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Minutes

86th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council

Held on **Friday, 13th October, 2017** at 7 pm at the
Mounties Club, 101 Meadows Road, Mt. Pritchard, NSW

1. Attendance

Attendees					
Frank Dewens	SA	ABSC President			
Theresa Whitten	VIC	ABSC Secretary and Women's Delegate			
Paul Cosgriff	VIC	ABSC Executive Member VIC			
Ales Render	NSW	ABSC Executive Member NSW			
Adam Wyard	WA	ABSC Executive Member WA			
Rex Swain	TAS	ABSC Executive Member TAS			
Mark O'Neill	ACT	ABSC Executive Member ACT and ABSC Public Officer			
Roger Davey	SA	ABSC Executive Member SA (no vote due to SA not being financial)			
David Waller	NSW	Delegate.	Graham Baker	QLD	Delegate.
Jeff Farrugia	NSW	Delegate.	Barrie Jones	WA	Delegate
John Hargreaves	ACT	Delegate.	Bob Boutcher	TAS	Delegate
George Hoy	VIC	Delegate.	George Chammas	NSW	Observer
Jason Colebrook	VIC	Delegate.	David Jackson	NSW	Observer
Glenn Domeika	SA	Delegate.	Peter Tankard	NSW	Observer

2. Apologies

John Osterman (Executive Member of QLD)

3. Welcome to Delegates, Life Members and Observers

The President welcomed Delegates, Life Members and Observers to the AGM.

5. Vale: Ron Atkins OAM and Des Patton

The President asked for one minute's silence to remember both Ron and Des.

6. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Moved: To adopt the 2016 AGM Minutes:

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Proposed: Mark O'Neill
Seconded: Jason Colebrook
Passed.

7. Business arising from the 2016 Minutes, required to be dealt with by the AGM
NIL

8. 2016-17 President's Report – read to the meeting by the President, Frank Dewens
Received with Acclamation.

9. Correspondence Report by the Secretary

The President, Frank Dewens, informed the meeting that all the year's correspondence is visible in electronic format for perusal. Theresa Whitten has it on file for anyone who would like to view.

10. Treasurer's report, including presentation of the Financial Statements to the Meeting

In absence of John Osterman - the current treasurer, Frank Dewens explained the situation regarding John's ill health and that no records were kept during this last year. Frank has endeavoured to bring the report up to speed, however it still requires auditing.

Also discussed was the 200 Club, as only 68 numbers were sold this year. It is disappointing that not more numbers are sold. It was suggested that representing players to assist with the selling. Most at the meeting would like to see the 200 Club continue.

Moved: To accept the Treasurer's Report

Proposed: Mark O'Neill

Seconded: Rex Swain

Passed

11. Consideration of the election of one Life Member. The President advised that there will be a 10 minute break in the meeting to consider and discuss the nomination of potential Life Members. On return, there was one nomination for Life Member proposed, Don Stewart.

Nominated by Rex Swain

All in agreeance, however Barrie Jones abstained.

12. Election and/or Ratification of Executive Members and Office Bearers

• **Election of Vice-President (2 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Adam Wyard)

Two nominations received: Paul Cosgriff and Alex Render

Paul Cosgriff nominated by Mark Dunn, seconded by: George Hoy

Alex Render nominated by Jeff Farrugia, seconded by David Waller

The vote went to secret ballot of which Roger Davey chaired the counting of votes.

Alex Render was elected

• **Election of Executive Member VIC (2 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Ian Dale)

Nomination received and accepted: Paul Cosgriff

Nominated by: Jon Loughron

Seconded by: Mark Dunn

Elected unopposed

• **Election of Executive Member WA (2 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Adam Wyard)

Nomination received and accepted: Adam Wyard

Nominated by: Benjamin Keen

Seconded by Frank Dewens and Janine Rollings

Elected unopposed

• **Election of Executive Member NSW (2 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Alex Render)

Nomination received and accepted: Alex Render

Nominated by: Jeff Farrugia

Seconded by: David Waller

Elected unopposed

It was realised at this point, that the election for the Executive Member NSW should have come before the election of the Vice-President as only executive members can be voted to office bearers. It was noted that the Constitution does state the order of election as shown in the minutes.

- **Women’s Delegate (2 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Theresa Whitten)
Nomination received from the floor and accepted: Theresa Whitten
Nominated by: Mark O’Neill
Seconded by: Rex Swain
Elected unopposed

- **Secretary (1 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Theresa Whitten)
Nomination received and accepted: Theresa Whitten
Nominated by: Frank Dewens
Seconded by: Mark O’Neill
Elected unopposed

- **Treasurer (1 year term)** (Current Incumbent: John Osterman)
Nomination received and accepted: Adam Wyard
Nominated by: Benjamin Keen
Seconded by: Frank Dewens and Janine Rollings
Elected unopposed

- **Public Officer (resident of the ACT) (1 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Mark O’Neill)
Nomination received from the floor and accepted: Mark O’Neill
Nominated by: Frank Dewens
Seconded by: Theresa Whitten
Elected unopposed

- **Auditor (1 year term)** (Current Incumbent: Frank Galanos)
Nominated by: Frank Dewens
Seconded by: Mark O’Neill
Elected unopposed

13. Such other business as may be brought before the meeting by the Executive Committee

Discussion regarding the newly formed and past World Snooker Federations (WSF), the World Professional Billiard and Snooker Association (WPBSA), International Federation Billiards and Snooker Federation (IBSF) and their governing bodies World Confederation Billiard Sports (WCBS) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Barrie Jones presented a view regarding the organisational structure of the above mentioned associations. During this time, Frank Dewens was out of the room on a telephone call with Jason Ferguson (WPBSA), which will be presented in General Business.

14. Notices of Motion

Motions put forward by Tasmanian Billiards and Snooker Association (TBSA).

It appears that the secretary did not receive the email from Alex Render seconding the motions by Billiards and Snooker Association of New South Wales (BSANSW) – Alex Render located the email in his “sent mail” and the email revealed that BSANSW was in full support of the motion. It was sent to TBSA without adding Theresa Whitten which was an error on Alex Render’s behalf – Alex render apologised to the meeting and this was accepted as still being valid as seconding the motions.

The motions are:

MOTION 1

That the ABSC strongly desires that the WPBSA and the IBSF should be working in total accord, and to this end, require that our IBSF representative makes every effort to reunite the parties and be on record as voting accordingly.

MOTION 2

It is reasonable for the Executive of ABSC and its affiliates to be informed of the workings of the OBSF and the IBSF, therefore it should be reasonable to ask the elected ABSC representative, to both the OBSF and the IBSF, to furnish reports of each and every meeting they attend on behalf of the ABSC and OBSF.

Discussion took place and all were in agreeance apart from Barrie Jones who stated that it would not happen.

Motions carried

15. Appointments:

Nil

16. Appeals

Nil

17. General Business:

Jeff Farrugia: Mentioned that there had been complaints regarding the advertised prize money pool for the Australian Women's Open held the week before did not comply with the issued funds. Frank Dewens and Theresa Whitten detailed that the issued funds were Winner - \$2500, Runner up - \$1200, Semi-finalists - \$600x2, Quarter-finalists - \$250x4, Highest break - \$100. This totalled \$6000 which complies with the advertised sum on the entry form.

David Waller: Expressed that it is essential that all players when entering a tournament acknowledge and tick/sign the terms and conditions that are stated on the entry form when paying for the entry online. If the terms and conditions are not available to be ticked on-line, then players should complete the entry form and send to the tournament director.

Queried that tournament organisers check larger sums of prize money pools, so the issued funds are not too top-heavy and there is more for the players that have lost in the last 8,16, etc.

Frank Dewens: Brought up his conversation with Jason Ferguson and how WSF can assist the amateur player including women and juniors.

The Annual General Meeting closed at 9.16 pm.