



# A.M.S.A.

## Australian Masters Squash Association

*PATRONS*

*Heather McKay Geoff Hunt*

### MINUTES OF THE THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION

held on Monday, 8 September 2014 at the Panthers Leagues Club, Piper Street, Bathurst commencing  
at 6.00 pm

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#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 6.18pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting including the life member, Garry Irwin.

**Present:** Peter Wright (President)  
Ron Smith (Treasurer)  
Shane Thorpe (Webmaster)

Scott Caban (ACT)  
Richard Best (NSW)  
Richard Weir (NT)  
Shirley Dorricott (Qld)  
Doug Minchin (WA)  
Michelle Rowles (Vic)  
Ross Barnden (Tas)  
Lorna Harmer (SA)

**Observers:** Anne Collins (Tas)  
Sandra Fogarty (Tas)  
Michelle Griffiths (NT)  
Garry Irwin (NSW & Life Member)  
Ed Jennings (WA)  
Linda McBrierty (WA)  
Gerard McNally (NT)  
Darren O'Neill (Vic)  
Robert Scott (NSW)

**Apologies:** Debbie Sims (Secretary), Ron Clayton (Registrar), Terry Barlow (Squash Australia Delegate), Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt (Patrons), John Wood (SA)

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Canberra, ACT were noted. It was **resolved** (Minchin/Caban) that the Minutes be approved and accepted.
- b) Minutes of the Executive Committee Teleconference meetings held 27 May 2014, 17 June 2014 and 22 July 2014 were noted. In the Minutes of 27 May 2014, the approved fee increase for the Interstate Team Series should be \$180 per team and not \$160 per team. It was **resolved** (Minchin/Best) that subject to the change to the Minutes of 27 May 2014 all the Minutes of the Teleconference meetings be accepted.

## 3. BUSINESS ARISING

- 3.1 AMSA Constitution – Minutes from Ron Smith (Chair, Constitution sub-committee) dated 5 August 2014 refers. It was **resolved** (Smith/Dorricott) that the AMSA Constitution be adopted subject to an amendment at Clause 7.1.3 adding incorporated to reflect the status of Northern Territory. NSW abstained.

The positions of the Executive – A comment was made that there was insufficient notice to enable nominations to be made. WA said they felt that there was sufficient correspondence advising that nominations for the position of Vice president would be taken from the floor if the Constitution was adopted.

Ron Smith thanked everyone for participating in the process with particular thanks to special thanks to Debbie Sims for her help and input throughout the entire process.

## 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 4.1 The President's report for 2013-14 was noted. The President reported that a long term Masters player Kay Kay had passed away during the year.

It was **resolved** (Caban/Barden) that the President's report be accepted.

## 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 5.1 2013-14 Financial Statements – Minute from the Treasurer dated 5 August 2014 refers. It was noted that the Victorian affiliation fees have now been paid.

In respect of the 2012-13 financial statements, Mr Smith said the recovery of outstanding amounts for the Trans Tasman Test Series accommodation is not likely to be recovered and therefore these costs (\$1,389.57) will be written off.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barnden) that the 2012-13 Financial Statements be approved.

- 5.2 2013-14 Financial Statements – Minute from the Treasurer dated 5 August 2014 refers. It was **resolved** (Minchin/Dorricott) that the 2013-14 Financial Statements be approved.

- 5.3 Budget Proposals for financial years 2014-15 to 2017-18 – Minute from the Treasurer dated 5 August 2014 refers. Ron Smith advised that in 4 years' time the AMSA will be unable to meet its current expenses unless some changes are made to the fees. He

suggested changes to the License Fee as this had not been increased for 10 years. He recommended that the License Fee be increased by \$500 and tying it to the CPI for future years.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Irwin) that the License Fee be increased by \$500 for the 2014-15 financial year and the CPI increase to be applied each year thereafter.

In respect of the Interstate Team Series fees he suggested that they be increased to \$180 per team and for AMSA to receive \$10 per team to cover the cost of administration as AMSA will be responsible for preparing the draw, conducting the Teams meeting and running the Teams week.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Weir) that the Interstate Team Series fees be increased to \$180 per team for 2014-15 with the AMSA receiving \$10 per team to cover administration costs as outlined above and the balance to be paid to the host state by the AMSA Treasurer.

In respect of the affiliation Fees Mr Smith recommended an increase from \$4 to \$5. It was also agreed that AMSA would investigate securing a sponsorship arrangement to help generate more income.

## 6. SQUASH AUSTRALIA DELEGATE'S REPORT

Nil.

## 7. ELECTION OF AMSA EXECUTIVE FOR 2014-15

*Following the adoption of the revised Constitution nominations will be called from the floor for the position of Vice-President pursuant to Clause 22.*

All Executive positions were declared vacant.

- 7.1 President: There being only one nomination, Mr Peter Wright was elected unopposed.
- 7.2 Vice-President: Two nominations from the floor were received: Doug Minchin (WA) nominated by Shane Thorpe and Terry Barlow (Victoria) nominated by Michelle Rowles. Following a show of hands, Mr Minchin was elected.
- 7.3 Secretary: There being only one nomination, Ms Debbie Sims was elected unopposed.
- 7.4 Treasurer: There being only one nomination, Mr Ron Smith was elected unopposed.
- 7.5 Registrar: There being only one nomination, Mr Ron Clayton was elected unopposed.

It was agreed that nominations received be circulated to the states prior to the AGM.

## 8. ELECTION OF AMSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014-15

Following the adoption of the revised Constitution the following positions will be appointed by the AMSA Executive

- 8.1 Publicity Officer
- 8.2 Squash Australia Delegate
- 8.3 Webmaster

## 9. ELECTION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR 2014-15

- 9.1 Selectors and Eligibility Criteria – Trans Tasman Test – Minute from the AMSA Secretary dated 10 August 2014 refers.

The following Selectors were elected:

Terry Barlow (Victoria)  
Ron Smith (ACT)  
Robert Scott (NSW)  
Michael Brown (Tasmania)  
Ron Clayton (WA)

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF AN AUDITOR FOR 2014-15

Ron Smith advised that his son, Nicholas Smith, is a chartered accountant with 14 years extensive experience in the private sector and with overseas and government accounting experience. It was **resolved** (Smith/Barnden) that Nicholas Smith be appointed as Auditor for 2014-15.

## 11. APPOINTMENT OF A PATRON(S) FOR 2014-15

The President said Geoff Hunt and Heather McKay had indicated their willingness to continue as Patrons. It was **resolved** (Minchin/Barnden) that Mr Hunt and Ms McKay continue as Patrons for 2014-15.

## 12. MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

### a) 2015 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS, PERTH, WA

Presentation by Doug Minchin, WA Masters Squash

Mr Minchin said the 2015 Championships will be held from 7 - 18 September. The logo will be Wanda West. He said the main squash centre will be at Mirrabooka which has 14 courts. He said it has a large clubroom and licensed bar with an alfresco area out the back. Depending on number of teams for the Interstate Team Series there are a couple of centres as back up – still finalising arrangements. The functions will be held at the following venues:

- Welcome function – Hilary's Yacht Club
- Individual Dinner Dance – HPF Challenge Stadium

- Wrinkly's Revue – WA Italian Club (Tuesday)
- Interstate Teams Series Dinner Dance – Joondalup Golf Club

Mr Minchin said the website is now available. The Chairman is Roger Campbell. Merchandise is being finalised. The AMSA Secretary to email the presentation to the President and Secretary of each state and Territory.

b) **AMSA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR**

Confirmation of calendar as agreed at 2004 General Meeting:

2015	Western Australia
2016	Northern Territory
2017	Victoria
2018	Tasmania
2019	Queensland
2020	South Australia
2021	New South Wales
2022	Western Australia
2023	Australian Capital Territory
2024	Northern Territory

It was agreed that WA and ACT to be swapped so 2022 will be held in WA and 2023 will be held in ACT.

It was agreed that the commencement date for the Championships to be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in September unless otherwise approved by the Executive Committee.

c) **INTERNATIONAL SQUASH TOURNAMENTS**

19-21 September 2014 - NZ National Masters Individuals Championships  
19 September – 4 October – Asian Games – Incheon, South Korea  
11-18 October 2014 – Oceania Masters Championships – Australia  
27 – 30 August 2015 – European Masters Individual Championships – Malmö, Sweden  
3-10 October 2015 – Australian Masters Games – Adelaide, Australia  
1-10 October 2015 – European Masters Games – Nice, France

d) **2014 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS, BATHURST - NSW**

Interim review from NSW Organising Committee: Dick Best advised there were issues with the draw for Individuals with younger age groups. It was suggested that the schedule be held over 3 days.

The 70 plus age groups should be played no earlier than noon and spread over the week.

### 13. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 13.1 Provision of clothing for participants at World Masters Squash Championships – Minute from the AMSA Secretary dated 11 August 2014 refers. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the AMSA would not provide or pay for any clothing for the World Championships or the Trans Tasman Test Series events. There was agreement to having some sort of clothing for players from Australia and supporters available for purchase which could be worn when attending these events. It was agreed to approach Steve Walton to design and sell the clothing.
- 13.2 Oceania Masters – Mr Best suggested that the AMSA should support a team of appropriate level players to play in the Oceania Masters to show our support. Dick Best to advise the dates of the next tournament.
- 13.3 AMSA Office Bearers & Committee Members 2013-14 was noted.
- 13.4 Lowering the Age for women – Mr Minchin asked if the age should be reviewed to include women 30-34.
- 13.5 Wrinkly's Revue - It was noted that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get States to perform in acts. It was suggested that the night be themed.

### 14. STATE REPORTS

- a) Australian Capital Territory - Mr Caban reported that the numbers were strong. ACT held the Australian Masters Championships in 2013 and it was a fantastic opportunity to showcase Canberra during its centenary year. He said there were a number of changes to the Executive with the election of a new President, Vice President and Secretary.
- b) New South Wales – Mr Best reported that the final tournament of the year had been held at Dapto which supports Camp Quality. He said there have been a few changes in the Committee. The committee has worked very hard this year to deliver the Championships in Bathurst. He acknowledged the passing of 2 stalwarts in Fred Green and Les Kirwin.
- c) Northern Territory - Richard Weir reported that they have 60 regular players each week with 30 on the reserve list. He said NT held a tournament on the Anzac weekend which was well supported by interstaters and very successful – 2 days of singles and 1 day of doubles. He said it will be held annually around the ANZAC weekend.
- d) Queensland – Ms Dorricott reported that last year was very successful with the Masters Games held in Cairns which was very successful. She said there are 18 tournaments on calendar this year. She said numbers have dropped slightly but it gives different centres the option to hold a tournament. She also acknowledged the passing of Ernie Robbins, Bevan Brown and Estelle Gaydon
- e) South Australia – Ms Harmer reported that SAMS currently has over 200 members. She said the South Adelaide Squash Centre is nearly paid off. She also acknowledged that SAMS find it difficult to get SA people to participate in AMSA Championships.

- f) Tasmania – Mr Barnden reported that Tasmania have approximately 70 members. He said pennant is held in Hobart on Monday nights. He said 18 players went to Ballarat in 2013 but, unfortunately, could not get them to a local tournament in Hobart in July 2014. He said he has stepped down as Tournament Director and TMSA is working on building a team in readiness for 2018.
- g) Victoria – Ms Rowles reported that the VMSA rolled out its new website this year and has just launched online entries for tournaments which they believe will be a great benefit to members. She said VMSA's financials remain in good shape. Participation at tournaments remains strong however numbers continue to decrease in the Masters Pennant.
- h) Western Australia – Mr Minchin reported that Vic Thomas stepped down late last year as President and he has taken on the role as President again. He said WAMS is lucky to have a good Committee which is very supportive. He said 100 entries were received to the state championships this year and it is planned to run a tournament in Geraldton on the long weekend in June 2015. For the 2015 Australian Championships a separate committee has been set up and is Chaired by Roger Campbell.

15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.38 pm