

**Delegates Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 Sports House Milton.**

In Attendance:

**Management Committee:** John Osterman, Dave Cooper, Trevor Mortimer (**Apologies:** Chee Yap, Treston Urwin, Paul Coory)

**Redlands:** (John Balderson & Graham Stewart **Apology** Bob Turpin)

**Redcliffe:** (Gary Wardle)

**Kedron Wavell:** (Kyle Lampkin, Garvin Gray **Apology** from Peter Williams)

**Tatterstalls:** No Representative

**Sherwood:** No Representative (**Apology** from Steve Burford)

**QMasters:** No representative (???)

**Matchroom:** No representative (**Apology** from Chee Yap)

**Meeting Commenced 19:10** with John Osterman welcoming delegates and providing an overview of what QBSA committee have been doing in the short interim they have been in office and some outcomes achieved since AGM in March. QBSA new website under development, Office clean up and distribution of trophies and pennants as well as trophies donated by Daniell Haenga to be given to Redlands for distribution. Outlined the issues attributed with going from having a paid administrator and transitioning to a working committee and looking at assigning roles to individual committee members. Renegotiating our arrangements with Government in looking at what is required to attain grants. Renegotiating arrangements for computer internet as well as getting working computers for office. Banking arrangements reviewed and changes being implemented. Maintaining office in sports house as a home base rather than looking at alternatives.

Meeting then moved to listed items on website for discussion.

- [ Current snooker season and format
- [ Rankings and Handicaps
- [ Upcoming Billiard Season
- [ Players with ABSC rankings and how included in to Queensland tournaments
- [ General Business

**Current Snooker season and format as well as rankings:**

General discussion held and agreement reached that for next season's competition that players would play in accordance with ranking order with players allowed to play one position out of ranking order (i.e. Number one ranked player can play number 1 or 2 position only. Number 2 ranked player can play in 1 or 3 position only. Number 4 ranked player can play in 3 or 4 position only.)

Kedron delegates raised the possibility of all A grade sides having a minimum of 2 A graded ranked players in a side to avoid sides being non competitive. General discussion held and although we want to see an even competition for this to be even considered we must first ensure rankings are correct. It was decided that this would be reviewed and bring to delegates meeting which would be held prior to next seasons snooker competition.

Format for final series discussed and all grades would be playing top 4 teams in the final with the finals all to be played at Kedron for this year (2015). The matter was raised that for last year (2014), sides that finished minor premiers were compensated with prize money based on giving up their right to hosting final and this was not the case for this year (2015). Redlands delegates felt that as there was no prize money on offer as an incentive for giving up hosting finals that the decision for all finals to be held at Kedron be reconsidered.

General discussion was held regarding this issue with a number of options raised as alternatives as well as some issues with clubs which may host finals. In the end it was decided as plans are already in place for this year's format that these arrangements would stand.

It was agreed that we review for following years (2016 and beyond) and alternatives that may provide a suitable outcome for all clubs.

Alternatives raised for purpose of finals venues in the future for all grades.

Team1 Versus Team2 host at Team 1venue

Team 3 versus Team 4 host at team 3 venue

Loser Team 1v2 versus winner team 3v4 hosted at venue of losing team of 1 or 2

In the event that two or more teams from the same club finish with the advantage of a home team venue (and not enough tables available), then the team that plays at home will be determined by the Snooker Clubs management as to which side will play and which team/s will relinquish the advantage. Normally it would be the higher graded team that maintains the advantage. In the event that a team's venue is not available on the required then that team will also relinquish the advantage.

Grand Final venue to be determined with Management Committee to look at clubs willing to host Grand Finals of all grades at one location followed by presentation dinner that night.

Grand Finals for all grades on the Saturday at Kedron was discussed as to start times, table allocations and how to achieve finishing times of all teams as close as possible together with the use of 5 tables. Management Committee to look at this on the day and allocate tables to ensure

an even run of games is maintained but ensuring tables used do not separate grades on the day.

Kedron delegates raised an issue of some clubs finishing times and whether the best of 3 was an option when playing at these clubs. It was felt that this was not an option and the better alternative was to see if players could arrive for an earlier start to get games over in the required time.

### **Upcoming Billiards Season.**

John Osterman spoke about how it was felt that we had lost sight of Billiards with the inclusion of a snooker player and that he had been unable to form a team due to the unavailability of snooker players who were playing in Premier League.

Most in attendance were in favour of removing the snooker player with John Balderson raising concerns. John B wished to maintain the snooker player but with all players rotating through with the intent to encourage Snooker Players to learn the art and game of Billiards. There were a number of objections with this as a number of Billiard players may not want to play snooker.

John Osterman also raised an option of a Premier League in the event we could not formulate a suitable alternative with a team based competition. John Balderson raised concerns with this as his club may lose players with some players only wishing to play in the team environment and not in a premier league. Issues of refereeing for premier league also raised but could be overcome.

An option of three man teams were raised and it was agreed that delegates return to clubs and discuss with members and to get back to Management Committee as to how many three man teams for A and B grade competition they could manage and whether they wished to revert to the 75 minutes or maintain 3x25 minute frames. It was felt that A grade revert to old format and that delegates get back to committee re numbers and B grade format. It was also decided that players can only play one position out of ranking order (as detailed in snooker).

John Balderson raised the issue of finances both from A QBSA and a Club perspective. From a QBSA perspective with reducing team numbers this would reduce income generated and from a Club perspective with 1 less team member the income received would see him have to increase fees to maintain supper/drinks on the night.

There were a number of people who wished to discuss the subject of suppers and rather than bog the meeting down, this issue to be placed on agenda for next delegates meeting.

### **Rankings and how do we place a player with an Australian/International ranking into our Queensland Residents tournament.**

John Osterman raised the issue we had with placing an ABSC ranked player into our Queensland Residents tournament and the need to ensure that this does not occur again. It was

raised that there had been some documentation found in QBSA records that detailed how players were to be ranked for Queensland Residents tournament.

In general discussion it was felt that the first two seedings for Queensland Residents tournament would be allocated to defending Champion then next position to the highest ranked Queensland player in the Queensland Rankings. After that then Australian Rankings, followed by Queensland Rankings. Delegates to take back to clubs and advise what criteria they think should be used.

It was also discussed that a round robin format with all players including seeded players participating may be a more viable option. The seeding issue still needed to be resolved as seeds for round robin would apply.