

**NORTHERN SUBURBS TOUCH ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
**ARTARMON BOWLING CLUB**  
**7:00PM WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2011**

**AGM AGENDA**

1. OPEN MEETING
2. REGISTRATION OF NOMINATED DELEGATES
3. APOLOGIES
4. PREVIOUS AGM 2010 MINUTES
5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
6. ANNUAL REPORTS:
  - President's
  - Administrator's
  - Referee's
  - Representative's
7. FINANCIAL REPORT
8. GENERAL BUSINESS
9. CLOSE MEETING

**REGISTRATION FOR NSTA SPRING 2011 SEASON**

1. Welcome.
2. Competition Details including Dates, Location Game length, Finals Format, Wet Weather, Injury, Ground Supervisors
3. Team Requirements including
  - a) Payment (No Pay - No Play)
  - b) Player Registration and Insurance (on line)
  - c) Uniform Requirements
  - d) Forfeits and Teams arriving late.
  - e) Duty Requirements
  - f) Sign-on sheets
4. Rules & Referees Course
5. Internet/ Email
6. Grading of Teams
7. Close.

## **NORTHERN SUBURBS TOUCH ASSOCIATION**

### **MINUTES FROM 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 11<sup>h</sup> AUGUST 2010**

#### **1. MEETING OPEN**

NSTA President, Frank Schiraldi, declared the meeting open at 7.10pm and welcomed everyone.

#### **2. REGISTRATION OF NOMINATED DELEGATES**

Nominated Delegates were required to sign-in (register) at the entrance. (Copy attached)

#### **3. APOLOGIES**

The following delegates sent their apologies:

- Committee: Jamie Chan (Treasurer), Rina Janson (Secretary), Mat Seldon (General)

#### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous AGM (2009) were accepted. (Nominated J Grellman. Seconded A Windsor.)

#### **5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS & MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

The following nominations were received (copies attached):

- President: Frank Schiraldi
- Secretary: Kim Perry
- Treasurer: Jamie Chan
- Referees Representative: Rina Janson
- Director of Representatives: Andrew Windsor
- General Committee Members: Vikki Seldon, Matt Seldon, James Grellman, Tim Harris, Lauren Shaw

The above Office Bearers and Management Committee Members were elected un-opposed. The President called for any further nominations for the General Committee. No nominations were made.

#### **6. ANNUAL REPORTS:**

The following reports were submitted.

- The President's
- Administrator's
- Referee's

#### **7. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Report was accepted. (Nominated J Grellman. Seconded A Windsor.)

#### **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The issue of ground maintenance by Council was raised. The President advised that no ground maintenance had been undertaken during the May-August break. (Council normally undertakes ground maintenance during the December-January break.)

No further items were raised.

#### **9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 7.20pm. The President then handed over to the NSTA Administrator for the Registration Night.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I would like to welcome any new teams joining Norths for the first time and to welcome back those teams backing up for another season.

This Autumn competition just gone attracted a lot of interest, which not only reflects the popularity of Touch, but also reflects the high quality of Touch offered by Norths, shown in the organisation and running of the competition and standard of our referees.

Norths always tries to provide badged referees for as many of the games as possible, for this which sets us apart from many other touch competitions.

On behalf of Norths Touch, I would like to express our appreciation to all our Referees and Ground Supervisors.

As always we continue to work closely with Willoughby Council, for which we have been having discussion with the Council in particular with upgrading the lights and the toilets and drainage.

During the off-season we have also been working with the council to ensure that the fields in Artarmon are in the best condition to start the season.

From last season the Association has now changed to online team and player registration which is working well and we'll continue to develop this.

I encourage all players to support and become involved in the association by refereeing and participating in events that are organised from time to time.

I would like to thank the our administrator Kim Solman for all her good work and the Norths Committee for their support during the past year, and in keeping Norths Touch successful and a fun competition to play in.

I hope you will all enjoy playing touch in our competition.

Frank Schiraldi  
President

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I began my role as the administrator for NSTA at the end of the Spring season in 2007. This year I am completing a Diploma in Sports Management to further my professional development. I have also completed a Level 2 Coaching Course and have achieved a Level 3 Referee Badge. I feel that it is essential for me to keep up with the trends of touch and sport to make ensure that our association continues to run as successfully as it has.

So far I have coordinated seven full senior competitions (Autumn 2008 - Autumn 2011). I believe that each of these competitions have been successful and continually improving with each season. I am looking forward to the Spring 2011 competition being another success and hopefully running even more smoothly than the last.

During the NSTA competition history, one problem each administrator has encountered was the lax attitude by some teams to submit registration fees and insurance forms. We introduced the no pay no play initiative and an earlybird fee to attract payments on time. Both have been successful in solving these previous issues. Insurance is a very important requirement of our competitions and it is essential that ALL registered players are covered. NSTA implemented an online registration system in Autumn 2010 which will continue this season. This has eliminated the Insurance Form (hard copy) from previous seasons.

During the 2009-2010 junior season the canteen was revived (aka the sign on area) in to a working canteen. This proved to be successful and as such the canteen will be in operation this season. Cold drinks and snacks are available as well as some merchandise.

This year we have four teams competing on a weekly basis in the Vawdon Cup (formerly known as Sydney Championships) at various locations in the greater Sydney area. We have 2 Women's teams, one Men's and one Mixed team. With an increase in teams we have an increase in coaching/managerial staff. We'd like to welcome some new faces: Michael Irvine, Peter Taggart, Ben Brown, Ken Iwata, Martin Yeo, and Russell Watsford. We'd also like to welcome back Tim Harris, Sato Ozawa, Haruna Ozawa, Cam Byrnes, James Savlaggio and myself. I would like to thank the coaches and managers for their tireless efforts in coordinating the teams. I wish all teams good luck in the competition.

The NSTA junior competition is conducted in terms one and four of the school year. This year we hope to get Primary schools up and running. After previous attempts we will be holding a primary schools gala day in mid September which will also double as a registration day for a 4 week competition in term 4. I am looking to expand the number of schools and age groups involved in the junior competition. At this stage we are only accommodating high school girls but eventually I would also like to incorporate high school boys to add to the success of the junior competition.

As an Exercise Sports Science graduate I have worked as a coach, sports teacher, and avid sports administrator. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and experience with NSTA so far and am grateful for this opportunity. I'd like to welcome all teams to the association and wish you all a successful and enjoyable season.

Kim Solman  
NSTA Administrator

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## **REFEREE'S REPORT**

The past year has been extremely successful for the Referees Association of Northern Suburbs Touch Association (NSTA).

The Referees Association has managed to cover most games of the past year with badged referees. This can be attributed to the hard work of a small number of dedicated referees. In comparative terms with other associations, NSTA Referees Association has a highly qualified and strong membership. This, together with development/coaching and exposure to representative tournaments, has contributed to a high standard of refereeing at Northern Suburbs.

In terms of representative refereeing, NSTA referees have performed strongly over the past year. The list of achievements is as follows:

- 14 referees attending the Vawdon Cup (Jul to Nov 10)
- 14 referees attended the NSW State Cup (Dec 10)
- 9 referees attended the NSW Junior State Cup (Feb 11)
- 4 referees attended the Australian Nationals (Mar 11)
- 3 referees attended the NSW 14/16 Regionals (Apr 11)
- 5 referees attended the NSW Country Championships (May 11)

Experience at these representative tournaments is invaluable. The experience and the knowledge gained through these tournaments are utilised in refereeing games at NSTA and also in the training and development of 'junior' referees. This lifts the overall standard of refereeing which in turn provides a better game for the teams playing at Norths.

An on-going area of concern is one of attracting and maintaining referees. We have been lucky to attract a few new referees over the past year and retain most of our current referees. We continue to investigate strategies/ methods to attract new referees. NSTA has assisted in this process by requiring each team to provide 2 qualified referees, who will fulfil the duty refereeing requirements. (The duty refereeing requirements are approximately 2 games twice a season.) We ask that the teams continue to embrace this concept, as it will benefit the Association.

With this last point in mind, we are always keen to recruit new referees. If you, or any of your team, are interested in refereeing on a regular basis, please speak to Kim Solman on Registration Night or email your queries to the attention of Rina Janson via [norths@northstouch.asn.au](mailto:norths@northstouch.asn.au). We provide training, coaching and support to those who are interested. We have scheduled the next Level 1 Referee Course for next Wednesday 10 August, here at the Bowling Club. Please let Kim(s) know tonight if you're interested in attending or direct any questions to the Kim(s).

In closing, I would like to thank the support of Referees Committee, who has assisted me this past year. I would also like to thank Frank Schiraldi and the NSTA Committee for their on-going support, and Kim Solman for her tireless efforts behind the scenes.

Rina Janson  
Director of NSTA Referees

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I have been overseas for most of July and unfortunately have not had a chance to finalise the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2011.

The Financial Statements will be prepared in the next few weeks and will be presented to the members at next season's registration night in January 2012.

The local council has increased the cost of hiring the fields and lights by approximately 50% during the year and as a result team fees will have to be increased to cover this additional cost from the Autumn 2012 season.

New fees will be Open competition \$1100 (1200 late fee) and Junior competition \$650.

I wish everyone a successful, enjoyable and injury free 2011/12 season. I do, however, ask all teams to assist Norths by making sure that all registration fees are paid in full at the start of the competition.

Jamie Chan  
Treasurer