

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM)

Date: Monday 23 Sept 2024 Time: 1900 – 2100 Venue: Kahibah Sports Club

Attendees: Please see attached sheet of 52 members present (Appendix 1)

Apologies Received: Ben Cooper, John Hicks, Chris Baker

Minutes:

The SGM commenced @ 1907

The president Steve Briant (SB) and secretary Neil Fatania (NF) opened the meeting and welcomed all the members that had made the effort to attend.

[Note the NDBSA constitution, under section 25 states that a SGM be convened on the requisition (in writing) of a minimum of 5% of total full members, stating the purpose of the meeting, and be signed by the members making the requisition]

Gary Johnson (GJ) was asked to present the ordinary resolution (Appendix 2) and proceeded to explain to the attendees the reasons for why this course of action had been taken. Teams had threatened to forfeit matches if they were to be played under a revised format introduced for the finals series of matches for the 2024 Winter Tony Tamplin. There was a wider fear that there was potential that a number of teams / clubs were willing to create and participate in a separate competition. GJ stressed that this was not a desirable outcome, and hence a vote was the fairest way to resolve this issue.

Alan Pagan (AP) asked, why a change was made halfway through the season?

SB responded that an email was circulated on 19 March 2024 to committee members seeking their support for the revised format (Appendix 3), previously discussed at the AGM. SB also posed a question; “what impression would the mother club have if they saw no spectators present at a grand final series?” Many clubs were treading a fine line, who have a mother club relationship, that if the snooker facilities were not being utilised, that more tables could be lost, replaced by more lucrative pokie machines, especially for finals

Bill Shoesmith (BS) also added that the committee were only newly elected and that they may require time to learn. In addition, he agreed that the decision may have been rushed and better communication was necessary.

Neil Audet (NA) then raised a motion that we were “here for one thing only – and that is to vote” and just a show of hands was sufficient, as opposed to official paper voting. This was supported by GJ and other members and hence a show of hands in favour of the ordinary resolution was requested.

The voting outcome was:

In Favour	38
Against	13
Abstain	1
Total	52

NF announced that the ordinary resolution was carried and thanked all parties for attending. He stated that the committee had listened and were elected to promote the game of snooker across the district and that they were not here to dictate, but rather to facilitate. On behalf of the committee he also stated that more communication was necessary, echoing BS's earlier comments.

A revised schedule for the finals (including any matches that were to be replayed) would be produced and circulated to all members in due course.

The meeting was adjourned @ 1945 and was followed by refreshments for those members who chose to stay.

Newcastle District Billiards & Snooker Association Inc.

Appendix 1

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SGM

MONDAY 23 SEP 2024



Time: 7pm

Venue: Kahibah Sports Club

	NAME	Signature		NAME	Signature
1	GARY THOMPSON	[Signature]	42	STEPHEN BROWN	[Signature]
2	CHARLIE TUCKER	[Signature]	43	Peter Masters	[Signature]
3	Peter Hough	[Signature]	44	CHARLIE MURK	[Signature]
4	Peter Snape	[Signature]	45	JOHN HOWARD	[Signature]
5	RODIE SMITH	[Signature]	46	Tony Smyth	[Signature]
6	NEIL FARANIA	[Signature]	47	PATRICK POWER	[Signature]
7	MICK RICHTER	[Signature]	48	JOHN CROSSMAN	[Signature]
8	ERIC BAUER	[Signature]	49	Peter MCKENZIE	[Signature]
9	NEIL PRIT	[Signature]	50	John Duchatel	[Signature]
10	LEE JONES	[Signature]	51	Charlie Brown	[Signature]
11	GARRY ROBERTS	[Signature]	52	TIM MANNION	[Signature]
12	Matt Hawkins	[Signature]	53		
13	Alvin McNamee	[Signature]	54		
14	John Charlton	[Signature]	55		
15	Archie Atkinson	[Signature]	56		
16	PETER KENNEDY	[Signature]	57		
17	BILL MARSHALL	[Signature]	58		
18	JOHN HOLLAND	[Signature]	59		
19	JOHN POTTER	[Signature]	60		
20	ELLIS CRAFT	[Signature]	61		
21	GARY JOHNSON	[Signature]	62		
22	MIC LOUG	[Signature]	63		
23	P. EDWARDS	[Signature]	64		
24	R. SWAN	[Signature]	65		
25	KEVIN DAVIES	[Signature]	66		
26	JOHN VEALE	[Signature]	67		
27	MIC CLIGGARD	[Signature]	68		
28	AARON HOBBS	[Signature]	69		
29	DIETER MAJOR	[Signature]	70		
30	IAN O'CALLAGHAN	[Signature]	71		
31	PATRICK MACKIE	[Signature]	72		
32	J. HANCOCK	[Signature]	73		
33	NEIL AUSTIN	[Signature]	74		
34	[Signature]	[Signature]	75		
35	MICHAEL HICE	[Signature]	76		
36	DANNY WHITT	[Signature]	77		
37	MAX WATTS	[Signature]	78		
38	GREG FELL	[Signature]	79		
39	JOHN RING	[Signature]	80		
40	Sharon Beuge	[Signature]	81		
41	Steve Burch	[Signature]	82		

Appendix 2

Request for Special General Meeting received from Gary Johnson (ECBC Secretary):

Hi Neil

As you may be aware there has been a lot of discussion between members of the Newcastle Snooker & Billiards Association (NDBSA) regarding the decision of the committee to proceed with the new format for the final series of the Tony Tamplin Competition. I believe that some teams still involved in the final series may forfeit their matches if compelled to play under the new format and this may be the first step in the winding up of the NDBSA.

I do not want this to happen. Alternatively, I proposed that we let the members of the NDBSA have a say to resolve this issue. Many members agreed. Therefore below is a formal request to you as Secretary, to arrange the holding of a Special General Meeting under section 25 of the NDBSA constitution to resolve the resolution below. I have attached documentation with signatures of more than 5% of members as required by section 25 of the NDBSA constitution.

**Attention Neil Fatania
Secretary of the Newcastle Snooker & Billiards Association (NDBSA) Inc.**

The members of the NDBSA listed in the attached document call on you under section 25 of the NDBSA constitution to call a Special General Meeting to resolve the Ordinary Resolution below. As per the constitution no other matters can be considered at this a Special General Meeting.

The Ordinary Resolution to be put to members.

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- 1. Each match between two teams has an odd number of players.*
- 2. That each player plays a consecutive number of frames to resolve the result of that game between the two players ie two of three or three of five.*
- 3. When a team wins a majority of games that team is to be declared the winner of that match.*

Further, that any finals matches in the 2024 Tony Tamplin competition not played under the above format be declared null and void and are to be replayed.

Gary Johnson
NDBSA Member

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Member of Club	Print Name	Signature	Date
NELSON BAY	Bill Marshall	[Signature]	12-9-24
NELSON BAY	Paul Prescott	[Signature]	13-9-24
NELSON BAY	SCOTT RAYNER	[Signature]	13-9-24
"	Charlie Brown	[Signature]	13-9-24
"	Tom Morrison	[Signature]	13-9-24
"	Miles Beattie	[Signature]	15-9-24
"	Andy Smith	[Signature]	15-9-24
"	Steve Blarich	[Signature]	15-9-24
"	Gina's wife John	[Signature]	15/9/24
"	John Crossland	[Signature]	15/9/24
"	LEE DAVIES	[Signature]	15/9/24
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Belmont	Mike Humphreys	[Signature]	12/9/24
BELMONT	MICHAEL WILKINSON	[Signature]	13/9/24
BELMONT	Peter McKenna	[Signature]	13/9/24
BELMONT	ARIC ADDET	[Signature]	13/9/24
BELMONT	Wendy King	[Signature]	14/9/24
BELMONT	Ken Morrice	[Signature]	14-09-24
BELMONT	W. GIBBS COLL	[Signature]	14-9-24
BELMONT	Jimmy Bellie	[Signature]	14-9-24
BELMONT	166 CAM JARVIS	[Signature]	14-9-24
BELMONT	David [unclear]	[Signature]	15-9-24
BELMONT	166 Brian Bowring	[Signature]	14-9-24

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CESSNOCK	KEVIN JAMES	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	GARY JOHNSON	[Signature]	12/9/24
CESSNOCK	ANTHONY DOWNES	[Signature]	12/9/24
CESSNOCK	LAURIE GARLICK	[Signature]	12/9/24
"	ALLAN MEGAN	[Signature]	12-9-24
"	Will Torret	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	PETER KENNEDY	[Signature]	12-9-24
"	VINCE MORRIS	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	ANIL CLIFFORD	[Signature]	12-9-24
Cessnock	John Christie	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	Dennis Rumb	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	Ellis Craft	[Signature]	12-9-24
Cessnock	Justin Ritchie	[Signature]	12-9-24
CESSNOCK	JOHN PORTMAN	[Signature]	12-9-24

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CESSNOCK	Mathew King	[Signature]	13-9-24
CESSNOCK	MICHAEL WILKINSON	[Signature]	13-9-24
CESSNOCK	AARON HOBG	[Signature]	13/9/24

Appendix 3


FOR – 5

Steve Briant – Proposer – For

Neil Fatania – Secunder - For

Bill Shoosmith - For

RE: Snooker Finals Format > [inbox x](#) 🔒 📧

 Michelle Green <sales@balloonaway.com.au> to me Tue, 19 Mar, 18:48 ☆ 🌐 ↶ ⋮

Fine by me Steven, should work well ... Bill 😊


From: Steve Briant <stevebriant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Bill Marshall <billmarshall13@bigpond.com>; Niles V Fatania <nyfatania@gmail.com>; kenoakes1947@gmail.com; Michelle Green <sales@balloonaway.com.au>; Peter Agland <pwa1954@bigpond.com>; Brian Bourke <bbourke50@gmail.com>; Greg King <gking0202@gmail.com>
Subject: Snooker Finals Format

Dear NDBSA committee members,

I wish to raise the change to our Snooker Finals Format.

Brina Bourke - For

Re: Snooker Finals Format > [inbox x](#) 🔒 📧

 brian bourke <bbourke50@gmail.com> to me, Bill, Niles, Ken, William, Peter, Greg Wed, 20 Mar, 06:14 ☆ 🌐 ↶ ⋮

Looks good to me.

On Tue, 19 Mar 2024, 3:30 pm Steve Briant, <stevebriant@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear NDBSA committee members,


I wish to raise the change to our Snooker Finals Format.

As we discussed at the AGM - any club not maximising their facilities and financial commitments run a very high risk of losing their assets and sport for good.

Gary Thompson stated that all clubs need to review their business plan to make sure we are KNOWN and contribute more frequently and avoid becoming a disposable liability.

Peter Agland - For

RE: Snooker Finals Format > [inbox x](#) 🔒 📧

 pwa1954@bigpond.com to me Wed, 20 Mar, 07:43 ☆ 🌐 ↶ ⋮

I'm happy to trial this format for the Finals this year.

From: Steve Briant <stevebriant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 3:30 PM
To: Bill Marshall <billmarshall13@bigpond.com>; Niles V Fatania <nyfatania@gmail.com>; kenoakes1947@gmail.com; William Shoosmith <info@balloonaway.com.au>; Peter Agland <pwa1954@bigpond.com>; Brian Bourke <bbourke50@gmail.com>; Greg King <gking0202@gmail.com>
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AGAINST - 1

Ken Oakes

Re: Snooker Finals Format > [inbox x](#) 🔒 📧

 ken oakes <kenoakes1947@gmail.com> to me Sat, 23 Mar, 14:54 ☆ 🌐 ↶ ⋮

Hi Steve,

I have consulted with team selectors and snooker committee re your proposals regarding **finals** and the way that they are played and considered this option and believe it would hinder the players in this start stop play to this end ecbc **snooker** says no to your proposal.

Regards Ken Oakes.

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NO RESPONSE - 1

Greg King