

## **2017 Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association** **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date & Time:** Thursday 11 May 2017 - 1900

**Venue:** Kahibah Sports Club

**Present** **Committee** – Bill Shoesmith, Grant Schubert, Chris Mungoven, Neil Fatania, Peter Little  
**Members** – Brian Sorrenson, Kenny Plows, Glen Wallace, Bill Bates, Geoffrey Nash, Garry Roberts, John Hicks, Joy Hicks, Neil Audet, Daniel Grant, Steve Drysdale, Mick Paterson, Keith Heatherill, Jonathan Vickerman, Gary Johnson, Ellis Craft, Ren Oakes, Brett Dannett, Mal Kirkman, Tony Paul, Greg Fell, Andrew Clarke, John Duchatel

**Apologies:** Steve Briant

### **Minutes**

- MOTION 1** That the registration fee imposed on members to remain at \$50 or revert back to the \$30.  
Proposed: Neil Audet, Seconded: John Hicks  
Neil A raised questions about why we needed extra funds and these not being returned to members, and that there were enough funds for the committee to run competitions
- MOTION 2** That the format proposal of playing one frame for semi-finals, final and grand-final be abolished.  
Proposed Neil Audet, Seconded: John Hicks  
Neil A said we should go back to the 3 frame format in whatever order, and at the end of the day it is a Team Comp.
- Other members were offered the opportunity to speak
- Gary J** Majority of members were not worried about the fee increase from \$30 to \$50, as long as there were ideas of how these extra funds would be used.
- Ken P** The Balance Sheet showed around \$10-\$12 K of funds  
One of the suggestions made by the committee at the last AGM that funds should eventually be returned to the clubs via prize money, competitions etc, and this was one of the best ideas going forward.
- Grant S** Commented that additional prize money has been made available for the Tony Tamplin (increased from \$2,000 - \$2,500, potentially prize money for the Billiards and other comps also.  
With dwindling membership with less and less members, that Newcastle Snooker was worth "\$1 a week" (in reference to the annual \$50 membership fee)
- Bill S** The committee was open to reinvigorating a presentation night potentially  
Having shirts for all teams, to create uniformity and "togetherness"  
A "buffer" of funds was desirable if some clubs were struggling financially which could also help if / when a club might need to relocate to a new premises
- John H** He had been secretary in 1985 and that the aim was to spend whatever monies the association had accumulated, that it is a "not for profit" organization. We hadn't had much success with sponsorship, and that the 60% increase in fees was not justified, and there had been no presentation evenings held, no handicapped singles comps, or official referees for semi- finals and finals

Mal K Praised the current committee, and they had only had 1 meeting since being elected and they needed to be given a chance to make positive change. Added that the money should be targeted and a plan be communicated.

VOTING for the above mentioned motions, amongst members was conducted with the following outcome:

VOTES	YES	NO	OUTCOME
Motion 1	14	15	<b>PASSED</b>
Motion 2	22	7	<b>ABOLISHED</b>

DECISIONS The \$50 annual fee will stay.  
The trial format of playing a rotational frame by frame for finals won't proceed.

Meeting adjourned @ 2104