



HSS SNOOKER COMPETITION

Minutes from AGM Monday 15th March 2021

The 2021 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General Meeting was held at 7.00pm at the Hornsby RSL Club on Monday 15th March 2021.

Attendance:

Present:-

Andy De Haan – President
Patrick Gauci – Secretary
David McMahon – Assistant Treasurer / Cttee member
Dennis Tritt – City Tatts
Richard Hunter – Hornsby RSL
David Waller – Chatswood ICS
David Giles – Castle Hill 1

Apologies: David Walsh – City Tatts 1, David Chan – City Tatts 2, David Hunter – City Tatts 1, Peter Mathers – Forestville, David Kool - Forestville.

The meeting was formally opened at 7.25 pm by the Secretary.

1. Minutes of the last year's AGM

The Secretary confirmed that copies of the previous year's AGM had been provided to all attendees to last year's meeting in February 2020 and were available at the meeting if required. No corrections had been requested or recommended. Andy De Haan proposed and David McMahon 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. The President paid tribute to our previous Secretary / Treasurer and long time HSS friend and colleague Harry Anderson who was sadly deceased June 17th 2020. R.I.P. Harry.

4. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's report submitted in the absence of the Treasurer office bearer and no competition being held in 2020 due to Covid-19.

5. Secretary's Report

Patrick Gauci delivered his report which will be posted on the HSS website. Hard copies of the 2021 Team entry forms and 2021 match score-sheets were distributed to those present and will be equally available on the HSS website as well as emailed to team Captains prior to start of this year's competition.

6. Election of Office Bearers 2021

The President, and Secretary vacated their position and Andy De Haan informally briefly took over proceedings for the election.

Andy De Haan was proposed, seconded and re-elected unopposed as President and formally took over proceedings for the election of other office bearers. Patrick Gauci was proposed,

seconded and re-elected as Secretary. David McMahon was proposed by Andy De Haan as Treasurer, duly seconded then elected as Treasurer for 2021.

7. Team nominations for 2021 competition

The following teams were formally nominated, considered and accepted:-

- **Castle Hill RSL #1 is confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**
- **Castle Hill RSL #2 is confirmed (team listing will be formulated by April 12th)**

- **Chatswood ICS is confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**

- **City Tatts #1 confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**
- **City Tatts #2 confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**

- **Hornsby RSL #1 confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**
- **Hornsby RSL #2 confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**

- **Forestville RSL has confirmed a new club entry into the competition (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**

- **147 Society, also being a new club entry is confirmed (team listing is to be provided to the Secretary by April 12th please)**

* It is noted that 147 Society's relatively new facilities at the Mandarin Centre in Chatswood will be equipped with 2 snooker tables necessitating an earlier than otherwise starting time at this venue (refer Agenda item 10 below).

Jeff Farrugia (Captain) confirmed that the facilities at 147 Society will be available to all visiting HSS registered teams and players free of any cost of membership entry or otherwise. Players are advised that some parking charges may apply in the Mandarin Centre building.

Therefore, the 2021 HSS Trophy competition will have a confirmed total of 9 teams from 6 clubs, as per the above details.

8. 2021 Competition – Host clubs Supper requirements

Discussion arose as to whether, and which clubs or venues would likely be serving supper at their respective hosting venues for this year's competition. It was agreed that given the Covid-19 situation, it's significant impact on food offerings in such establishments in general and the potential of changing circumstances at very short notice, it would be left to each venue to provide what may be possible and practicable within the "rules" but no hard and fast requirement would apply.

Given the above, it was suggested by Dave Waller that if possible, host team Captains drop a quick message to the visiting team Captains advising whether any supper would be served on the forthcoming evening's match at their venue.

There was also a proposal that wherever possible, irrespective of the progressive frames score at that point in the evening, that any supper be preferably served in an agreed break between Captains, such to take place prior to the 3 Doubles matches rather than at competition conclusion so as to encourage if not ensure a far more likely presence by all team participants on both sides.

9. 2021 Competition – Covid-19 special requirements and procedures

This important subject was discussed in some detail with Andy De Haan making the vital point that none of us, the Hardware Sales & Service company in particular, would wish to be “responsible” or associated with even a potentially alledged Covid-19 contamination !!

It was agreed and a requirement of this year’s competition that all team Captains should ensure the following at their respective hosting venue, that:-

- all appropriate NSW Government mandated Covid-19 safe requirements be strictly observed at all time during the HSS Cup competition,
- as far as practicable, they ensure that any player(s) who may be feeling unwell, or have any symptoms, or who have knowingly been in contact with persons with symptoms, should refrain from playing in the HSS Cup competition,
- they arrange and ensure that a sufficient supply of sanitizers and wipes be made freely available at the venue and that players are encouraged to use them, and equally that appropriate social distance is observed as required wherever possible.

The HSS Cttee will continue to keep an eye on any Covid-19 pandemic developments and urge all team Captains, Vice-Captains and players to do likewise.

10. 2021 Competition – Starting time with clubs with only 2 tables

The only participating Club and team with 2 tables for this coming year’s competition is the Chatswood 147 club at the Mandarin centre building. It was agreed that similarly to previous years in such circumstances, the starting time would be 6.30pm for the first 2 matches. Visiting teams will therefore be required to field a minimum of 2 Singles matches when playing away at Chatswood 147.

11. Dates for Round 1 of HSS 2021

It was decided that Round 1 of the 2021 home / away competition will take place on **Tuesday April 20th**. The Secretary presented a draft competition draw to the meeting, including details of scheduled dates in respect of Finals play and proposed venues. The draw was approved by the meeting with the HSS Grand Final scheduled for Tuesday September 14th at Hornsby RSL. The standard Round 1 Notice will be emailed by the Secretary in due course. The final approved draw will also be emailed shortly to all team captains as well as known interested parties.

12. 2021 team entry subscriptions

The Secretary proposed that the team entry fee remain @ \$100 each as has been the case for some years and has worked well. This was unanimously agreed and will apply. Team captains are requested to please effect prompt early payment no later than by the 3rd or 4th round. EFT payment is preferred. The HSS bank account details are available from either the Treasurer or Secretary on request.

In respect to competition sponsorship, some discussion took place in relation to the continued primary sponsorship assumed for many years by Hardware Sales & Service Pty. Ltd. given the challenging business landscape that exists in the wake of the Covid-19 2020 impact experienced by many if not most businesses. This will be reviewed and confirmed by Andy De Haan in due course.

In addition, a suggestion was put forward and discussed in relation to the possibility that the City Tatts club might be interested in some kind of financial sponsorship contribution to this year’s competition, possibly of the order of \$500 for 2021. It was also an option to be considered that some recognition would in such case be considered in conjunction with the hitherto named Scottish Cup.

Finally, Andy De Haan also mentioned that the late Harry Anderson’s daughter Annette, had last year confirmed her support and was very keen in being available on Grand Final night to

present the Scottish Cup trophy and individual medals to the winners. This will now more recently need to be re-confirmed.

13. Finals and Semi-Finals venues

At this stage, it is intended that venues will be similar to past years, however as “home advantage” is preferably avoided as far as practicable, any early details submitted will be subject to confirmation at a later time.

The HSS Grand Final will be played at Hornsby RSL on September 14th 2021.

The Scottish Cup Grand Final will be played (to be confirmed) at Castle Hill RSL on the scheduled date being September 7th 2021.

The HSS Final & Scottish Cup Final will be held on August 24th 2021 at a venue to be designated depending in teams qualifying.

The HSS Semi-Finals will be played at Hornsby RSL Club on a date t.b.a.

The Scottish Cup Semi-Finals will be played on Tuesday August 24th at venue(s) to be decided later when participating teams and Clubs have been decided.

14. Scottish Cup Finals

Given the confirmed number of teams in this year’s competition, it is planned that the format will remain unchanged from 2019 involving teams ranked 5th to 8th after the last HSS regular round participating and playing 1st V/s 2nd, winner to GF, and loser to play winner of 3 V/s 4th, with the winner of that match, playing for a spot in the GF, and the loser out of finals contention.

15. Any other business

(a) Brief general discussion took place both in relation to the playing of Doubles matches as well as the Foul & Miss rule. A decision was made that no change would be made to either (other than the F & M fine tuning as below explained) in the forthcoming 2021 competition.

(b) WPBSA Rule changes 2019 / Impact on HSS 2021

The above changes were briefly raised and having previously reviewed the “**Explanatory Notes to the 2019 Rewrite of the Rulebook**” which are available to all on either on the WPBSA website or the HSS Secretary, it was noted and agreed that Captains and players should become familiarised with such changes given that the HSS Competition is played under the WPBSA rules.

Having said that, particular attention is drawn, whilst in no way limiting the significance of any other changes, to the following:-

Section 2 Rule 17 – Snookered rule, (relative to a jaw snooker situation) and to

Section 3 Rule 14 – Foul and Miss rule (relative to the ability to call a F & M infringement when once applied, the consequent resulting score difference gives rise to the possibility of a draw, (itself thereby giving rise to a black re-spot).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx. 8.35 pm.

Patrick G. Gauci
Secretary
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