



## **HSS SNOOKER COMPETITION - AGM 2019**

### ***Minutes from AGM Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019***

The 2019 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General Meeting was held at 7.30pm at the Hornsby RSL Club on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

#### **Attendance:**

The following representatives from participating Clubs were present:-

Andy De Haan – President  
Harry Anderson – Treasurer  
Patrick Gauci – Secretary  
Martin Lok – Chatswood ICS  
Richard Hunter - Hornsby  
David Walsh – City Tatts  
David Chan – City Tatts  
Jon Burrard – CH RSL  
David Kool – Norths Leagues

**Apologies:** Billy Shum – Chatswood, Serge Mastroianni – Forestville, David McMahon – Hornsby, Dennis Tritt – City Tatts.

#### **1. Minutes of the last AGM**

The meeting was formally opened at 7.35pm by the Secretary confirming that copies of the previous year's AGM had been provided to all attendees to last year's meeting in March 2018. No corrections had been requested or recommended. Harry Anderson proposed and David Kool seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

#### **2. Business arising from last year's AGM**

There was no business arising from the minutes for last year's AGM.

#### **3. President's Report**

Andy de Haan read out the President's report which will be made available on the HSS website.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Harry Anderson presented the Treasurer's report. This was proposed for acceptance by David Kool and seconded by Richard Hunter, and accepted. The balance sheet for 2018 was also presented in hard copy to all attendees, and is to be equally posted on the HSS website together with the report.

#### **5. Secretary's Report**

Patrick Gauci delivered his report which will be posted on the HSS website. Hard copies of the 2019 Team entry form and 2019 match score-sheet were distributed to those present and will be equally available on the HSS website as well as emailed to team Captains.

#### **6. Election of Office Bearers 2019**

The President, Treasurer and Secretary vacated their position temporarily and Patrick Gauci took over proceedings for the election.

All three incumbent office bearers were appropriately proposed for re-nomination and seconded by those present and re-elected unopposed to their respective position for 2019. There were no other nominations put forward in contesting the Cttee positions. Andy de Haan invited and encouraged additional Cttee nominations in particular with Harry Anderson flagging that he wishes to wind down his future involvement and commitments to the HSS, but none were forthcoming at the meeting.

#### **7. Nominations of teams for 2019 competition**

The following teams were formally nominated and considered for acceptance:-

- **Castle Hill RSL #1 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **Castle Hill RSL #2 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **Chatswood ICS #1 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **Chatswood ICS #2 (*to be confirmed to the Secretary with team listing by 29<sup>th</sup> March at latest please*)**
- **City Tatts #1 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **City Tatts #2 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **Hornsby RSL #1 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**
- **Hornsby RSL #2 (*to be confirmed to the Secretary with team listing by 29<sup>th</sup> March at latest please*)**
- **Norths #1 (team listing to be provided to the Secretary by March 29<sup>th</sup> please)**  
making a possible maximum total of 9 teams.

It was noted that Forestville RSL Club would not to be part of the 2019 HSS competition. Additionally, Blacktown RSL was suggested by the Secretary as a potential participating Club and the President was to investigate that possibility and revert, securing a decision by March 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Finally, the 2019 competition will likely be made up of between **9 to 10 teams** to be yet confirmed. When numbers are confirmed by March 29<sup>th</sup> at latest, Harry Anderson will compile an appropriate home and away draw taking into account of no play scheduled for the following dates:-

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> (Tuesday after Easter).
- June 11<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday after Queen's Birthday long weekend).

#### **8. Dates for Round 1 of HSS 2019**

It was decided that Round 1 of the 2019 competition will be held on **Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>**. The Secretary will provide details of the finalized competition draw as soon as is practicable, including details of scheduled dates in respect of Finals play. The usual Round 1 Notice will be provided by the Secretary prior to commencement and anticipated by April 1st.

#### **9. 2019 team entry subscriptions**

The Secretary proposed that the team entry fee remain @ \$100 each. This was unanimously agreed and will apply. Team captains are requested to effect early payment and by 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> round at the very latest. EFT payment was preferred. The HSS bank account details are available from either the Treasurer or Secretary on request.

#### **10. Finals and Semi-Finals venues**

At this stage,

The HSS Grand Final will be played at Hornsby RSL.

The Scottish Cup Grand Final will be played at CH RSL.

The HSS Final & Scottish Cup Final will be held at a venue to be designated.

The HSS Semi-Finals will be played at Hornsby RSL Club.

The Scottish Cup Semi-Finals will be played at venue(s) to be decided later when participating teams and Clubs have been decided.

## 11. Scottish Cup Finals

This was not discussed with the event being played along the same lines as for the 2018 competition.

## 12. Any other business

### 12.1 – “Foul & Miss” rule

A proposal was put forward by David Walsh [City Tatts] (on behalf of and in Dennis Tritt’s absence) that the existing application of the rule ***should be amended to be as provided for in the WPBSA rules.***

After a significant unsurprising amount of most animated discussion on the subject by those present, and a couple of potential variations being considered, it was decided to put a vote to the participating team Captains entering the 2019 competition.

Team Captains (1 vote per team Captain, so 2 votes for Clubs with 2 teams entering) will be shortly requested by the Secretary to vote for **One** (Only) of the following 3 options listed below:-

- a) **Retain the HSS modified “foul and miss” rule in the HSS Competition as it has been applied during the 2018 competition, or**
- b) **Apply the WPBSA “foul and miss” rule as used in professional games (copy of rule attached) instead of last year’s HSS rule of first miss being always called a “foul and miss”, or**
- c) **Have no “foul and miss” rule apply and all misses are treated as just a foul.**

NB.

- 1) It is to be noted that variations to the above options will not be considered by the Committee.
- 2) In the event of a potentially tied vote count, the HSS President will have the casting vote.
- 3) In the event that either options b) or c) above are to be adopted, an appropriate amendment will be effected to the HSS Constitution.

### 12.2 – Order of Play

David Walsh (City Tatts) raised on behalf of Dennis Tritt, circumstances where ***“problems occur when the Home team orders players who haven’t yet turned up and the Away team has already arranged for 3 players to come early for the first round. As the Home team is responsible for marking, then ALL 6 of their players should be available at start of play and play should follow the draw and the matches should not be re-ordered or re-drawn.”***

After much animated discussion, no express agreement was regrettably possible or evident.

It is noted however that it has been standard practice for each team Captain to place their respective player order on the match score-sheet without such being privy to the other, and that this should not change. Additionally, that it is most unlikely that the Away visiting team’s players will “coincidentally” be listed to exactly mirror the intended 1,2,3 order specified by the Home team who will have all their rostered players available.

This therefore appears (without any need to re-arrange matches) to point towards the practical need for the first 3 matches to be (in such circumstances) played in the order in which the 3 visiting players are actually listed and available for immediate play.

### 12.3 – Club Marconi start times

This was in-applicable as Club Marconi is not participating in the 2019 competition.

#### 12.4 – **Introduction of limited individual entered Clubs' team swaps**

David Kool [Norths' Leagues] made a suggestion in relation to the above. The proposal was to alleviate the occasional stress experienced by Captains in fielding a team. It was discussed in some detail and was generally, if not unanimously, agreed and to be adopted as a trial during the 2019 HSS Competition.

***In order to ensure a thorough understanding and intention of the above by all, the following notes are included:-***

- \* This applies to any entered Club with 2 teams.
- \* Each player can **ONLY** be registered to one team (either team 1 or team 2).
- \* A player registered for one team can play for another team (provided such teams are from the same Club) and are subject to the following limitations:-
  - \* Any individual player may only play in the other team **ONCE** in the first half of the competition regular rounds and **ONCE** in the second half of the competition regular rounds, therefore a maximum of 2 times in the year.
  - \* This facility may be exercised by any and all players in both teams but only by any one team in any round.
  - \* This will not apply to matches between teams 1 and 2 of the same Club.
  - \* This will not apply during semi-finals or finals of either the HSS or Scottish Cup events given that players need to qualify with a minimum number of games in the respective team in which they are originally registered.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx. 9.15 pm.

Patrick G. Gauci  
Secretary  
2019 HSS Snooker Competition.