

HSS CUP SNOOKER COMPETITION

Minutes of AGM held Wednesday 28th February 2024

The 2024 HSS Snooker Competition Annual General Meeting was held at 7.00pm at the Hornsby RSL Club on Wednesday 28th February 2024.

Attendance:

Present:-

Andy De Haan – President

Patrick Gaudi – Secretary

David McMahon - Treasurer

Dennis Tritt – City Tatts 1

David Walsh – City Tatts 1

David Giles – Castle Hill RSL 1

David Kool – Forestville RSL

David Rossi - Castle Hill RSL 1

Apologies:

Mal Winter - City Tatts 1

The meeting was formally opened at 7.03 pm by the Secretary.

Minutes of the last year's AGM held on 22nd February 2023

The Secretary confirmed that copies of the previous year's AGM Minutes had been provided to all attendees at last year's meeting; these were available at the meeting and able to be accessed on the HSS website.

Business arising from last year's AGM

There was no business arising from the minutes for last year's AGM; these were accepted a true record.

President's Report

Andy de Haan presented the President's report which will be available on the HSS website. In particular the President paid special tribute to both the Secretary and Treasurer for their respective efforts in ensuring the Committee was able to successfully hold a successful 21 rounds competition in 2023. Andy also made mention in appreciation of the important role that Sally Northover plays in managing and keeping the HSS website up-to-date.

Andy also congratulated both Castle Hill 1 and City Tatts 2 on an entertaining HSS Cup final with Castle Hill 1 defeating City Tatts 2 whilst equally making mention of Tristan Lau's 100 HSS break for the season and those by Jom Wangta of 95 and 96 in 2024. In the Scottish Cup Grand Final, City Tatts 1 was also congratulated on defeating Hornsby 2.

Treasurer's Report

David McMahon submitted his Balance of Account report informing the meeting that last year's competition resulted in a closing credit balance of \$200.30 which is being carried forward to the forthcoming year.

Secretary's Report

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

Election of Office Bearers for 2024

The President, Secretary and Treasurer vacated their position and David Kool was invited to briefly take over proceedings allowing for the election formalities.

Andy de Haan was proposed, seconded and re-elected unopposed as President, Patrick Gauci was proposed, seconded and re-elected as Secretary as was David McMahon was equally proposed, seconded and re-elected as Treasurer for the 2024 competition.

Team nominations for 2024 competition

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

Castle Hill RSL #1 is confirmed (Captain: David Giles)

Castle Hill RSL #2 is confirmed (Captain: Patrick Gauci)

City Tatts #1 is confirmed (Captain: Mal Winter)

***City Tatts #2 is under consideration to be confirmed or otherwise by March 12th
(Captain: David Chan)**

Hornsby RSL #1 is confirmed (Captain: Rahul Joshi t.b.c.)

Hornsby RSL #2 is confirmed (Captain: t.b.a.)

Forestville RSL #1 is confirmed (Captain: Peter Mathers t.b.c.)

Forestville RSL #2 is confirmed (Captain: David Kool)

* David Walsh representing the City Tatts Club Snooker Committee advised that their Team 2 was currently in the process of compiling their team roster and would confirm participation or otherwise in the near future.

Therefore, the 2024 HSS Cup competition will be comprised of a total of 7 or 8 teams from 4 clubs, with City Tatts 2 yet to be confirmed. Furthermore, the draw will essentially be identical to that of 2023 comprising of 21 Rounds with all teams playing each other on a total of 3 occasions. This would include a "Bye round" in the event that City Tatts 2's team entry is not confirmed.

It was also noted by the Secretary with thanks to David Kool for the successful recruitment of a number of players to enable Forestville RSL to field a 2nd team for the first time this year.

2024 Competition -Host club arrangements (where possible)

The Secretary re-confirmed that similarly to last year, whilst there was no compulsion for participating team /clubs to provide suppers, it was greatly appreciated by those who were in a position to and did provide suppers.

Date of Round 1 for 2024

It was agreed that that this year's regular Rounds season would commence and run from Tuesday March 19th to Tuesday August 6th.

Team entry Subscriptions for 2024

It was agreed that the prior year's entry fee would remain unchanged as per last year at \$120.00 per team.

2024 HSS Cup Finals and Semi-Finals venues

The Secretary confirmed that 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 when opposing teams will be identified. 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.

2024 Scottish Cup Finals format and venues

This will be decided in due course once the number of participating teams is finalised and depending on the finishing order at the completion of Round 21.

General business

a) Amendment to current frame time limitation:

All players and teams will know that currently all frames are limited to 50 minutes with a warning given at the 40 minutes mark. In the interest of earlier match completion for all players, it was agreed to slightly amend the above as follows below.

The now amended applicable new time frame will be:- Frames will be **limited to 45 minutes with a 10 minute warning at the 35 minutes mark. In addition, this will be subject to the provision of item b) below.** As has occasionally been the practice by some teams in past years, opposing Captains may by mutual agreement elect not to set a time limit on the Doubles frames.

b) Clarification on frame completion of play:

Where the 10 minute warning has lapsed at the 45 minutes mark, in the event **that ONLY pink and black remain on the table to be potted, and subject to no snookers being required**, the frame will continue without time limit to its natural conclusion. Should however a foul be committed resulting in a snooker becoming required, the frame will end immediately.

c) Match start "Coin toss" procedure rule change:

It was agreed at last year's AGM to trial a "one-off" coin toss in 2023. After review and discussion however at this AGM, it was agreed to reverse that procedure with the first Singles frames and the Doubles frames going back to the traditional practice of having an individual coin toss for the decision to break or otherwise. Similarly a re-spot black ball will again as always require a coin toss.

d) Foul & Miss rule:

This confirms that the above rule provisions remain unaltered as previously published in 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approx. 7.50 pm.

Patrick G. Gauci

Secretary

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