



HSS CUP SNOOKER COMPETITION

Minutes from AGM Wednesday 23rd February 2022

The 2022 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General Meeting was held at 7.00pm at the Hornsby RSL Club on Wednesday 23rd February 2022.

Attendance:

Present:-

Andy de Haan – President
Patrick Gauci – Secretary
David Hunter – City Tatts RSL
Rahul Joshi – Hornsby RSL
Billy Shum – Chatswood ICS
David Giles – Castle Hill RSL 1
Ben Gordon – 147 Society
Sasha Ghersini – Forestville RSL
David Kool – Forestville RSL

Apologies: David McMahon – Treasurer, David Chan – City Tatts RSL 2.

The meeting was formally opened at 7.20 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 March 2021 and were in fact able to be accessed on the HSS website though regrettably unavailable at the meeting. No corrections had been requested or recommended. The Minutes were agreed as passed.

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 again be made available on the HSS website. The President paid tribute to the Secretary and Treasurer for their respective efforts in ensuring the Cttee was able to successfully hold a competition in 2021, albeit that this had to be shortened due to Covid-19 issues.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Secretary briefly submitted the Treasurer's prepared report in his absence. The Balance sheet of accounts was shared with those present showing a small \$ 4.63 credit balance at year end, this is carried forward to this current year's competition.

5. Secretary's Report

Patrick Gauci delivered his report which will be posted on the HSS website.

Hard copies of the 2022 Team entry forms and 2022 match score-sheets are to be distributed to all Captains by email once team nominations have been in principle finalized. These will be equally available on the HSS website. It would be appreciated if these could be used by all Captains.

6. Election of Office Bearers for 2022

The President, Secretary and Treasurer 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 as was David McMahon as Treasurer for the 2022 competition.

7. Team nominations for 2022 competition

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

- **Castle Hill RSL #1 is confirmed**
- **Castle Hill RSL #2 is confirmed**

- **Chatswood ICS is confirmed**

- **City Tatts, #1 is confirmed**
City Tatts, #2 is confirmed

- **Hornsby RSL #1 is confirmed**
Hornsby RSL #2 is confirmed

- **Forestville RSL is confirmed**
- **Forestville RSL possible team #2 to be advised by Sunday 13th March please**

- **147 Society, is confirmed**

Therefore, the 2022 HSS Trophy competition will be comprised of a confirmed total of 9 teams from 6 clubs, and possibly a 10th team from Forestville yet to be advised.

Team Captains are required to please have their respective team sheets fully correctly completed and emailed to the Secretary no later than Sunday 20th March, many thanks.

8. 2022 Competition – Host clubs Supper requirements

Discussion again arose on this subject both from the aspect of any complications potentially attaching to the waning Covid-19 virus NSW Health and Club regulations, as well as keeping an eye on individual venues ability of funding same.

The Secretary mentioned that where hosting teams / clubs are in a position to provide a supper, this would be most welcome and should please be provided wherever practical at a structured total break in play, preferably after the completion of the 12 Singles frames and before the Doubles. There was in principle agreement to that suggestion.

9. 2022 Competition – Review of any Covid-19 special requirements

This subject was briefly discussed and agreement was essentially noted that all venues would be taking appropriate precautions in enforcing requirements as promulgated by each individual venue.

10. 2022 Competition – Starting time for club venues with only 2 tables

It was agreed that there would be no change to the existing earlier 6.30 pm required starting time which only applies this year to the team entry by 147 Society based in Chatswood given the availability of only 2 tables.

There were some discussions in relation to some issues that arose last year regarding a more strict application and enforcement of starting times to encourage and achieve appropriately acceptable completion of play in each round. In this regard, the Secretary was requested to remind and underline to all Captains to both ensure the timely availability of the 3 or 2 players required to be present and ready for play at the allocated time commencement of the round, as well as the provisions of the HSS Constitution Clause 13 (Player Forfeit).

11. Dates for Round 1 of HSS 2022

It was decided and confirmed that Round 1 of the 2022 home / away competition will take place on **Tuesday March 22nd**. The Secretary will prepare a potentially appropriate updated draft draw including 10 teams as might be required, otherwise the draw will be exactly as per last year's with of course correct dates being shown. The agreed final competition draw will be circulated on approx. March 15th with the expectation that where clubs have entered 2 teams, then in those instances, team 1 will be playing against team 2 at home as has been the previous practice.

12. 2022 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 2nd or 3rd round. EFT payment is preferred. The Bendigo bank account details are the same as last year's. Should anyone need to ask for them please ask the Treasurer in the first instance otherwise myself. Thanks in advance to team managers for arranging early payment.

13. Finals and Semi-Finals venues Dates for semi-finals and finals play-offs venues will be advised at a later stage closer to the completion of the ordinary home and away rounds. The expectation is that Hornsby RSL will be hosting the HSS Grand Final and Castle Hill RSL would be hosting the Scottish Cup Grand Final.

14. Scottish Cup Finals format

Irrespective as to whether the confirmed number of team entries remains at 9 or goes to 10 for this year, it is planned that the format will remain unchanged from 2021 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. General business

There was only one item hereunder.

The Secretary proposed a review and discussion to significantly clarify the existing provisions and practical application of the **Foul & Miss rule (as HSS modified)**, as currently expressed on the HSS website.

It was evident that there had been repeated misunderstandings, disagreements and varying interpretations on its application during the last year.

After much extended and lively deliberations involving all present, Dave Hunter proposed to produce a concise pictorial illustration; this was thoroughly discussed, fine-tuned, agreed and attached.

PLEASE IMPORTANTLY NOTE THAT THIS RULE REVIEW NOW MEANS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE TO THE FOUL & MISS RULE. THIS WILL REPLACE AND APPLY TO THE 2022 HSS CUP COMPETITION COMPARED TO WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CASE.

THE RULE WILL BE POSTED TO THE HSS WEBSITE FOR ALL TO SEE AND BE AWARE OF.

The President proposed and it was decided that the revised HSS rule be initially trialed for the 2022 competition.

As an addendum to the AGM Minutes, this will be also separately forwarded to all on the email circulation list for review and digestion. Team captains are encouraged to circulate to all registered players, print (in colour), and post to notice boards in Snooker or Games rooms at participating clubs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx. 9.20 pm.

Patrick G. Gauci
Secretary
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