



A.M.S.A.

Australian Masters Squash Association Inc.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION held on Monday, 10 September 2018 at the Hotel Soho commencing at 6.16pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 6.18pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present:

- Peter Wright (President)
- Terry Barlow (Vice-President)
- Ron Smith (Treasurer)
- Michelle Rowles (Secretary)
- Garry Irwin (Registrar)
- Mark Young (ACT)
- Robert Scott (NSW)
- Richard Weir (NT)
- Andrew Sosimenko (QLD)
- Louis Morsch (VIC)
- Gaye Mitchell (TAS)
- John Wood (SA)
- Terry Brooks (WA)
- Doug Minchin (Squash Australia Delegate)

Observers:

- Richard Best (NSW)
- Michael Brown (TAS)
- Anne Collins (TAS)
- Dianne Elliott (NSW)
- Christine Goodman (QLD)
- Michelle Griffiths (NT)
- Ed Jennings (WA)
- Shane Lamprey (NSW)
- Linda McBrierty (WA)
- Darren O'Neill (VIC)
- Paula Smith (NSW)
- Annette Wood (SA)

Apologies:

- Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt (Patrons)
- Irene Taylor
- Shane Thorpe

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 11 September 2017, Ballarat VIC were noted. It was **resolved** (Scott/Young) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.2 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.3 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 18 July 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.4 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 24 July 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.5 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 22 August 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Smith/Irwin) that the Minutes be approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil to report

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 4.1 **The President's Report for 2017/18 was noted.**
It was **resolved** (Morsch/Sosimenko) that the President's Report for 2017/18 be approved

5. FINANCE

5.1 AMSA Championship Website

Mr Wright advised that in the past, Host States have provided their own website for the Championships and the cost to develop a website that is only used for the Championships is very expensive and requires significant development and testing to ensure that it provides players with an easy way to find information about the championships.

The Championship website developed by Gerard McNally in 2016 for the Championships in Darwin has been utilised by both Victoria in 2017 and now Tasmania in 2018. Enhancements to this website over the last couple of years has greatly improved the ease of use of the website and its reporting capability.

Ms Mitchell suggested that once the website was set up, the costs should reduce. Ms Rowles advised that it was planned that continuous improvements will be done to the website to ensure that it keeps pace with new technologies.

It was **resolved** (Scott/Morsch) that the Host State utilises the AMSA Championship website for the Championships held in their state. The annual fee is \$1,600, which includes \$1,300 for maintenance and development and \$300 for hosting. The cost is borne by the host state.

5.2 2017/18 Financial Statements

The Treasurer reported that the net operating loss for the year was \$856.46. The loss is largely attributed to the fact that 2017/18 year was a Trans Tasman Test year. However, the loss has been offset by a significant increase in affiliation fees and a decrease spend on visits and functions.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Weir) that the 2017/18 Financial statements be accepted.

5.3 Budget Proposals for Financial Years 2017/18 to 2020/21

Mr Smith presented the budget proposals for the financial years 2017/18 to 2020/21

Revenue

The Treasurer said currently there are three sources of revenue: License Fee, Affiliation Fees and the Interstate Team Series fees.

Licence Fee

In respect of the License Fee, the Treasurer said it was resolved at the AGM in 2014 that the License fee be increased by \$500 for the 2014-15 financial year and increased by the CPI each year thereafter. He said the License fee is currently \$3,045.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Wood) that the License Fee for 2018/19 be increased by the CPI (2.2%), which will take it to \$3,220 for the 2019 Australian Masters Squash Championships to be held in Gold Coast, Queensland.

Affiliation Fees

The current affiliation fee is \$4 and is based on information supplied by Member State/Territories. It was agreed at the 2016 AGM that this fee will remain at \$4.

The list was to include anyone who plays a sanctioned Masters tournament. This would form the basis for invoicing affiliation fees and appropriate adjustments could be made in one on one discussions with the Treasurer.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Sosimenko) that the AMSA affiliation fee will remain at \$4 per member for the 2018/19 financial year and all State Treasurers to advise the number of financial members as at 30 June 2018 as well as anyone who plays a sanctioned Masters tournament.

Interstate Teams Fees

Mr Smith advised that the Interstate Teams Fee was increased to \$210 at the AGM last year with AMSA receiving \$10 per team to cover administration costs and the balance to be paid to the Host State by the AMSA Treasurer. The budget is based on an average of 120 teams over the three year period.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Young) that the Interstate Teams Series Fee remain at \$210 per team with \$10 being retained by AMSA and \$200 to be paid to the Host State.

Carried

2018/19 Budget

The cost for the replacement of the Judith Goadby Memorial Award Perpetual Trophy is now known and that the cost is \$250 plus GST. Mr Smith advised that the cost will be covered by an anonymous donor.

Mr Smith presented the 2018/19 budget

It was **resolved** (Smith/Young) that the budget for 2018/19 be approved.

5.4 Appointment of an Auditor for 2018/19

It was **resolved** (Smith/Morsch) that Mr Nicholas Smith, Chartered Accountant, be appointed as Auditor for 2017/18.

5.5 Funding of Australian Trans Tasman Test Team

Mr Barlow advised that the sub-committee formed last year to consider the funding of the Australian Trans Test Team.

It was **resolved** (Barlow/Scott) that the sub-committee will consist of Mr Robert Scott and Mr Terry Barlow who may and can call on others for assistance where and when required. The sub-committee will report back to the AMSA Executive within three months.

6. SQUASH AUSTRALIA DELEGATE'S REPORT

6.1 Mr Minchin provided an update on Squash Australia as detailed in his report.

It was **resolved** (Minchin/Irwin) that the Squash Australia Delegates Report be accepted.

7. ELECTION OF AMSA OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2016-2018

The current positions of President, Registrar and Treasurer have completed their two year terms. These positions are declared vacant and available for election.

7.1 President

There was one nomination received – Peter Wright – nominated by VIC
There being no further nominations, Mr Wright was elected unopposed.

7.2 Registrar

There was one nomination received – Garry Irwin – nominated by NSW
There being no further nominations, Mr Irwin was elected unopposed.

7.3 Treasurer

There were 2 nominations received

- Richard Best – nominated by NSW
- Ron Smith – nominated by Peter Wright

A ballot was conducted and Mr Smith was elected.

8. MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

8.1 2019 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS, GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND

Mr Sosimenko provided a presentation for the 2019 Australian Masters Squash Championships in Gold Coast Queensland in 2019.

The following was noted:

- Funding obtained by the City of Gold Coast
- Carrara Squash Centre will be the main centre – 6 courts and hopefully 2 glass courts.
- There will be 2 other centres utilised at the championships – Nerang Squash Club and Gold Coast Squash
- The entire facility will be licensed.
- There is loads of free car parking.
- The Qld committee are canvassing an accommodation option that could house many of the Australian players

8.2 AMSA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The AMSA Tournament Calendar was agreed as follows:

2019	Queensland
2020	South Australia
2021	New South Wales
2022	Western Australia
2023	Australian Capital Territory
2024	Victoria
2025	Northern Territory
2026	Tasmania
2027	Queensland
2028	South Australia
2029	Western Australia
2030	New South Wales

8.3 INTERNATIONAL SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

The following international squash tournaments were noted:

2018

8-16 Sept	Asia Pacific Masters Games – Penang Malaysia
13-20 Oct	Alice Spring Masters Games
2-10 Nov	Pan Pacific Masters Games – Gold Coast

2019

26 Jul – 4 Aug	4 th European Masters Games – Torino
5-12 Oct	17 th Australian Masters Games – Adelaide
18-21 Jun	WSF World Doubles Championships – Gold Coast Australia

8.4 2018 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – HOBART TASMANIA

Mr Brown advised that the tournament has gone very well. It was noted that the table locations for the Teams Dinner Dance will be in hand for this week.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Judith Goadby Memorial Award and Peter Wright OAM Award Criteria and Selection Protocol

Mr Barlow provided a summary of his paper and opened discussion to the floor.

It was **resolved** (Barlow/Young) that the criteria and selection protocol for the Judith Goadby Memorial Award and the Peter Wright OAM Award be updated as follows:

Judith Goadby Memorial Award

Criteria

1. The nominee shall be a Masters player recognised by their State body.
2. The nominee should have an active role in Masters Squash administration and/or promotion of the sport.
3. OPEN GRADED PLAYERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
4. Previous unsuccessful nominations can be re-submitted.

Selection Criteria

1. Nominations to be submitted to the AMSA Secretary by the closing date for nominations.
2. Nominations to be considered by the AMSA Executive to ensure that they meet the criteria for the nominated award.
3. Nominations to be circulated to each state/territory, AMSA Executive and Life Members at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the Championships.
4. Each State/Territory President (or their nominee), AMSA Executive and Life Members vote for the Judith Goadby Memorial Award using a preferential voting system (3, 2, 1). Note that where a member holds a dual position of AMSA Executive and Life Member, they only have one vote. The votes will be collated by the Secretary.
5. The recipient of the Judith Goadby Memorial Award will be announced at the either the Individuals dinner dance or the Interstate Teams dinner dance, depending on which function the recipient will be attending.

Peter Wright OAM Award

Criteria

1. The nominee shall be a Masters player recognised by their State body.
2. The nominee should have an active role in Masters Squash administration and/or promotion of the sport.
3. The nominee may have played any level of squash.
4. Previous unsuccessful nominations can be re-submitted.

Selection Criteria

1. Nominations to be submitted to the AMSA Secretary by the closing date for nominations.

2. Nominations to be considered by the AMSA Executive to ensure that they meet the criteria for the nominated award.
3. Mr Peter Wright will consider the nominations and select the recipient. However, the recipient may not necessarily be a nominee put forward by the states/territory.
4. The recipient of the Peter Wright OAM Award will be announced at either the Individuals dinner dance or the Interstate Teams dinner dance, depending on which function the recipient will be attending.

Carried

9.2 Update of the Operations Manual

Mr Smith advised that the AMSA Operations Manual has been reviewed and a number of changes are recommended.

Mr Smith proposed that the states provide comments to the AMSA Secretary by 31 October 2018.

9.3 Proposed Dates – 2020 AMSA Championships – South Australia

Mr Irwin provided a summary of his paper and opened discussions to the floor.

The school holidays in Adelaide in 2020 are 6-17 July and 28 September -09 October.

Mr Scott advised that the AMSA Championships have been held at this time for the past 38 years. He advised that members of NSW were hesitant for the championships to be held earlier and would prefer them to be later. Mr Scott suggested that the date be moved by one week to 7-18 September.

Mr Wright advised that a number of people travelled at the conclusion of the World Squash Championships and would not be back in time

Mr Wood advised that SA is happy to host the championships in July but would prefer them to be held in September.

Mr Best suggested that the AMSA needs to lobby with Squash Australia in relation to the setting of dates.

Mr Smith advised that 2020 is the year for the selection of the Trans Tasman Test Team and this might encourage open players to play in the Australians.

It was **resolved** (Scott/Wood) that the 2020 AMSA Championships in South Australia be held from 7 -18 September 2020.

9.4 AMSA Office Bearers & Committee Members 2017/18

Noted

10. STATE REPORTS

10.1 Australian Capital Territory was noted

10.2 New South Wales was noted

10.3 Northern Territory was noted

10.4 Queensland was noted

10.5 South Australia was noted

10.6 Tasmania was noted

10.7 Victoria was noted

10.8 Western Australia was noted

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**11.1 Federal Funding \$23m – Getting Seniors More Active**

Mr Barlow advised that there was an article in the Herald Sun on Monday 3 September 2018 advising that the federal government is making \$23m of funding available to Associations that get seniors more active as part of a national sporting strategy.

It was agreed that this was funding that both the States and AMSA could pursue.

Ms Rowles to distribute the article to the States

11.2 Peter Wright OAM Award

The President advised that the award was awarded to Jan Whackett this year and was presented to Jan at the Individuals Dinner Dance last Friday night.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Addendum

Kay Dobson received the Judith Goadby Memorial Award this year. It was announced at the Teams Dinner Dance on Friday 14 September 2018.