

## 2017 Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association

### Inaugural Committee Meeting

Date: 21 February 2017

Venue: Kahibah Sports Club

### Present

Bill Shoesmith, Grant Schubert, Brian Bourke, Neil Fatania, Chris Mungoven, Steve Briant, Peter Little, Ian Callaghan, Neil Pratt

### Agenda

1. Discuss and organize upcoming Competition, Draws & Annual fees.
2. Assist incoming Treasurer with any required info related to upcoming collection of Fees & Notices.
3. Assist incoming Secretary with any requirements.
4. Nominate a GRADE secretary if position is vacant
5. Discuss the appointment of "Disputes Committee"
6. Rule on resolution put forward @ AGM regarding the "Foul & Miss"
7. Discuss and review rules and regulations if time permits

### Minutes

- All Tony Tamplin to continue with a 28 week season + 5 weeks for the Finals Billiards to continue as is, due to approximately 3 weeks of the comp remaining.
- Brian If fees are increased we are likely to lose more teams and players who refuse to pay the increased fees as well as the \$5 per match fee proposed. Centralised facility for snooker not necessarily the right solution.
- Bill Under the current operating model, we will see a gradual decline and put the future of snooker and any competitions in jeopardy. Can we maintain our existing membership? Individual members are declining and not enough younger generation members coming through.
- Neil P Proposed having the TT (Tony Tamplin) competition over 2 nights
- Chris Kurri Kurri looks like it will be going (folding) while Cessnock may yet still survive
- Bill If Mayfield were to collapse by the end of the year, where would the players go, could they filter into other clubs?
- All Clarification was needed regarding the fees, and any increase, as well as the unsubstantiated claims of a \$5 match day fee.
- Grant Confirmed that at the AGM, a proposal was made to increase the annual membership fee by \$20 (from \$30 to \$50) and that the proposed \$5 match day fee was not part of this proposal.
- Steve We cannot subsidise players, and was the proposal accepted?
- Grant The over 50's pay only \$15 (but clarified that this was to play in the over 50's comps only). Also that we cannot be allowed to be bullied by clubs
- Peter We need to spell out that the \$15 for the over 50's represents entry into which comps.
- ACTION Neil P to put together survey results and obtain any missing survey result responses from Bill
- ACTION A letter or flyer to be issued outlining the fees and sent to all clubs.
- Neil F To ensure all parties are reached was happy to put together a database of all members so that we can communicate more effectively.

- Also to consider the possibility of sponsorship.
- Peter Suggested that the 1<sup>st</sup> of July should be date when annual membership fees are payable (\$50)
- Brian Mentioned we need clear communication, otherwise teams will potentially break away and create their own competition, and some sort of “carrot” was required to keep them in the fold.
- Peter A lot of clubs such as the 16 Footers (Belmont) are accountable to the board, and that there was an opportunity for these venues to be used more often. Existing members should have a say in how “their: facilities to be used, we need to develop the clubs.
- MOTION From the 1<sup>st</sup> July the annual fee would be \$50 - payable each year. No payment no play.  
Seconded by Bill & Grant  
PASSED
- Grant Fee structure to be spelt out in the communication to be issued. 50+ is \$15 annually
- Neil F Clarify in the communication that there will be no \$5 match fee, and give a reassurance that this is not a consideration and such suggestions would have to be agreed upon @ the AGM.
- Grant Captains of clubs to be contacted and for teams that are to take part in the forthcoming competition. Tony Tamplin competition to begin from the 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
In addition a penalty should be imposed for teams that “Forfeit” games, potentially dock points!
- ACTION The appointment of a Grade Secretary - Ian Callaghan  
Supported by the “co Grade Secretary” - Grant Schubert
- Bill The appointment of a Disputes Committee was tabled.
- ACTION Monday (Billiards & 50+) would be Grant Schubert  
Wed & Thursday ( TT & Premiership) Ben Cooper
- All The Foul and Miss rule was discussed and how to improve it’s involvement, or whether to scrap it
- Chris Agreed that it needed to be looked at, especially as a result of the inconsistent application  
We shouldn’t scrap it, but something needed to change to avoid misuse.
- Steve We should be playing the Foul & Miss rule without fail.
- Grant Agreed that he and many other players would abuse the rule if it wasn’t there  
We should keep it and educate where necessary
- Steve Suggested that the finals scenario where the race to 3 approach was not working, and that players could miss out. A more workable approach would be to see all 5 players take part by playing 1 frame at a time, by rotating between the 5 players of each team, i.e. 1 frame at a time.
- MOTION The revised finals format to be trialed in the Tony Tamplin competition  
Seconded by Bill & Grant  
PASSED
- Grant Confirmed that the \$ 2,000 prize money to be used for the improvement of our venues as part of the venue improvement process so that money goes back into the clubs and not down the sink via a booze up.
- Peter Suggested that the money could be used for re-clothing tables and that decision should lie with the winning clubs

Meeting closed @ 2110