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THIRD BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE
JISWA CENTRE, LENASIA
SUNDAY, 30th DECEMBER, 1984

Jennis Association of South Africa

TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

MINUTES OF THE THIRD BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE TENNIS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA, HELD AT THE JISWA CENTRE, LENASIA, ON SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER, 1984 COMMENCING AT 10H30 .

THOSE PRESENT

<u>PRESIDENT</u> :	Mr. A.E.Fortuin
<u>VICE PRESIDENT</u> :	Mr. D.B.M.Kali
<u>TREASURER</u> :	Mr. A.Y.Mulla
<u>DELEGATES</u> :	
Boland Tennis Union	M/s D.Samaai, I.Samaai, G.Samaai & R.Samaai
Central Orange Free State Tennis Association	M/s J.L.Letuka, B.Dlamini & V.Mooki
Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union	M/s A.S.Xulu, S.S.Mafole & W.Mokgosi
Eastern Province Tennis Union	M/s B.Hendricks, A.G.Redcliffe & Dr. B.G.Brown
Northern Transvaal Tennis Union	M/s J.S.H.L.Kekana, E.S.Dockrat, I.M.Dockrat, A.T.Sehlapelo & M.J.Mogashoa
South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association	M/s S.B.Gumede, M.Sheik, Y.Bhyat, A.Vokwana & A.Sibda
South Western Transvaal Tennis Union	M/s Y.Waja, A.A.Essop, M.Khan, J.Waja & N.Khan
Southern Natal Tennis Union	M/s J.Naidoo, J.Mahanjana, M.L.Balwant, M.Ndimande & K.K.Mthiyane
Stellaland Tennis Union	Mr. A.E.Anthony
Western Province Tennis Union	M/s Y.Ebrahim, P.Jones, C.Walker, C.Lawrence & D.Carolissen
Western Transvaal Tennis Union	M/s S.Sooliman, I.Sooliman, A.Carrim & M.Bismilla

ASSOCIATE MEMBER :

S A Senior Schools Sports Association	Mr. R.A.Feldman
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AND THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS :

Northern Transvaal Tennis Union	Mr. D.Ledwaba
South Eastern Tv1 Tennis Assoc	M/s V.J.Majola, H.Bham & E.Ngwenya
South Western Tv1 Tennis Union	M/s C.Bergman & L.Smith
Southern Natal Tennis Union	Mr. C.S.Zonist
Western Province Tennis Union	M/s C.Burgess, B.Accom, A.Jansen, C.R.Clarke, I.Du Plooy & W.Rhodes

WELCOME :

The President, Mr. A.E.Fortuin extended a hearty welcome to all the delegates and hoped for a very successful meeting. He thanked South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association and South Western Transvaal Tennis Union for hosting the meeting and the tournament. He also thanked the local community for providing accomodation and the financial support for a successful tournament. He stated that TASA was meeting under very exceptional circumstances - sad loss of our General Secretary, Mr. M.N.Pather. Mr. A.E.Fortuin paid tribute to him and a minute of silence was observed.

Mr. A.E.Fortuin stated that the TASA Officials, without consulting the affiliates, took the decision of organising the late Mr. M.N.Pather's funeral including the cost of R1725. He mentioned that SACOS and some of it's affiliates agreed to share the funeral cost.

On the motion from M.L.Balwant (SN) and seconded by J.Mahanjana (SN) it was unanimously agreed that the action taken by TASA officials was correct.

On the motion from S.S.Mafole (ETTU) and seconded by S.Sooliman (WTTU) it was unanimously agreed that in the absence of the General Secretary and his Assistant, Y.Bhyat (SETTA) record the minutes of the meeting.

NOTICE :

The Notice convening the meeting was read by A.E.Fortuin and noted.

TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATIONS AND DELEGATES CREDENTIALS :

There were no new applications for Affiliation. Credentials from the following were accepted :-

1. Boland Tennis Union
2. Central Orange Free State Tennis Association
3. Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union
4. Eastern Province Tennis Union
5. Northern Transvaal Tennis Union
6. South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association
7. South Western Transvaal Tennis Union
8. Southern Natal Tennis Union
9. Stellaland Tennis Union
10. Western Province Tennis Union
11. Western Transvaal Tennis Union

TO READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES :

The Minutes of the 2nd AGM held in Port Elizabeth on 29 December 1983, which were circularised, were taken as read on the motion from Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) and seconded by M.Ndimande (SNTU).

Following corrections were made :-

- Pages 11 & 12 - "South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Union" to read "South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association"
- Page 14 - "Magodelso" and "Magodela" to read "Magodiale"

The Minutes were then adopted on the motion from S.B.Gumede (SETTA) and seconded by M.L.Balwant (SNTU).

MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM :

1.) 1984 Council Meeting :

The President stated that there was no Council Meeting in 1984 due to the ill health of the late M.N.Pather.

2.) The Border Tennis Union :

The President stated that there was no further news from Messrs Ally and Moonieyan.

3.) TASA Calendar of Events :

No comprehensive TASA calendar circularised. Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) suggested that to avoid clashing of tournaments, all Affiliates should submit their Calendars to TASA. It was also agreed that TASA should look into senior school tournaments. J.Letuka (COFSTA) stated that all Affiliates were looking for long-weekends to host tournaments and that there were very few long-weekends.

It was unanimously agreed that all Affiliates should submit to the TASA Panel of Referees the dates of all Open Tournaments for the next three years NOT LATER THAN 31 JANUARY 1985.

4.) TASA/Schools Relations :

R.Feldman (SASSSA) stated that the relationship between TASA and SASSSA was very poor. The President read a Report submitted by R.Feldman (SASSSA) on the relationship between TASA and SASSSA. Y.Ebrahim stated that there was a lack of communication between the two bodies. He mentioned that WPTU had written to Western Province S.S.S.U. and had received no reply. After much discussion it was agreed that more liason was needed between the Provincial Affiliates and SASSSA.

It was also agreed that SASSSA as an Affiliate member of TASA should submit their tennis calendar and that the TASA Panel of Referees should consider joint junior tournaments.

J.Letuka (COFSTA) queried the position of the so-called African schools who were not members of SASSSA. He also stated that BTF was basically controlling tennis in these schools.

J.Mahanjana (SNTU) stated that in order to capture the junior interest, TASA should consider video recordings of the National Tournament.

D.Samaai (Bol) stated that the video would be a short-term venture and that TASA should look into a long-term venture, notably at Junior Masters.

On the motion from J.Mahanjana (SNTU) and seconded by M.Sheik (SETTA) it was unanimously agreed that the in-coming TASA executive look into the possibility of an immediate video recording of the tournament.

5.) Coca-Cola Masters :

Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) stated that part of the sponsorship should be used for national junior coaching.

J.Letuka (COFSTA) felt that the sponsorship was not high enough to include junior coaching and that TASA should approach the sponsors for a higher sponsorship.

It was agreed that the matter be left to the in-coming executive.

6.) Inter-Provincial Tournament :

The President stated that Griqualand West Tennis Union who were supposed to host the tournament, were unable to do so because of vandalism to the courts and domestic friction on the use of the courts.

7.) TOURNAMENT RATINGS :

J.Mahanjana (SNTU) stated that the number of rated tournaments in certain areas was too few.

D.Samaai (Bol) explained the whole rating system and stated that ratings were supposed to change after every tournament, but it was not possible because Affiliates were not sending the results promptly.

It was agreed that the matter should be looked into by the Panel of Referees.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS :

The President, A.E.Fortuin, delivered a comprehensive address to the delegates. It was well received and C.Walker (WPTU) complimented the President.

TO READ AND CONFIRM SECRETARIAL REPORT :

Due to the passing away of the General Secretary, no Secretarial Report was presented.

1.) SACOS - SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR :

The President informed the delegates that TASA's nominee for the SACOS Sportsperson of the Year, C.Bergman (SWTTU), was one of the six finalists. After receiving a round of applause, Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) congratulated C.Bergman for flying TASA's colours.

TO READ AND CONFIRM AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1985

The Audited Financial Statement tabled by the Treasurer, A.Y.Mulla was moved for adoption by the President, A.E.Fortuin and seconded by M.L.Balwant (SNTU).

Y.Wajah (SWTTU) inquired about the loan of R11500,00 and also, why no previous comparisons were shown on the Statement. The Treasurer, A.Y.Mulla, in his reply, stated that the loan was an investment with an institution, S.Devi; and that the omission of previous comparisons was an error on the part of the Auditors.

The President, A.E.Fortuin presented the 1985 Budget as prepared by the Treasurer, A.Y.mulla. The Budget did not present a very good picture and it was unanimously agreed that funds would be required. M.Ndimande (SNTU) suggested that TASA organise another raffle. The idea of the raffle was not well received. M.Sheik (SETTA) suggested an increase in the capitation and subscription fees. He stated that in 1983, South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association, put a motion for such increases, but that there was no seconder to the motion. M.Sheik's (SETTA) suggestion was not possible because it would require an amendment to the Constitution.

On the motion from A.S.Xulu (ETTU) and seconded by M.L.Balwant (SNTU) it was unanimously agreed that a special levy of R100 for 1985 be imposed on all Affiliates and to be paid NOT LATER THAN 28 FEBRUARY 1985.

Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) thanked the Treasurer, A.Y.Mulla for preparing the Financial Statement and also the Biennial Report. The in-coming General Secretary was requested to write to Mrs. S.Maharaj, Secretary to the late M.N.Pather, thanking her for all the assistance given to TASA and for the preparation of the Biennial Report.

It was unanimously agreed that a gift of appreciation for Mrs. S.Maharaj be purchased as soon as possible. Matter to be left to the in-coming Executive.

TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AND ANY RULES :

There were no amendments to the Constitution and Rules.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICIALS AND OFFICE BEARERS :

Nominations from the following Affiliates were received :-

- 1.) South Western Transvaal Tennis Union
- 2.) South Eastern Transvaal Tennis Association
- 3.) Western Province Tennis Union
- 4.) Boland Tennis Union

The President, A.E.Fortuin informed the delegates about two other Nominations, from North Central Orange Free State Tennis Association and Southern Natal Tennis Union. He stated that the Nominations from NCOFSTA was not acceptable because it was despatched after the closure of nominations. However, he outlined the circumstances surrounding the Southern Natal nominations. He stated that their nominations letter was dated 26th November 1984 and was received by Mrs. S.Maharaj on 28 November 1984 who telephonically informed him about the nominations.

On the motion from M.Sheik (SETTA) and seconded by M.Ndimande (SNTU) it was unanimously agreed to accept the nominations from Southern Natal Tennis Union.

On the motion from the President, A.E.Fortuin and seconded by M.Ndimande (SNTU) R.Feldman(SASSSA) was unanimously appointed the Returning Officer.

At this juncture the Returning Officer declared all offices vacant.

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Mover</u>	<u>Second</u>
President	: A.E.Fortuin (Bol)	Unopposed	
Vice-President:	S.B.Gumede (SETTA)(22) D.Kali (SNTU) (24) D.Kali was elected Vice-President	M.Khan (SWTTU) M.L.Balwant(SNTU)	M.Sheik (SETTA) Y.Ebrahim (WPTU)
General Secretary:	B.Brown (EPTU) (15) C.R.Clarke (WPTU) (31) C.R.Clarke was elected General Secretary	C.Walker (WPTU) M.L.Balwant(SNTU)	W.Mokgosi (ETTU) S.B.Gumede(SETTA)
Asst. Secretary:	Y.Bhyat(SETTA) (28) M.Ndimande(SNTU) (16) I.Samaai (Bol) (2) Y.Bhyat was elected Assistant Secretary	M.Sheik (SETTA) C.Walker (WPTU) M.L.Balwant(SNTU)	J.Wajah (SWTTU) I.Samaai (Bol) B.Brown (EPTU)
Treasurer	: Y.Wajah (SWTTU) (22) A.Y.Mulla (SNTU) (21) P.C.Jones (WPTU) (3) Y.Wajah was elected Treasurer	M.Sheik (SETTA) M.L.Balwant(SNTU) C.Walker (WPTU)	W.Mokgosi (ETTU) I.Samaai (Bol) S.B.Gumede (SETTA)
Panel of Referees	: D.Samaai (Bol) D.Carollisen (WPTU) A.Sehlapelo (NTTU) E.Ngwenya (SETTA) I.Samaai (Bol) (23) M.Khan (SWTTU) (23)	Unopposed Unopposed Unopposed Unopposed J.Naidoo (SNTU) M.Sheik (SETTA)	B.Brown (EPTU) W.Mokgosi (ETTU)

Motion from E.S.Dockrat (NTTU) and seconded by W.Mokgosi (ETTU) that both, I.Samaai (Bol) and M.Khan (SWTTU) be included on the Panel of Referees. Counter motion from B.Brown (EPTU) and seconded by C.Walker (WPTU) that a re-vote be carried out.

The motion for the inclusion of both delegates was carried by 23 to 13 votes.

The President, A.E.Fortuin welcomed all the new members to the TASA Executive. He conveyed TASA's special thanks to the out-going Treasurer, A.Y.Mulla.

After the Elections, the Meeting was adjourned at 15H50 for the Player's meeting and reconvened at 16H50.

When the meeting resumed and arising from D.Samaai's Panel of Referees tournament report, B.Brown (EPTU) inquired about the participation of R.Mahlangu of Southern Natal Tennis Union and also about certain press reports about his participation in some fitness competition.

J.Mahanjana (SNTU) informed the meeting that he was a member of R.Mahlangu's (SNTU) club and presented a statement of behalf of the club. He stated that he saw no reason why R.Mahlangu (SNTU) could not take part in the competition. He further stated that a month before the competition got underway, the player's name appeared in most newspapers, but nobody even bothered to ask why he was participating in the tournament. He said that it was only after the event had taken place and after the press made inquiries about his participation that members questioned his participation.

M.Ndimande (SNTU) stated that the matter was being investigated by Southern Natal Tennis Union and it was sub-judice.

However, Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) stated that he was not happy with the situation and did not want to be vindictive against R.Mahlangu(SNTU). He stated that all players were making sacrifices and playing with trust.

C.Lawrence (WPTU) stated that it was a matter of national importance and that the issue should be finalised because if no decision was taken and if it was found later that the event was a racial one, the credibility of TASA could be jeopardised.

C.Bergman (SWTTU), after being granted permission from the President to make comments, stated that he declined the Citrus Exchange "Sports Star of the Month" nomination because it was run on racial lines - it was only open to blacks.

The President A.E.Fortuin stated that he had informed Southern Natal Tennis Union to investigate the matter.

J.Letuka (COFSTA) stated that TASA should observe simple procedure and let Southern Natal Tennis Union investigate the incident.

A motion proposed by J.Letuka (COFSTA) and seconded by M.Ndimande (SNTU) stating that the matter which was being investigated by Southern Natal Tennis Union should be left to them and to report to TASA by end of January 1985, was carried by 30 votes to 0 votes and 16 abstentions.

TO DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENCE :

1.) Northern Transvaal Tennis Union - Request for television coverage of Putco Open.

A.Sehlapelo (NTTU), in support of the request, stated that TASA should be exposed to the masses and that the exposure will also enable TASA to entice more tennis players to join TASA as the membership had been stagnant since the formation of TASA. He further stated that people were sceptical about TASA because they did not know who we were, what our standard of play was and what we stood for. He stated that sponsorship was limited and that his Union stood to benefit substantially in increased sponsorship if television coverage was possible. He concluded by stating that most sports lovers watched TV2/3.

S.B.Gumede (SETTA), supported by J.Mahanjana (SNTU), stated that we should "use" SABC to reach out to the people.

But, Y.Ebrahim (WPTU) disagreed and stated that it would be a sad indictment on the non-racial movement if SABC was invited to televise our tournaments. Television was a government created institution and further stated that

TASA players were not merely tennis players, but non-racial tennis players. As such, sacrifices were required. The students and the workers in the Vaal Triangle have in recent months sacrificed their futures to attain what they believe in and that there was no way that we could allow ourselves to be deluded by monetary gains.

Mr. R.Feldman(SASSSA) supporting the previous speaker stated that the views of non-racial sports organisations were completely distorted by SABC on the few occasions it had ventured to screen news about non-racial sport.

Mr. J.H.S.L.Kekana(NTTU) objected vehemently to Mr.Y.Ebrahim(WPTU) using the unrest in the Vaal Triangle to score points in the debate on the use of television by TASA.He further stated that it appeared that sacrifices were only made by a certain sector of the oppressed community and that school boycotts were a very sensitive issue.

The National Secretary, Mr.C.R.Clark, supported by Mr.A.S.Xulu(ETIU), appealed for the matter to be discussed unemotionally and that racial arguments should not be brought into the debate. Mr.C.R.Clark stated that because of the non-racial stance of TASA, the racist SABC TV services would create greater division amongst our membership.

The President, Mr.A.E.Fortuin, stated that the SABC were unashamed partners of the State. He reminded the meeting that when South Eastern Tvl Tennis Association applied for our first National tournament in 1979 to be televised, they were told that our sport was not of national interest.

It was decided that the matter should be further discussed at Club and Provincial levels and be brought up at the next meeting.

- 2.) Resignation of Assistant Secretary, Mr. P.T.Xulu - Further to an inquiry letter from Northern Transvaal Tennis Union, Mr. A.Sehlapelo(NTTU) inquired about the circumstances surrounding the resignation of Mr. P.T.Xulu according to press reports.

The President, Mr.A.E.Fortuin stated that Mr.P.T.Xulu had not renewed his membership with South Eastern Tvl Tennis Association and that, at a meeting at Jan Smuts Airport, he had indicated of his intention to resign from TASA.

- 3.) Western Province Tennis Union - Informing TASA of the suspension of their Assistant Secretary, Mr. J.Delport, for his participation in the tri-cameral Parliamentary elections. Also, of the re-instatement of two juniors, B.Field and C.Idas, who respectively had defected to multi-national tennis and attended a private "white" school.

It was agreed that their disciplinary report should be circulated to all affiliates.

NOT CIRCULARISED. WHY?

TO ARRANGE COMPETITIONS :

- 1.) TASA 7th National Open Championship - The offer by Southern Natal Tennis Union to host the Open in Durban was unanimously accepted.
- 2.) Inter-Provincial Tournament - No Affiliate was prepared to host the Tournament. This was mainly due to the lack of finance.
- 3.) Junior Coke Masters - 3 Affiliates, Southern Natal Tennis Union, Central Orange Free State Tennis Association and Boland Tennis Union indicated their willingness to host the Masters provided the problem of accomodation could be sorted out by the Affiliates concerned.

Matter to be pursued further and the 3 Affiliates to report to TASA as soon as possible.

TO DISCUSS ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

- 1.) Growth in TASA - Mr. J.Letuka (COFSTA) stated that a tremendous challenge was facing TASA ahead and that Affiliates were losing lot of members. He stated that BTF had a freehold in tennis in certain areas and that TASA should look at the practical side.

Mr. J.Wajah(SWTU), supported by Mr. M.Sheik(SETTA), agreed with Mr.J.Letuka (COFSTA) and stated that TASA should prepare membership statistics.

- 2.) TASA Trophies - Mr. R.Feldman (SASSSA) informed the meeting that certain of the trophy donors were not acceptable to non-racial sports organisations because of their involvement in multi-national sport and/or the tri-cameral parliamentary system.

The President, Mr. A.E.Fortuin, stated that the trophies were donated to the old SALTU in 1963 and then given to TASA at its formation. There was therefore no compulsion to hand the trophies back to the donors, but that their names could be removed.

It was agreed that the matter would be considered by the TASA Executive.

- 3.) Player's Meeting - Dr. B.Brown (EPTU) stated that the player's meeting was not very successful and that TASA should look into the matter. It was noted.

TERMINATION : The meeting thereafter terminated at 18H45 .

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