



New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Association (Inc)



Minutes of a Meeting of the New Zealand Billiards & Snooker Association, Held on 4th November 2013 by Online Conferencing at 7pm

Participants

Alan Parris, Dan O'Sullivan, Mark Hannah, Heather Bond, Darren Taylor, Gary Gillard, Nita Clarkson

Apologies

Grahame Fong, Dene O'Kane, Will Florence

Moved AP that apologies be sustained

CARRIED

Board member.

Alan brought up the matter that Sarah Ward had not attended any meetings and had made no effort to attend meetings.

Alan Parris moved that

"As Sarah Ward had not taken any action to attend meetings so far she has not become a board member so her position on the board would become vacant"

Seconded Dan O'Sullivan

CARRIED

Following on Alan then moved that we co-opt Nita Clarkson from Auckland to the board as treasurer, Seconded Dan Carried

Minutes of previous meeting

Moved AP that the minutes of previous meeting held on 8th October and as sent to all board be taken as read. Carried.

CARRIED

Matters arising from minutes

Nil

Correspondence

As per attached lists

Moved Dan that inwards received and outwards be approved 2nd Heather, Carried

Matters arising from Correspondence

Auckland advising they could not host the 2015 Oceania unless the masters association were unable to do so.

Finance

No balance available at this stage.

Alan has paid all outstanding matters and will forward to Nita Clarkson to include with finance.

World Snooker

Dan advised that all matters had been completed, Dene O'Kane had made no attempt to let Dan know if he was going or not, Dene was advised that all matters regarding travel accommodation etc would be up to him. A discussion was held re attending world events and it was decided that Dan would send to Dene giving him till the 15th November to make a decision or he would be withdrawn.

A further matter was regarding Henry and the attempt to get sponsorship to attend at Latvia, Will Florence, AKBSA and others have not been successful and Henry has said that he would be \$2000 short for attending.

A discussion has been held re the giving of sponsorship to members prior to attending World events, it was finally decided that people can be paid prior to leaving as long as they can prove that airfare and etc have been paid.

Mark Hannah will be the delegate to the IBSF, Dan would forward all details to Mark. The main point is the trying to change Treasurer and Secretary, so that they are not elected at an AGM but were appointed by the IBSF board. After some discussion the board were against this. Mark to be able to make a decision at the time regarding the other remits.

NZ Billiards Open

This is a proposal by the World Billiards and the WPBSA to make the 2014 NZ Open a world ranking event, with the points awarded and sufficient prize money. A number of matters have yet to be completed but the World Billiards are fully supportive, Wayne Carey has spent a lot of time at the current World Champs talking about this and getting the agreement. 2015 would be the main time to aim for and it is hoped that there will be a number of players from around the world attending. The NZBSA are fully supportive of this matter. It was moved that Wayne Carey be given a vote of thanks from the NZBSA for the work he has put into this matter so far. Carried

2014 NZBSA Champs

A proposal from Auckland was received re the changing of times etc for the running of the National Championships, it was noted there was no women's event and Nita replied that the low entries were due to pool and clubs NZ events so they were looking for a different date for the women's champs, a long discussion on the tournament was held and it was decided that Darren would liaise with Malcolm re fitting the events around each other and we would support the efforts of the Auckland association.

Calendar

All set to go, just a few changes from Canterbury, All A grades are now on the same day. All Island Champs are now going to be played before the Nationals.

There is also the possibility of events from Taranaki and possibly a Bay of Plenty Billiards open. Gary asked for the date of the NZ Open Snooker, this would be in the second week of October.

Raffle Reults

The winning numbers have been put on the web site and full results with names and areas will be put on web site as soon as possible. As a result the NZBSA will gain about \$3000 profit. Gary mentioned a number of associations that had not sold tickets and this was poor, the raffle was supposed to be a stop gap method so we could find other means of raising money for players going overseas.

We still have advertising of the web site that has not been sold so if each member got one person to advertise then we would get a couple of thousand extra per year. Nita gave her experience on raising money through tournaments, this involve league events, mainly pool. Gary to send to all board members the contracts for advertising on the web site.

General Business

There is a DVD available of the Final of the New Zealand Open Billiards, this can be obtained by contacting Darren Taylor.

Billiards Balls Change. Dan to advise all associations that they Must now use the new billiards balls as from the 1st of January 2014

Gary Gillard asked if the matter of the **Junior Development Tour to Australia** could be revisited by the board, the reasons for this is that there will be four players and a manager/coach attending. Cost required \$4,000,

The NZ Junior Cue sport's academy picked the team, They will be playing a test series with Australia prior to the Oceania event and then playing in Oceania. It is hoped that this will be an annual test series between Australia and New Zealand, Gary Hale will provide a trophy for the event.

A number of matters re funding were bought up, and the costs involved for each junior. Dan mentioned that we have been supporting the academy for some time and it is time that we also supported our National Champions to attend overseas events, Gary replied that most of those players were over 50 and had ample time to save their own money and should be able to pay their own way if adult people could not look after themselves then that is their problem. A long discussion was held regarding the naming of the team and who was responsible. Alan bought up that the naming of the team, bearing in mind the fact that all teams representing NZ Must be picked by the board. Gary replied that this was not an NZBSA team and was selected from those players who had attended the coaching academy.

A heated discussion on the naming of the team and Gary reiterated that " This is not a New Zealand team, it is a team selected by the NZ Junior Cue sports academy, it is not a New Zealand team and it does not need to be ratified by the board, the board doesn't even want to have anything to do with the academy that why you pay me to run it, and I am running it."

Alan bought up that if it is not an NZBSA team then why are we paying for it. Dan said that he thought it had been presented to the board as a fait accompli, and that we needed to be kept in the loop as far as teams representing us was concerned, Darren agreed with this.

Heather bought up that it was easier for juniors to raise money than it was for the older members, Nita also said she supported juniors.

It was mentioned that all board members support the juniors where possible, Alan asked Gary to supply some details about players and travel so the funding can be applied properly.

After a long discussion, Gary defended his position as the head of the coaching academy and agreed that he would answer written questions from the board, The board is perfectly happy with Gary as head of the academy and he has done a great job, however we do get asked a number of questions at tournaments and we would like to have some answers so we can answer ordinary members.

Gary Gillard moved that we ratify the team as an NZBSA team, seconded Mark Hannah carried with one abstention.

It was finally put to the vote and the board agreed to sponsor \$2,000 towards this trip with possible further funding depending on the accounts. With the rider that any money raised in excess of the funding be refunded back to the board. The matter was carried with one abstention. Dan abstained and this depended on Gary answering the questions put to him.

Gary then advised of sponsorship he had obtained for juniors. A scholarship with Pot Black in Hamilton has been organised and will be worth \$1,000 to whoever gets it.

Meeting finished 9pm

Next meeting to be 7pm on TUESDAY 3rd December 2013

Signed.....
NZBSA President

Sub Committees

President	Alan Parris
Secretary	Dan O'Sullivan
Treasurer	Nita Clarkson
Coaching	Gary Gillard
Calendar of events	Darren Taylor/Will Florence
NZCBS delegates	Alan Parris/
Junior Development	Gary Gillard,
Raffle	Alan Parris/Gary Gillard
IBSF, Oceania.	Dan O'Sullivan,
Funding Applications	Alan Parris,
Website	Heather Bond (With assistance from Sam Bond)
Ranking List	Paul Stocker
Constitution	Grahame Fong
Playing Conditions	Dene O'Kane
Player Delegate	Mark Hannah