

HSS SNOOKER COMPETITION – AGM 2016

Minutes from AGM Wednesday 2 March 2016

1. The 2016 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General meeting was held at Hornsby RSL Club on Wednesday 2 March 2016.

2. The following representatives from participating clubs were present:

Andy de Haan, President - Hornsby

Harry Anderson, Secretary, Treasurer - Hornsby

David McMahon – Hornsby

Trevor Harrison – Hornsby

Peter Mather - North Ryde

Steve Luschwitz - North Sydney Leagues

Peter Tankard - North Sydney Leagues

Dennis Tritt - City Tatts

David Chan - City Tatts

Patrick Gauci - Castle Hill

Jon Burrard – Gladesville

Vaz Ozorov - Narrabeen

Apologies: David Waller - Castle Hill, Jeff Middleton – Castle Hill

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 2015 and no corrections had been recommended. The minutes were accepted as correct.

Business Arising from last AGM

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. President's Report

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

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Harry Anderson presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report which was accepted. Harry advised that the balance sheet would be posted on the HSS website.

7. Election of Officers for 2016

The 2016 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.

4. Nominations for 2016 Competition

The following teams were nominated for the 2016 competition:

Hornsby 1, Hornsby 2, Norths 1, Norths 2, Castle Hill 1, Castle Hill 2, City Tatts 1, City Tatts 2, North Ryde, Narrabeen and Gladesville.

As Norths will only have two tables available it was agreed that all matches at Norths are to start at 7pm or earlier if possible. All teams are requested to ensure at least two players are available to start at 7pm or earlier for their matches at Norths. Gladesville have other team fixtures on some Tuesday nights at Gladesville. The draw will take those fixtures into account, which will likely cause more consecutive Home or consecutive Away matches for most teams.

Dates for Pre-Season Competition and Round 1 of HSS

There will be no Pre-Season competition this year. No matches will be scheduled during the Easter Weekend week.

Round 1 of the HSS Cup will commence at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5 April. A fixture list will be provided before end of March.

5. 2016 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 scanned or photographed by the home team and sent to Harry to enable recording of players match history.

6. Finals and Semi Finals Venues

As Hornsby has 6 tables it was agreed that both semis should take place on 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; and 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. Patrick Gauci was asked to request Castle Hill who have hosted the Scottish Cup Grand Final for the past few years to consider holding it again this year. Patrick advised that it will almost certainly be approved. Our thanks go to Castle Hill RSL Club for being so supportive..

7. Scottish Cup Finals Format

As there are 11 teams participating, the Scottish Cup semi-finals would be played for by the teams positioned 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th after Round 20, using the same format as the HSS finals.

8. Any Other Business

After much discussion and debate it was decided by the majority of those attending that the foul and miss rule in force in 2014 will be applied in 2016. 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. In the event of any dispute, the Captains of both teams are to decide the outcome. Also the Captains of the home teams are to advise the players before the match starts about this year's ruling.

Consideration was given to changing the format for matches as suggested by a few players. After some discussion it was agreed to retain the current format, in particular to keep the doubles format which stops players leaving as soon as their singles are finished. This has been a traditional feature of the ACRO and the HSS competitions that encourages most people involved to enjoy the social interaction during supper.

The President raised the issue of dress code for all HSS matches. He is dissatisfied with the breaches consistently occurring and made it clear that he will not continue to sponsor the Competition if the rules are not strictly adhered to. It was agreed to introduce a 2 points penalty for any team who fail to meet the dress rules, which basically are dark tailored trousers, plain coloured or team shirts and shoes. Thongs, sneakers, jeans and tank tops hanging out over pants are definitely not allowed. Captains are responsible for ensuring their players comply and have to accept the 2 point penalty. Players who are not properly dressed can play the singles and doubles but 2 points will be conceded. The President will produce guidelines and distribute them to all Captains before the start of this year's competition.

It was agreed to implement the Mercy Rule this year where frames are to be stopped when all the reds are gone if there is a score gap that requires more than 3 snookers. This equates to a 40 point difference if Yellow is still on table, 37 if Green is still on, 35 if Brown is still on, 34 if Blue is still on, and 32 if only pink and black are left.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

H G Anderson
Secretary, HSS Snooker Competition

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