

## **2017 Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association Committee Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Thursday 01 June 2017 - 1900  
**Venue:** Kahibah Sports Club

**Attendees** Bill Shoemsmith, Grant Schubert, Chris Mungoven, Neil Pratt, Brian Bourke, Neil Fatania  
**Apologies:** Peter Little

### **Agenda**

1. Over 50's format to include doubles
2. 2017 Tournaments
3. Finals referees
4. Over 50's & Billiard prize money
5. Other items:
  - a. Wangi Workers Club would like to start @1830 on Wednesday nights for the rest of current Tony Tamplin competition (Joy Hicks)
  - b. What is happening re: semi-finals of the Over 50's? (Joy Hicks)

### **Minutes**

Item 1 Have been approached by John and Joy regarding a change to the Bert Aglan Format (Billiards) by potentially having 2 singles and then doubles match. Will need to speak with captains for the potential of a 2 man team (to play singles then doubles).

**ACTION** Grant to email list of captains to bill so he can get in touch

Item 3 Grant explained about referees, and had contacted Gary Knight (GK) about getting accredited. Following some basic calculations, if we were to have referees for the Tony Tamplin, over 50's, Billiards and Summer Comp, it would be in the region of \$5,000 per year (that is 12 referees on this basis), with say \$40 per match, or \$20 per match and \$20 travelling expenses. The other option would be to have a list of people willing to referee (qualified and unqualified) with the qualified persons receiving a little more money.

Bill Proposed we should have referees for the Grand Finals only.

Grant Explained the process for getting qualified. It is a 6 night course, say a Thursday evening, and GK would be prepared to come up and train. Once qualified the only stipulation would be that you would have to go to Sydney, say one weekend a year, to adjudicate a match or competition. Chris, Neil P, Grant and Neil F volunteered to be a referee and "complete the training"

Item 2 Tournaments proposed are the Tony Tamplin (with increased prize money), Billiards, Over 50's

Bill Proposed that clubs could run Internal Club competitions, with the top 2 players going forward to a "handicapped singles" competition (knock out format) with the winner receiving \$500, winning club \$250 and the internal Club \$200. There was concern that the clubs could just field their best 2 players and then put them forward, but again that was down to the individual club to decide/ run / organize.

- Grant We need to run both a district and a weekend competition.
- Neil F There was no reason why the Internal Competitions and the District competitions could not be run simultaneously.
- Grant The district competition could have prize money of \$500, with this going to the club as opposed to the winners. Could have 2 singles handicapped competitions, at possibly 2 venues, with entries received in advance and a draw completed and posted online/Facebook in advance.
- Neil F Attended Mingara singles comp and said they used software to run the comp, with a live electronic display for all to see on the day, which we could potentially use for our comps, and will look into and investigate.
- Grant Billiards weekend comp to be organized and Neil P to help run with Grant. Prize money would be determined based on entrants.  
Asked for volunteers to run the singles competition, Chris M & Neil F to assist Grant to come up with model, dates etc. Neil P and Grant to propose a model for the billiards competition to include prize money etc.
- Item 4 Grant asked if there should be prize money for the Billiards and Over 50's competitions (Say top 4)
- Bill Asked for volunteers to organize the Over 50's comp, with potentially the association putting in a lump sum to assist. Suggested the following prize money for competitions:
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| Billiards    | \$ 600         |
| Tony Tamplin | \$2,500        |
| Over 50's    | <u>\$1,000</u> |
| Total        | <u>\$4,100</u> |
- This would leave approximately \$1,100 prize money for Internal Comps.
- ACTION** Neil F to obtain list of Club Captains and inform them all of invoices issued and that the monies were due by 1 July, and also announce to them the forthcoming proposed singles competitions.
- Bill In regards to the vacant committee member position vacated by Steve Briant, mentioned that Richard Evans was interested in becoming a Committee member.
- ACTION** Any Expressions of interest for the role of Committee Member to be done online, via web with a cut-off date for nominations
- Bill Mentioned that following some attempts by one of our members (Charlie Pickford) for outside assistance, we had received a response from Jim Crackenthorpe (a current MoP) who had agreed to visit the Tennis Club after hearing about some of the troubles facing them. It was agreed that this conversation should be kept separate from any negotiations with the Association at this stage.
- ACTION** Bill to email calculations referred to above for clarification.

Meeting adjourned @ 2041