



**A.M.S.A.**  
**Australian Masters Squash Association Inc.**  
*PATRONS*  
*Heather McKay Geoff Hunt*

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of the AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION  
held on Monday, 8 September 2019 at the KDV Sports commencing at 6.10pm

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**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:**

The meeting opened at 6.10pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Present:** Peter Wright (President)  
Terry Barlow (Vice-President)  
Ron Smith (Treasurer)  
Michelle Rowles (Secretary)  
Garry Irwin (Registrar)  
Scott Caban (ACT)  
Robert Scott (NSW)  
Robyn Prentice (QLD)  
Darren O'Neill (VIC)  
Garry Hulme (TAS)  
John Wood (SA)  
Roger Campbell (WA)  
Doug Minchin (Squash Australia Delegate)  
Gerard McNally (Webmaster)

**Observers:** Wendy Ashley (TAS)  
Wendy Beard (NT)  
Richard Best (NSW)  
Terry Brooks (WA)  
Allison Douglas (VIC)  
Dianne Elliott (NSW)  
Ed Jennings (WA)  
Linda McBrierty (WA)  
Paula Smith (NSW)  
Greg Thompson (NT)  
Helen Watkins (QLD)  
Annette Wood (SA)

**Apologies:** Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt (Patrons)

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 2.1 Minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 10 September 2018 in Hobart TAS were noted. It was **resolved** (Brooks/J Wood) that the Minutes be approved.

- 2.2 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 17 October 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.3 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2018 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.4 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 30 January 2019 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.5 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 18 June 2019 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.6 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 25 July 2019 were noted and Mr Campbell advised that the Judith Goadby Memorial Award Nomination should be Di Cook not Di Peters. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.

### 3. BUSINESS ARISING

#### Change of date for the Australians in 2020

Mr Scott advised that the date for the 2020 Championships was agreed at the 2019 AGM to be held in September 2020 and that during the year, the date had been changed to October 2020 due to the World Masters Squash Championships being held in late August. The championships have been held in the first two weeks of September since inception 39 years ago and only 90 people will attend the World Masters Squash Championships. Mr Scott suggested that the date remain as is and perhaps we can have the Teams the first week and the Individuals the second week.

Mr Wright advised that there had been discussions with the host state South Australia on topics such as the school holidays and the AMSA Executive had approved the change of dates in line with the Operations Manual.

Mr Campbell advised that WA players have the furthest to travel and to change the date by one week was ok but to change the date to October was not acceptable.

Mr Smith advised that the change of date is in accordance with the Operations Manual.

Mr Wood advised that South Australia are very happy to host the Championships in October.

The World Masters Squash Championships do not conclude until late August and it would not provide the age champions the opportunity to play in the Australians.

Mr Wright advised that the dates are set for October 2020.

Mr Hulme advised that we need to rescind of the motion at the last AGM, but we should consider the impact this would have on South Australia.

Mr Wood advised that the venues and functions have been booked.

Mr Barlow advised we should be able to be flexible with the dates of the championships and that Host States of the colder climates may wish to host the championships in October when the weather is warmer.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that Item 9.3 from the 2018 AGM be rescinded and the 2020 Australian Masters Squash Championships be held from 12-23 October 2020

8 in favour 5 against

Carried



#### 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### 4.1 The President's Report for 2018/19 was noted.

It was **resolved** (Caban/Hulme) that the President's Report for 2018/19 be approved

#### 5. FINANCE

##### 5.1 2018/19 Financial Statements

Mr Smith reported that the net operating profit for the year was \$4,204.64. The profit is largely attributed to the fact that 2018/19 was a non Trans Tasman Test year.

It was **resolved** (Hulme/Barlow) that the 2018/19 Financial statements be accepted.

##### 5.2 Budget Proposals for Financial Years 2019/20 to 2021/22

Mr Smith presented the budget proposals for the financial years 2019/20 to 2021/22

###### Revenue

Mr Smith advised that there are four sources of revenue: License Fee, Affiliation Fees, Interstate Team Series fees and Website.

###### 1. Licence Fee

In respect of the Licence Fee, Mr Smith advised it was resolved at the 2014 AGM that the Licence Fee be increased by \$500 for the 2014-15 financial year and increased by the CPI each year thereafter. The Licence fee is currently \$3,220.

It was **resolved** (Campbell/Caban) that the Licence Fee for 2019/20 be increased by the CPI (1.3%) to \$3,262 for the 2020 Australian Masters Squash Championships to be held in Adelaide South Australia.

###### 2. Affiliation Fees

The current affiliation fee is \$4 per member and is based on information supplied by Member State/Territories. At the 2016 AGM, it was reaffirmed 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/Scott) that the AMSA affiliation fee will remain at \$4 per member for the 2019/20 financial year and all State Treasurers are to advise the AMSA Treasurer of the number of financial members in their state as at 30 June 2019 as well as anyone who played a sanctioned Masters tournament during that year.

###### 3. Interstate Teams Fees

Mr Smith advised that the Interstate Teams Fee was increased to \$210 at the 2017 AGM 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/Brooks) 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.

#### 4. **Development and Maintenance of the AMSA Championship Website**

At the 2018 AGM it was resolved that the Host State will utilise the AMSA Championship website when the championships are being held in their state.

Mr Campbell advised that he could do a website for \$40 a year including hosting the website.

Ms Prentice advised that Queensland would have been lost this year without the AMSA Championship website and it is essential to have someone like Mr McNally to help us through the process. There is a lot of difference between websites and to run an event like the Australians you really have to have someone who “knows their stuff”.

Mr Hulme advised that Mr McNally has spent a lot of free time getting the AMSA Championship up and running for Tasmania and in the backend, there are a lot of reports that are required to run the Championships. If Tasmania had to develop something with all that functionality it would have been a lot of work and did not consider \$1,600 to be an excessive fee.

Mr McNally advised that when he started the website, it was about providing a website where people can register online and the sales of the merchandise is integrated as well as providing general information about the championships. Mr McNally also advised that he gives a lot of his own time to develop and maintain the website and to build a website like this would cost around \$100k.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the annual website fee remain for the Championships to be held in SA in 2020 at \$1,600.

Carried

WA Against

#### **Wroclaw Poland 2022 – World Masters Championships**

Mr Smith advised that a working group had been established with the aim of sending an Australian team to the World Masters Championships in Wroclaw Poland in August 2020. Expressions of interest have been received from 40-50 Australian players.

The working group is working with a travel company in Canberra to secure accommodation for Australians attending the World Masters Championships. To hold these rooms a holding deposit is required to hold the rooms.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Campbell) that AMSA pay the initial deposit of \$7,005 noting that it is fully refundable by 15 June 2020.

#### **2019/20 Budget**

Mr Smith presented the 2019/20 budget

It was **resolved** (Smith/Brooks) that the budget for 2019/20 be approved.

#### **5.3 Appointment of an Auditor for 2019/20**

It was **resolved** (Smith/Irwin) that Mr Nicholas Smith, Chartered Accountant, be appointed as Auditor for 2019/20.

#### 5.4 **Funding of Australian Trans Tasman Test Team**

Mr Barlow advised that the sub-committee formed last year has had several telephone hook ups over the last year to discuss options for funding.

Mr Barlow has advised that since writing this paper, Virgin Australia has declined our proposal.

Mr Barlow advised that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain funding without a direct line to employees who are masters squash players.

Mr Scott is actively working with some contacts for funding of the Australian Trans Tasman Test Team in 2021 and is confident of securing some funding for the Australian team. Mr Scott advised that companies want exposure such as their logo on our uniforms.

Mr Barlow and Mr Scott will be focusing on securing funding for the Australian Trans Tasman Test Team in 2021

Mr Irwin thanked Mr Barlow and Mr Scott for their work on behalf of the Australian Trans Tasman Test Team.

### 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/Brooks) that the Squash Australia Delegates Report be accepted.

### 7. **ELECTION OF AMSA OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2019-21**

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

#### 7.1 **Vice President**

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

#### 7.2 **Secretary**

There was one nomination received – Michelle Rowles – nominated by VIC  
There being no further nominations, Ms Rowles was elected unopposed.

### 8. **MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENTS**

#### 8.1 **2020 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS, ADELAIDE SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Mr Wood provided a presentation for the 2020 Australian Masters Squash Championships in Adelaide South Australia in 2020.

The following was noted:

- The logo is 2020 Vision
- The South Australian Committee was in favour of changing the dates to October 2020.
- Squash Centres have been booked – There is the option of a 4<sup>th</sup> centre should that be required.
- The functions will be held at the Morphettville Racecourse (different rooms for the events).

- VIP event will be held at Tonsley Innovation Centre.
- AGM will be held at Racquets SA.
- The Welcome function and theme night have not been booked at this stage.
- Planning on having a mini bus within each centre.

## 8.2 AMSA TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

The AMSA Tournament Calendar was agreed as follows:

2020	South Australia – 12-23 October
2021*	New South Wales – 6-17 September
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
2031	Australian Capital Territory

\* Trans Tasman Test Series

## 8.3 INTERNATIONAL SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

The following international squash tournaments were noted:

### 2019

5-12 Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Australian Masters Games – Adelaide

### 2020

1-9 Feb NZ Masters Games – Dunedin (Squash 1-3 Feb)  
 23-29 Aug World Masters Squash Championships – Wroclaw Poland  
 4-13 Sep Pan American Masters Games – Rio De Janeiro  
 (no squash at this stage)  
 10-17 Oct Alice Springs Masters Games  
 6-15 Nov Pan Pacific Masters Games – Gold Coast

### 2021

14-30 May 10<sup>th</sup> World Masters Games – Kensai, Japan)  
 (Squash 20-29 May – Kyoto)

## 8.4 2019 AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS – GOLD COAST QUEENSLAND

Ms Prentice advised that they are elated with how the first week has gone and are very much looking forward to this week. She also advised that she has been very lucky to have had such a wonderful team.

## 9. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 9.1 Update of the Operations Manual

Mr Smith advised that the AMSA Operations Manual has been reviewed and several changes are recommended in Version 4.

**Resolved** (Smith/Scott) that the suggested changes to the AMSA Operations Manual (Version 4) as outlined in Item 9.1 be approved.

Ms Prentice referred to the Selection Process for the Australian Test Team and advised that it was her understanding that all nominations put forward by the States would be submitted to the Selection Committee for eligibility and should not be screened by the AMSA Executive.

It was agreed all nominations should be considered by the Selection Committee without prior screening of the AMSA Executive and that the Operations Manual will be updated to reflect this change in Version 5.

### 9.2 WSF World Masters Tour

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

It was noted that the World Squash Federation is integrating World, Regional and National Masters events into a WSF World Masters Tour to create an exciting, unified structure for Masters players. It provides a published calendar of events and to be included on the calendar, the event must adhere to certain guidelines, including the requirement for all participants to have a current and active Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN).

It was agreed that most of our squash players only play the Australians, and this would be an additional expense to many of our players in our Championships. It was also noted that our current tournament software Autodraw is not certified by the WSF.

On this basis, it was not considered a viable option to register the AMSA Championships on the WSF World Masters Tour at this time.

### 9.3 Combining the Welcome and VIP Functions

Ms Prentice provided a summary of her paper and opened discussions to the floor

There are currently two events which provide the host state with the opportunity to expose our sponsors. It has proven quite difficult to get sponsors to attend several events. Having one event will raise the profile of the sponsors and the invitees to the VIP function could be readily included in the Welcome function. This would also release some financial pressure off the host state.

Mr Hulme advised that this seemed like a reasonable idea.

Mr Irwin advised that initially the VIP event was smaller.

Mr Barlow considers that the Welcome Function and VIP night are two different functions. The idea of the original VIP event was to acknowledge and thank a small number of special people whereas the Welcome Function is primarily at the cost of the attendee. Mr Barlow did not realise the extent to which the list had grown over the years and suggested that the invite list may need to be reviewed.

Ms Prentice suggested that the cost of the VIP night may be borne by the AMSA.

Ms Beard suggested running both functions on the same night.

Mr Minchin advised that the purpose of the VIP event was to acknowledge the people who have contributed to the championships.

Mr Scott suggested that partners should be included.

Mr Smith suggested that the invite list for the VIP night be limited to sponsors, working committee from the host state and the President and Secretary from each state. This should keep the numbers to between 50 and 60 attendees.

**It was agreed that the AMSA Executive review the list of attendees to the VIP night.**

#### **9.4 Squash Australia Awards**

Ms Prentice provided a summary of her paper and opened discussions to the floor

The Squash Australia awards recognise achievements in several areas and it was agreed that it would be good for there to be some awards that recognised the achievements of the masters players.

It was **resolved** (Prentice/Wood) that the following awards be submitted to Squash Australia for their consideration:

- Masters Athlete of the year
- Squash Master of the year

#### **9.5 AMSA Office Bearers & Committee Members 2018/19**

Noted

#### **9.6 Interstate Teams Series**

Mr Smith advised that in relation to feedback received regarding the abolishment of the Interstate Teams Series Meeting where 3 states were not in favour

Mr Scott advised that 78 teams this year are represented by these 3 states.

Mr Smith advised that at the meeting last Thursday with the State Coordinators it was agreed that there would be a teleconference with the State Coordinators at the beginning and end of the team selection process. He also advised that a formal criteria for the divisional grading was developed by the Interstate Teams Sub-Committee and was utilised throughout this process and that this process will overcome any difficulties that have been encountered this year.

It was **resolved** (Scott/Wood) that the criteria for the grading of teams for the Interstate Teams Series and the Interstate Teams Series Sub Committee schedule be approved and included in the Operations Manual

Carried

Against NSW

### **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 Judith Goadby Memorial Award and Peter Wright OAM Award**

The President advised that the Judith Goadby Memorial Award was awarded to Helen Watkins and the Peter Wright OAM Award was awarded to Dave Fuller at the Individuals Dinner Dance last Friday night.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm.