



Victorian Billiards & Snooker Association Inc. (est. 1927)

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Representing & Developing the Sport of Billiards & Snooker in Victoria

Patron: The Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria

The 2020 Annual General Meeting for the Victorian Billiards and Snooker Association held at Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville Vic 3013 on January 5th 2021. Extension to host after 30th November 2020 obtained from CAV in accordance with government reporting procedures.

Attendance register at entrance to be signed by all people attending physically and this was monitored by David Chigwidden to ensure compliance. This meeting is allowed to be attended electronically. It was agreed prior to commencement of the meeting that all those who are attending electronically would make themselves known to the Secretary each individually to ensure compliance of our rules were upheld. A copy of the attendance register is attached. It was stated that Stratos Yianniakakis whilst in attendance would not have the right to vote at the meeting as he is currently a stood down member at the Cheltenham Club (an affiliate of the VBSA & ABSC) for disciplinary reasons and as such forfeited his right to vote.

Prior to the meeting commencement a proud moment for the members was that Ron Steccum was presented with Life Membership of the ABSC. This ceremony was conducted by Mr Paul Cosgriff, president of the VBSA and Board member of the ABSC. It was an auspicious moment for all present to admire and learn a lot about a man who had seen and performed so much for the game locally and nationally. Ron was thrilled to receive it and had travelled quite some distance to be in attendance to receive this wonderful honour.

Meeting opened at 7.45pm by Secretary David Chigwidden.

Apologies – noted and added to attendance register.

Vales – Paul Cosgriff took a moment to detail and mourn the passing of each of the members who had contributed to our sport over the previous 18 months.

Minutes from the previous VBSA AGM were read. Moved PC, seconded KC. Accepted unanimously.

Business arising. There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

Presidents report. Paul Cosgriff tabled and read the Presidents report. Copy attached.

Life Memberships. David Pitt nominated Robby Foldvari for all the input he has had over the many years as player, administrator, friend and colleague, coach and story teller. His vote was delivered unanimously with a rousing applause. David Pitt had read out a wonderful letter of support for the nomination. Copy attached. Robby was thrilled to learn of his award and backed it up with a terrific letter of thanks to the Board.

Director or Referees report. Larry Eforan tabled and read his report. Copy attached.

Treasurers Report. An audited copy of the financials was tabled and all relevant queries answered sufficiently. The report was moved by George Hoy, seconded Ron Cole and carried.

Election of the Board. Secretary David Chigwidden asked Paul Cosgriff to stand down and thanked him for the enduring and often difficult work he was able to wade through over the previous 18 months. The Secretary assumed control of the meeting to allow for nomination and elections to take place.

Nominations as follows;

President – Paul Cosgriff nominated and was elected unopposed. Meeting control resumed to Paul Cosgriff to conclude Board nominations and voting.

Vice President – nominations were accepted of Mr Tony Masci and Dr Shelly Ames. Each was given a short time to put forward what they could do for the sport, aims and goals for change and ongoing facilitation of the sport. A secret ballot was undertaken with scrutineers being Mr Mark Dunn and Mr Kane Chigwidden. A result was returned at the first attempt with Dr Ames prevailing.

Secretary – Mr David Chigwidden was nominated and elected unopposed.

Treasurer – Ms Heather Zappia and Mr George Hoy nominated. George civilly removed his nomination in support of Heather Zappia and offered enduring support to Heather. Heather has spent several years on the Board of the VBSA in the past including with George. They will make a great team.

Media Officer – Ms Kim Ivett nominated to retain the role and was elected unopposed. Kim has been performing on the frontline during COVID and we are most thankful for her doing so. We hope relief is in sight very soon for all involved.

Director of Referees- Mr Larry Eforan was nominated and elected unopposed.

Board members are currently made up of three positions in addition to the President, Secretary, Vice President and Treasurer. These positions were filled by Ms Kim Ivett, Mr Larry Eforan and Mr Manny Stefanou. Each were elected unopposed.

Assistants to the Board as follows;

Mr Alec Spyrou – Web Master

Mr Mark Dunn – Score Registrar

General assistant – Mr Kane Chigwidden

Honoraria – were tabled and put to the vote. Each was carried unanimously. Details as follows;

- President	\$1,000
- Vice President	\$1,000
- Secretary	\$1,000
- Treasurer	\$3,000
- Score Registrar	\$3,000
- Webmaster	\$3,000
- DoReferees	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$13,000

General Business

- The VBSA put to the members that in light of COVID 19 all memberships would carry forward without penalty of non payment. It was agreed that in light of changing data requirements that the VBSA would reissue the membership form to catch certain information for the purpose of adhering to State and Federal laws that have changed in understanding NSO's and SSO's fabric and membership make up in order to serve them better with funding and legislation as well as privacy protection. This form will be made available to be completed by each member individually online at www.vbsa.org.au and a copy would be emailed to each team pennant captain for their follow up. This information is critical to maintaining the support of local and federal governments who have applied very much needed funding in support of the longevity and security of our sport.
- Peter from Cheltenham asked for the previous years minutes & current audited treasurers report including financials to be loaded onto the website along with the notice of impending AGM. As there is at least 21 days between the notice being issued and the meeting being held this would allow for members to view them and apply questions to the Board prior to the meeting. The Board would review and respond prior to the meeting and thereby expedite the meeting. Protocols were to be applied at the make up of the Board at the first General meeting for the 2021 year and these protocols would be notified to the members at the time of issuing the AGM notice. Members are to be reminded that the financial statements are audited to support the integrity and authenticity of the reporting process.
- Graeme McNeil tabled a discussion about placing a petition to the State Parliament with a view to preserving the Lindrum memorabilia which is currently in the hands of the trustee handling Dolly Lindrums' estate. David Chigwidden agreed with the support of the members to assist Graeme in searching for an equitable stance for the VBSA members to take and the membership present unanimously agreed to David doing that.
- David Chigwidden tabled a discussion about the VBSA investing in the upgrading of our website and membership renewal.
- Mark Dunn informed members of the commencement of pennant drawing near and that systems were being put in place to support that. Paul Cosgriff asked Mark to canvass players and clubs to seek support of the recommencement of competition play.
- The 2019 Bob Marshall Medal was won by Mr Steve Mifsud who was gracious enough to attend the meeting at which Mr Paul Cosgriff made a presentation to rousing applause. Well Done Steve.

Meeting closed at 9.49 pm. The next meeting it was agreed would be more like October or November but a date was not set as yet.

Vales During 2020/2021 as at January 6th 2021

Terry Collins – Referee – Tasmania

Peter Worth – Sponsor – Syd/Melb

Denis Coghlan – Referee – Melb

Margot Taylor – Alcocks – Melb

Geoff Williams – Referee – NSW

Bill Leggett – Player – Tas

Cathy Morrow – Administrator – Melb/Ireland

Ray Shorthouse – Player – Melbourne