 course was held at NMMU and attended by about 30 coaches. A Play Tennis course is scheduled for August 2017 and will be followed by the annual coaches' education (PCD) workshop.

8. Cooperation with Coaches TSA:

TEP coaches association is in good standing with TSA coaches. The Coaches chairpersons regularly attend TSA coaches meetings.

9. Concerns:

Concern about a lack of young coaches joining the profession.

A lack of "development players" coming through the system is a major concern.

Coaches should play a more prominent role in schools tennis.

Schools tennis must receive heightened recognition and funding.

New boundary demarcations are causing concerns with regards selection of teams etc.

Coaches must assist in the revival of functional tennis clubs.

Provincial squad training for top junior players is a priority.

Wheelchair Tennis

Report from Hennie de Klerk

1. General: Wheelchair tennis in the Nelson Mandela Metro has lost some of its momentum. The main cause is that TEP Lotto funding has been exhausted and that we were not able to fund training clinics for players/schools.

2. Schools: The following Port Elizabeth schools accommodate wheelchair tennis:

1. Northern Light school
2. Cape Recife School
3. Lonwabo School

3. Equipment: The wheelchairs bought with the allocated Lotto funds (2016) is well used at the above mentioned schools.

4. Local training camps: Two Wheelchair tennis training camps are held at the NMMU tennis courts for players and teachers for the local schools.



5. Players: Eastern Province's top wheelchair player is **Marshall Marsh**. He is ranked number 3 in SA and number 60 in the men's singles world ranking.



Some of the local player are invited to attend national training camps and play in national tournaments.

6. Coaches: Siya Matsha assists with schools and community wheelchair coaching.

7. Additional Information: Please contact Hennie de Klerk (082 780 7040) for more information about getting involved in wheelchair tennis.

Officials

Report by Andus Bruwer

In 2016 we trained 15 new officials to officiate with tournaments.

In 2016 we officiated at 14 junior events and 1 seniors event, including the two December TSA series events.

These 2 events were very successful and we had a record entry of 1070 entries combined.

In 2017 we have officiated at 4 junior events and 1 seniors event to date.

We are starting to assist and officiate at local club events and the plan is to assist with league fixtures.

Development and Upliftment

Report from Imraan Cassim

Due to lack of funding, the development hubs (originated by TSA Lotto funding, and continued by two local Lotto sponsored projects) have largely stopped.

There are continued efforts being made at Gelvan Eagles, Young Park and within schools. This is a sad state of affairs, but it is the reality, and it is being felt by schools representative teams who require PDI representation.

Executive

My thanks to the members of the executive, who continue to play a positive role in the tennis community, and especially to our secretary Delia and treasurer Wayne who continue to keep the wheels turning!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bladen', written in a cursive style.

Mike Bladen