



A.M.S.A.
Australian Masters Squash Association Inc.
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MINUTES OF THE FORTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION
held on Tuesday 5 October 2021 via ZOOM commencing at 8.35pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 8.35pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Peter Wright (President/Life Member)
Terry Barlow (Vice-President)
Ron Smith (Treasurer)
Michelle Rowles (Secretary)
Garry Irwin (Registrar/Life Member)
Scott Caban (ACT)
Davina Harding (NSW)
Mick Hughes (NT)
Robyn Prentice (QLD)
John Wood (SA)
Garry Hulme (TAS)
Lou Morsch (VIC)
Roger Campbell (WA)
Doug Minchin (Squash Australia Delegate) (Non-Voting Member)

Observers: Wendy Ashley (TAS)
Annette Wood (SA)

Apoloiges: Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt (Patrons)
Ron Clayton (Life Member)
Dianne Elliott (NSW)
Gerard McNally (Webmaster)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 22 October 2020 via Zoom were noted.
It was **resolved** (Morsch/Hulme) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.2 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee held on 27 October 2020 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.3 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2021 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.

- 2.4 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee held on 27 July 2021 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.5 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee held on 23 September 2021 were noted. It was **resolved** (Irwin/Barlow) that the Minutes be approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 The President's Report for 2020/21 was noted.

It was **resolved** (Prentice/Wood) that the President's Report for 2020/21 be approved

5. FINANCE

5.1 2020/21 Financial Statements

Mr Smith reported that the operating profit for the year was \$14,210.48 (in 2019/20 a loss of \$9,050.27 was incurred).

The profit is attributable to the \$10,507 deposit paid to the Sofitel Wroclaw Old Town Hotel for the World Masters Championships scheduled for Wroclaw in 2019 being repaid in full during the financial year.

At the 30 June 2021 there were 1,364 members affiliated with AMSA. This resulted in AMSA receiving \$5,668 from the States/Territories with all member States/Territories fully paid up.

It was resolved (Smith/Harding) that the 2020/21 Financial statements be accepted.

5.2 Budget Proposals for Financial Years 2021/22 to 2023/24

Mr Smith presented the budget proposals for the financial years 2021/22 to 2023/24

Revenue

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

1. Licence fee

It was **resolved** (Smith/Caban) that the Licence Fee remain at \$3,262 for the Championships to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in 2022 This recommendation was previously approved at the 2019 AGM for the deferred Championships that were to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in 2020 and 2021.

2. Affiliation Fees

In the 2020/21 financial year, affiliation fees were collected from each of the State/Territories based on the financial numbers as at the 30 June 2020. COVID has severely affected interstate travel over the past two years. Nevertheless all States/Territories have been able to run some tournaments and local competitions during the 2020 calendar year.

The current affiliation fee is \$4 and is based on information supplied by member States/Territories.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Hulme) that the AMSA affiliation fee will remain at \$4 per member for the 2021/22 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 2021 as well as anyone who played a sanctioned Masters tournament during that year.

3. Interstate Teams Fees

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) 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

It was **resolved** (Smith/Harding) that the annual website fee of \$1,600 remain for the Championships to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in 2022.

Expenditure

Mr Smith advised that the only item of expenditure including in the budget is for web expenses.

1. Development and Maintenance of the AMSA Championship Website

Gerard McNally has spent considerable time in 2020/21 to develop the new AMSA website and added additional functionality to the AMSA Championships website to be used by South Australia next year.

Mr Hulme enquired if the arrangement with the website was via a company or Gerard individually. Ms Rowles advised that the arrangement is directly with Gerard and the AMSA and is ongoing. Gerard is very passionate about masters squash and is keen to continue in this role.

It was resolved (Smith/Hulme) that a payment of \$1,300 be paid to Gerard McNally for the significant work that has been undertaken in the 2020/21 financial year.

Mr Wright thanked Gerard for all the work that Gerard has done throughout the year on both the new general AMSA website and additional features of the AMSC website. It is much appreciated.

2021/22 Budget

Mr Smith presented the 2021/22 budget.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the budget for 2021/22 be approved.

5.3 Appointment of an Auditor for 2021/22

It was **resolved** (Smith/Caban) that Mr Nicholas Smith, Chartered Accountant, be appointed as Auditor for 2021/22.

Mr Wright asked Mr Smith to pass on our thanks to his son, Nicholas Smith, who has audited the accounts again at no charge. It is much appreciated.

6. SQUASH AUSTRALIA DELEGATE'S REPORT

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

Mr Campbell asked what is happening with World Masters tour and what is Squash Australia's stance? **Mr Wright suggested that the Executive could follow it up with Squash Australia.**

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

Mr Wright thanked Mr Minchin for his work during the year and asked if Mr Minchin would be happy to continue in the role for the next year. Mr Minchin advised that he would be happy to continue.

Mr Campbell advised that his Committee had discussed that it may be more appropriate for the Delegate to be based in Queensland where Squash Australia is located. Mr Wright advised that this is something we could follow up in the future. Ms Prentice advised that she is happy for Mr Minchin to continue in the role.

It was agreed that Mr Minchin will continue in the role as Squash Australia Delegate for the next year.

7. ELECTION OF AMSA OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2021-23

The current positions of Vice President, Secretary and AMSA Selection Committee have completed their current 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.

7.3 AMSA Selection Committee – 5 positions available

The following nominations have been received:

- Craig Brann nominated by NSW
- Roger Campbell nominated by WA
- Lou Morsch nominated by VIC
- Robyn Prentice nominated by QLD

There were 5 positions available and only 4 nominations received, which are elected unopposed.

There is still one vacancy. Mr Wright asked Mr Hulme if he had received a nomination from Michael Brown. Mr Hulme was unable to confirm but understood that Michael Brown was happy to nominate.

Mr Wright asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Mr Minchin and Mr Wood advised that they would be happy to nominate if there was a vacancy.

It was agreed that the Executive would follow up with Michael Brown. If Michael is willing to nominate, he can provide a late nomination. If Michael does not wish to re-stand, the Executive will come back to the nominees from the floor.

Addendum

Michael Brown confirmed that he would like to nominate for the position of Selector. TAS has now provided a nomination.

On this basis the AMSA Selection Committee will be:

- Craig Brann - NSW
- Michael Brown - TAS
- Roger Campbell - WA
- Lou Morsch- VIC
- Robyn Prentice- QLD

8. MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

8.1 2022 Australian Masters Squash Championships, Adelaide South Australia

Mr Wood provided a presentation for the 2022 Australian Masters Squash Championships in Adelaide South Australia.

The following was noted:

- This is the 3rd time that Adelaide is attempting to host the Australians.
- The same Squash Centres will be utilised – South Adelaide, Karadinga Sports Centre and West Adelaide Squash Centre.
- The dinner dances and the Welcome function will still be held at the Morphettville Racecourse (different rooms for each events).
- The AGM will most likely be held at Karadinga Sports Centre
- The venue for the VIP night has not been decided
- The social functions are being reconsidered.
- Mr Irwin asked where the Trans Tasman Test will be held. Mr Wood advised that he would prefer to use their own centre at South Adelaide. Mr Irwin advised that he intends to visit Adelaide to view the various centres.
- Mr Morsch asked if there were sufficient referees available in Adelaide as based on his experience in 2017, several referees are required to cover all the matches.

8.2 AMSA Tournament Calendar

The AMSA Tournament Calendar was noted as follows:

2022	South Australia – 10-21 October (Trans Tasman Test Series)
2023	New South Wales – 4-15 September
2024	Western Australia
2025	Australian Capital Territory
2026	Victoria

2027	Northern Territory (Host Trans Tasman Test Series)
2028	Tasmania
2029	Queensland
2030	South Australia
2031	Western Australia (Host Trans Tasman Test Series)
2032	New South Wales
2033	Australian Capital Territory

Mr Wright advised that it is intended that future Trans Tasman Test Series will be held in Northern Territory and Western Australia and there may be a need to reassess the locations of the Championships from 2024 to accommodate this.

8.3 International Squash Tournaments

The following international squash tournaments were noted:

2022

- 5-13 Feb – 33rd NZ Masters Games – Dunedin NZ (5-7 Feb)
- 23-30 Apr – 18th Australian Masters Games – Perth WA (Squash dates TBA)
- 13-29 May – 10th World Masters Games – Kansai, Japan (19-28 May – Kyoto)
- 28 July-8 Aug – Commonwealth Games – Birmingham, UK
- 21-27 Aug – 15th World Masters Squash Championships – Wroclaw Poland
- 9-11 Sept – NZ Masters Championships – Wellington NZ (TBC)
- 1-8 Oct – Alice Springs Masters Games – NT (Squash dates TBA)

2023

- TBA – Arafura Masters Games – Darwin NT
- 12-20 May – Asia Pacific Masters Games – Jeollabuk-do, South Korea (Squash Dates TBA)

Mr Wright thanked the states that have provided their 2022 tournament dates. These will be listed on our AMSA website and will also be sent to Squash Australia. If there are any changes please let us know so that we can keep it up to date.

Ms Rowles asked that any states that have not provided their dates for 2022 to do so by the end of October.

Mr Campbell advised that the Australian Masters Games has been moved to April 2022. It was noted that it is at the same time as the Anzac tournament in NT. Mr Irwin asked Mr Campbell if the squash at the Australian Masters Games could be scheduled after the Anzac tournament to provide people with the opportunity to attend both. Mr Campbell will see if this is possible as it usually only runs over 3 or 4 days.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 AMSA Office Bearers & Committee Members 2020/21

Noted

Ms Rowles advised that this information is listed on the website as a live document and requested that any changes be advised so that it can be kept up to date.

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

Nil

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.