

## **2018 Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association Committee Meeting**

**Date & Time:** Monday 13 Aug 2018 - 1830

**Venue:** Kahibah Sports Club

**Attendees** Ian Callaghan, Chris Mungoven, Grant Schubert, Annette Clifford , Neil Pratt, Brian Bourke, Neil Fatania, ,

**Apologies:** Peter Little

### **Agenda**

1. Late Arrival / No show @ Matches
2. 3 Man Comp
3. Premier League – a second round
4. AOB

### **Minutes**

Item 1 It was brought to the attention of the committee of an incident that took place at a Tony Tamplin match between Kahibah Sports Kings & Tennis Club on 1 August 2018. Daniel Grant (DG) & Brett Dennett (BD) were involved along with Tennis club player Mark Toward (MT). It was alleged that MT had said to BD when they first met that evening before the match, "I hope you are not going to act like a f\*\*\*ing lunatic tonight". DG had overheard the remark made by MT and subsequently approached him and said "pull your head in".

Apparently this exchange was related to an incident that had occurred between the same 2 players when the 2 teams met at the Tennis Club on 11 April 2018.

On the 11 April 2018 at the Tennis Club, MT had been refereeing a game involving BD and Sam Ryan (SR), during which MT had commented on certain shots by BD by saying "bad luck" and this continued following other shots by BD, until such a point where BD asked MT to stop saying "bad luck" after every shot. Apparently MT took offence and was upset and may have responded 'unkindly' at the time.

In another incident during the same evening one of the Tennis Club players that BD was drawn to play was a no show, so that game was forfeited and the win awarded to Kahibah Sport Kings. BD was again "over this" following earlier events and felt that more of a penalty should be inflicted on players that do not turn up after having to wait. It was later confirmed that SR was not a "repeat offender" and that despite no contact between him and the Tennis Club players on the night to understand his absence, it was later established that due to unforeseen personal issues he was unable to play, and apologized profusely to the Tennis Club and offered to sit out the rest of the season.

Committee It was discussed as to appropriate penalties for such "no shows" with the following ideas presented; (i) points deducted or (ii) financial penalty. It was agreed that such events would be reviewed on a "case by case" basis.

- ACTION** It was agreed that as a show of sportsmanship all captains should inform opposing captains of players unable to play as soon as they were able to. Neil F to send an email to all captains reminding them of this responsibility.
- Item 2 There has been very little interest from teams with Nelson Bay expressing that though a great idea, they would not be able to participate. Kahibah and Cessnock on the other hand were keen. It was decided that we would revisit this at a later date or raise as an agenda item at our next AGM.
- Item 3 The Thursday night Premier League comp has been progressing well but will soon wrap up in a few weeks. It was agreed that another round would not be introduced.
- AOB Grant asked if there was anyone interested in helping update and posting news onto our NDBSA website. Neil F agreed to assist where possible, and would work with Grant to understand what is involved in actioning this.
- Foul and Miss rule was again raised as a contentious issue by John O'Conner and John Hicks to some Committee members, and the Committee felt that we should maintain this rule and with continued education and use, a better understanding would be developed across all our members.
- The automatic Foul & Miss rule that is applied at tournaments held at Mingara was discussed as a possible option, where any foul is called a "Foul & Miss" with the opponent having the option to:
- (i) to play from where the balls landed
  - (ii) send the offending player back in
  - (iii) have the balls replaced
- After a second Foul & Miss the third attempt should be played in such a way as to at least have enough pace to reach the ball on. If the ball on is missed on this occasion only a foul would be called.
- Committee It was proposed that this revised rule be implemented for the remaining weeks of the season with a review to follow see how the trail went. It was also suggested that this rule be used in the "Summer Comp" and to also be taken to the next AGM in February for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned @ 1940