



New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Association (Inc)



Minutes of a Meeting of the New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Association, Held on 6th March 2013 by Online Conferencing at 7pm

Participants

Alan Parris, Gary Gillard, Dan O'Sullivan, Ray Habgood, Heather Bond, Mark Hannah, Ramona Belmont arrive 7.45pm

Apologies

Grahame Fong.

Moved AP that apologies be sustained

CARRIED

Minutes of previous meeting

Moved AP that the minutes of previous meeting as distributed be taken as read. (9/2/2013)

CARRIED

Matters arising from minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Inwards

Large number of emails sent re appeals and Oceania, (Email list attached)

Outwards

Emails to Oceania and board re appeals.

Letters To Sanjay Kumar and Yash Kant, re appeal result.

Moved inwards accepted outwards approved Dan O'Sullivan/Mark Hannah Carried

Matters arising from Correspondence

Gary asked if the appeal hearing was worth the costs, "yes it was invaluable to be able to see and hear what people said well worth it for now and the future

Moved Dan O'Sullivan seconded Mark Hannah that inwards correspondence be received and outwards approved.

Finance

Finance from February accepted and approved.

Ray reported on current finance (attached.) Bank balance as at 6/3/2013 \$27055.63

A pleasing feature was the showing from the TAB this is considerably up on previous years.

Moved Ray/Dan that accounts as presented be accepted and payments approved.

Carried

Audited accounts for year ending 31/12/2012 were tabled and discussed, they are ready for presentation to the AGM.

Ray also presented a proposed budget for the forthcoming year. A number of matters were discussed for raising the profile and accounts for NZBSA. Some changes were suggested and will be looked at.

Oceania

Proposed constitution was discussed and it was felt that due to the short notice and some changes that the President would email Barrie Jones direct and get a brief summary on what has been changed. Ray to provide all materials from previous years to Barrie Jones as soon as possible.

Dan Advised that no one is going to Oceania apart from himself as referee.

Gary mentioned that Oceania appears to be almost irrelevant for the past 5 years as far countries were concerned with fewer persons participating all the time. Some of this was put down to funding issues and lack of sponsorship. This could affect the position with regards to the WPBSA position from Oceania. "Are we getting bang for buck."

Application for funding were declined due to insufficient funds in our area.

Web Site

Heather Bond mentioned a quote from the current providers of the website, Sam has checked the costing and it is pretty good. Sams opinion is that the security could probably be better, but at this time a lot of change was not needed. Alan bought up the matter of website questions not having a reply address, it would be helpful with regard to the question if we knew who was asking rather than anonymous.

A number of other matters were raised in particular the Presidents blog, Alan will write one but asked all committee members to supply some information from their own area.

Mark Hannah will act as a dumping ground for a number of questions from players on facebook etc and will open up a place for them to send messages.

Skype.

Asked about at last meeting. Dan has looked into the matter and this is available under the business grade at 7 .99 euro a month. Gary asked about looking at a new programme, Alan mentioned that as Gary was away on holiday we could try Skype to see if it was any good and if necessary we would have a good backup. It would be better for Gary not having to be bothered over his holiday to run our current programme.

Gary away from 1st June to 29th August

NZ/Fiji players association

Application to become an associate of NZBSA, there are a number of conflicts with the constitution and Grahame will delve deeper in this matter, there is nothing about player conduct etc that needs to be changed, Dan said that there had been some pages that did not appear to be there. He had asked for a new copy but has not received one to date. They are a proper incorporated society, incorporated on 31/5/2010. Both persons who have been disciplined are members of this association and this would need to be changed as well. There was a long discussion on the merits of this application, this would be voted on at the AGM in Auckland this year.

General Business

Heather Bond brought up some comments made at the Bay Of Plenty open regarding the NZBSA. Most of the comments were critical of us and asked what we were doing about the sport. Mark mentioned that there are a number of people who are trying to undermine the association, they will complain at each event but have no constructive ideas as to how to help. Mostly regarding the efforts we are putting into the younger members and not funding the people to the world championships. It was mentioned that both the NZ snooker champion and the NZ Masters snooker champion were offered a \$1,000 each to attend, and other qualifiers were offered \$500. Plus funding was applied for, but were turned down. No one took us up on this offer.

Another criticism was the cancelling of the World qualifier events, and that this was done to suit one person, it reduced the numbers in the field and disadvantaged some people.

The world championship ranking list with 4 nominated qualifying tournaments was set up with 2 purposes in mind. One was to give players only 4 tournaments to aim to play in and the second was to attract more players from the other island into entering. This did not happen as only 2 players from the North Island travelling south in 2011 and they did not travel in 2012 and only 2 players went north. Only one player, Gary Gillard went to all 4 qualifying tournaments. This makes the process unfair. Gary who was wrongly maligned over this, recommended that we scrap it in favour of using the ranking list. Remembering that the ranking list is based on the nationals results and the best other 4 ranking tournaments you enter. This means that players don't have to travel to the other island if they don't wish to. So it does not favour those who can afford it. Players now have more choices available to them in which events to enter and to try and improve their ranking than there were with the world qualifying events. Gary advised he is not competing in any ranking events this year as he is overseas for 3 months, so he does not have a vested interest in this decision.

Mark Hannah said "I think it is was fairer going off the ranking list like we have done, it goes off the top four results only plus your NZ Champs results, if I go to BOP and don't do very well, great, I then go to Capital City, win that, go to Hawkes do well there, now I have the choice of going to the South Island to pick up some extra points or because I am doing well I stay in the North Island to pick up the points, there are so many more options available to me than there are with the world qualifiers"

Coaching

Gary Gillard presented a report to the meeting and spoke to this report. (attached)
A very long discussion was held on this paper and the merits of the proposal. All agreed that the idea was good and that we needed to see where the finance was coming from.

No further business meeting closed

Next meeting to be 7pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Signed.....

NZBSA President

Sub Committees

President	Alan Parris
Secretary	Dan O'Sullivan
Treasurer	Ray Habgood
Coaching	Gary Gillard
Calendar of events	Ramona Belmont
NZCBS delegates	Gary Gillard, Alan Parris
Junior Development	Gary Gillard,
Raffle	Gary Gillard,
Finance	Ray Habgood
IBSF, Oceania.	Dan O'Sullivan, Ray Habgood
Funding Applications	Alan Parris, Ray Habgood,
Website	Heather Bond (With assistance from Sam Bond)
Ranking List	Paul Stocker
Constitution	Grahame Fong