

HSS SNOOKER COMPETITION - 2014

Minutes from AGM Wednesday 11 March 2014

1. The 2014 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General meeting was held at Hornsby RSL Club on Wednesday 11 March 2014.

2. The following representatives from participating clubs were present:

Andy de Haan, President - Hornsby

Harry Anderson, Secretary, Treasurer - Hornsby

Robbie Crane - North Ryde

Steve Luschwitz – North Sydney Leagues

Marcus Lewis - North Sydney Leagues

David McMahon, - Hornsby

Jim Sullivan - Hornsby

David Waller - Castle Hill

Apologies: Frank Galanos – North Ryde, Jeff Middleton – Castle Hill,

Sasha Ghersini - Hornsby, Dennis Tritt – City Tatts

3. Minutes of last AGM

The meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Harry Anderson who explained that copies of the minutes of last year's meeting had been sent to all attendees at last year's AGM in March 2013 and no corrections had been recommended. The minutes were accepted as correct (proposed by Dave McMahon and seconded by Robbie Crane).

4. Business Arising from last AGM

Harry Anderson expressed his thanks to Jeff Middleton for taking over the secretary role during Harry's absence in 2013. Jeff did a great job and this was acknowledged by those attending the AGM. There was no other business arising from the minutes.

5. President's Report

Andy de Haan read out the President's Report which is attached.

6. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Harry Anderson presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report which was accepted (proposed by Dave McMahon and seconded by David Waller). Harry advised that the balance sheet would be posted on the HSS website.

7. Election of Officers for 2014

The 2013 office bearers stood down and an election of office bearers to conduct the administration was held. The following positions were nominated, elected and accepted as forming the committee:

President - Andy de Haan

Secretary - Harry Anderson
Treasurer - Harry Anderson.

7. Nominations for 2014 Competition

The following teams were nominated for the 2013 competition:

Hornsby 1, Hornsby 2, North Ryde, Norths 1, Norths 2, Castlehill and City Tatts.

Dates for Pre-Season Competition and Round 1 of HSS

No matches will be scheduled over the Easter/Anzac Day and Queen's Birthday periods. The Pre-Season Competition will be played at Hornsby RSL Club on Tuesday 1 April commencing at 7.00pm. Round 1 of the HSS Cup will commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 April. A fixture list will be provided at the Pre-Season fixture.

8. 2014 Subscriptions and Result Reports

The Treasurer called for \$100 cheques from each team to be sent to him before Round 4 of the competition, and explained the set up for reporting results. Preferred method is to send result with breaks of 40+ by email to harry142@bigpond.net.au and entry of result in the HSS website result page by the home team. In addition the result sheet should be faxed by the home team to 9487 5128 to enable recording of players match history.

9. Finals and Semi Finals Venues

Hornsby now has 6 tables again so it was agreed that both semis should take place one same date at Hornsby. It was agreed that subject to the approval by the Hornsby RSL Club Board of Directors, the following would be scheduled to take place at Hornsby RSL Club:

Both HSS Semi-Finals with 6 tables reserved from 1 hour prior to start;

HSS Grand Final and Presentation Function immediately following the match.

The fixture list is to be promulgated with venues for the knockout stages to be shared by the other clubs. David Waller was asked to request Castle Hill who have hosted this event for the past few years to consider holding it again this year. The day after the AGM David advised that Castle Hill had agreed to host the event and will provide suppers. Our thanks go to Castle Hill RSL Club for being so supportive..

10. Scottish Cup Finals Format

As there are less than 8 teams it was agreed that the Scottish Cup would be played for by the teams positioned 5th, 6th and 7th after the last round. If there are 8 or more teams we will revert to the same format as the HSS finals.

11. Any Other Business

- a. The ruling for this year's competition for "foul and miss" was discussed, and in particular whether to continue with last year's ruling. This will require a foul and miss to be called automatically for a failure to strike a ball-on in a fully snookered situation on the first attempt (this will remove any argument about whether a genuine attempt was made). However a foul and miss can only be called again if subsequent attempts to hit a ball on is struck with insufficient force to reach a ball-on or no real attempt has been made. It was agreed that

the rule will apply during the 2014 competition, but will not be necessary from 2015 when we will revert to the ruling currently used for the second attempt.

- b. Andy deHaan suggested we look at a possible change to our format where teams are reduced to 4 players which would enable more teams to take part. There was a good discussion on the idea but it was not taken up due to the difficulty of fitting in the home fixtures should some clubs have more than two teams. However all players in the competition are invited to give this some thought and come forward with any ideas that may enable at least 8 but preferably more teams to take part.
- c. Robbie Crane commented on the inconsistency in the implementation of the dress code. It was agreed that all Captains and players who comply with the code should try to influence those who don't to make more of an effort to follow the code.
- d. David Waller raised the notion we should now follow the new ruling for double whereby once a player is deemed to be the striker he cannot consult with his partner and should get on with playing his shot. It was agreed we should follow this in the hope it will speed up doubles frames.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

H G Anderson
Secretary,
HSS Snooker Competition