

ACT EightBall Association
 State Executive Committee Meeting
 Meeting Minutes
 5 May 2008

1. Opening:

The regular meeting of the ACTEBA was called to order at 7:10 pm on 5 May 2008 in Serbian Club Mawson ACT by Doug Percy.

2. Apologies

Soorage Ahazidad, Chris Jones, Bob Sifri

3. Proxy:

Nil

4. Minutes

Minutes held over until June Meeting as not distributed

5. Reports

5.1. President (Doug Percy)

- State of Origin
 - Vera Sansum has the names of the teams
 - Captains
 - Matt Power appointed unopposed for Northside
 - Exec to appoint Southside
- Complaint by Chisholm Tavern against Scrol

Motion	That the complaint by Chisholm Tavern against Scrol be heard by a DDC				
Proposed	Doug Percy				
Seconded	Joseph Morrall				
For	11	Against	9	Abstain	11
Outcome	Motion Passed				

- Doug asked that the funds expended in going to the ½ year AEBF meeting be recovered
- Brent Hampton has been selected in the Australia U18 Team
- DDC Members
 - 1st – Jason Tanaskovic
 - 2nd – Theresa Skipper
 - 3rd – Trent Billington
 - 4th – Sean Blackmore
 - 5th – Vera Sansum
 - Chair – Doug Percy
 - Secretary – Joseph Morrall

5.2. Vice President (Kath Harmon)

- Broad discussion on the DDC process
 - Need for assistance in panels members from all Captains/teams
 - Roster System to be considered for **all** teams

5.3. Treasurer (Ted Mallowes)

- All finances running well
- ACTEBA will need to review budget for 08-09 based upon unexpected increase in national team membership support
- Names on the debtors list are current

5.4. Tournament Director (Chris Jones)

- Absent
- Nominations forms are due
- Selection trials are underway

5.5. Secretary (Joseph Morrall)

- Discussion on changes to transfer rules – Doug to investigate
- Discussion on grading system – Doug to investigate
 - Current system is working
 - Stats are not true reflection on players (trials vs non-trials)
 - Review teams at end of season
 - 3 teams are fixed in division (winner, loser, and average team)
 - Move to a pure promotion/relegation system considered

5.6. Assistant Tournament Director

- Nothing to report

5.7. Junior Development Officer

- Juniors currently on break
- A interview with FM 104.7 to be conducted.

5.8. Fundraising

- Nothing to report

5.9. Umpire

- Absent

5.10. Head Coach

- No report

6. Agenda Items

6.1. None

7. Motions

- None

8. General Business

9. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8.45 by Doug Percy

10. Attendance

Div	Team	Capt
1	Cheetahs	Nicole Welsh
1	Eagles	
1	Embalmers	
1	Filthy Lizards	
1	Hammerheads	Jason Tanaskovic
1	Matildas	Doug Percy (Pres)
1	Stickmen	Colin Gamble
1	Strikers	James Southwell
2	Chisholm Tavern	Warren Mangelsdorf
2	Crackpots	Theresa Skipper
2	Dom's DV8s	Soorage Ahazidad
2	Katz	Cath Jones (FR) Kath Harmon (VP/FR)
2	Pirates	Matt Kendrick
2	Rail Runners	Nick Bodrozic
2	Schroomptons	
2	Warriors	Ted Mallowes (Treas)
3	Cougars	Tolly Auva'a

3	Demons	Gavin Lee
3	Hot Shots	Mick Sewell
3	Jagerbombers	Jason Davis
3	Jets	Danial Ward
3	Shooters	
	Team	
3	Chickenbone	Joseph Morrall (Sect)
3	To-Sheas	Trent Billington
4	Earls of Erindale	Sean Blackmore
4	Kambastards	John Buxton
4	Pains	
4	Paws	
4	Screamers	Melissa Chapelli
4	Smash 'n' Gash	Kris Bandte
4	Tomtones	Tony Johns
4	Wanderers	Chris Jones (TD)
		Robbie Urbansah Terry Cunningham
5	Deep Pockets	
5	Dubber Ruckies	Vera Sansum
5	Harlequins	Jacinta Snajdar
5	Hustlers	
5	Kickers	Tony Warren
5	Neil & Bob	
5	Pool Hall Gypsies Head Coach Motley Cue	John Wilkinson Greg Murphy Rob Howe

Compliant regarding the match held on 2nd April 2008 between Coolabar Chickenbones & The Venue Hot Shots

To the Core Executive,

I am writing to lodge a formal protest about the match held between my team (The Chickenbones) and The Venue Hotshots on 2nd April 2008, originally scheduled for play at The Venue.

The basis for my compliant covers several areas, for which there are numerous outcomes. I acknowledge that common practice is to lodge a specific compliant relating to a specific event. However, the situation that developed on Wednesday night involved several issues all of which led to the result being invalid in my opinion.

The background to the events is that I was away on business and my vice-captain (Belinda Frost) was acting in my place.

Upon attending The Venue to play the match BJ was informed that a "fuse" had blown and no power existed within the venue. This was to have been rectified by 7 pm. But by 7.30 pm this had been extended to 10 pm. This meant that the Hotshots were in breach of by-law 23 and 24 (access to tables). While by-law 23 is not grounds for forfeit, the failure of the venue to be ready by the nominated start of play (8 pm) is.

I advised BJ should the tables not be available at 8pm to enforce the forfeit, as is the away teams right. Any concerns should be taken up with the Tournament Director (Chris Jones). It is my understanding that Rolf Bandte (ex-TD) was present at or about 8pm and advised that he would contact Chris.

The conversation between Chris and Rolf resulted in Chris advising that teams can either play at alternate venue, reschedule or contact the TD. I do not believe that the right for the away team captain to enforce the forfeit was satisfactorily addressed. The right to forfeit is the first of the options that should be presented not as an after thought.

Rolf conveyed the requirement to reschedule or alternate venue, no advice to contact Chris was presented. As Rolf had been the TD in the past BJ believed there was little option other than to seek to play. Had complete information been passed onto BJ the forfeit would have been taken.

Both the at or about 8 pm had only 5 players with no likelihood of full teams presenting themselves. Based on this, and to avoid the need to find a suitable time for 2 teams to replay the match BJ (believing this to be the best of 2 bad options) pushed to have the match played that evening. A new venue was located (Lanyon Vikings) and both teams travelled to there.

During this transit the Hotshots were able to source the services of another player. This advice was passed to the TD (who agreed to the inclusion of this player). I believe that this inclusion occurred after 8pm (but prior to commencement of match). It is accepted that changes to team rosters can not occur after 8 pm on the night of the match.

Further the player to be included was James Southwell, a competent 1st Div player. While neither Hotshots nor Bones had a realistic chance of making finals (a mathematical one did exist) both teams were playing to avoid relegation. The inclusion of a player of James calibre for this match presented a significant disadvantage to the Bones. Further this resulted in BJ arriving at Lanyon, having agreed to play and finding a full team of 6 facing her. This is patently unfair, a decision based upon (in my opinion faulty) advice from the TD via proxy was taken assuming that 2 teams of 5 would play.

The inclusion of James (or any player of 1st Div) into lower division in the later parts of a season will have significant impact upon teams making finals (or not) and being relegated (or not). While the player would not be eligible for inclusion in the final series they can affect the results of teams. As such the inclusion of James Southwell reflects an error in judgement by the TD and should be overturned.

The final score for the evening was 15-9 to the Hotshots.

I ask that this matter NOT be forwarded to a DDC due to the importance of the outcomes that I am requesting. Short of all of my request being denied by the committee, any decision will result in a significant change to the score if not the outcome of a Wed night match.

The crux of the complaint is as follows:

1. The Venue was unavailable for play at 8 pm on 2nd April 2008;
2. This is grounds for forfeit with the match awarded to the away side;
3. The TD failed to ensure that the option of forfeit was presented to all Captains;
4. Of the options presented reschedule or new venue, only new venue was feasible when considering the scheduling issues of 12 people;
5. The decision to proceed with new venue was based strongly upon the belief that both teams were playing with 5 members;
6. The inclusion of a 6th player (regardless of calibre) after 8 pm goes against the spirit if not the convention of player registration;
7. As such the registration of James Southwell with the Hotshots should be refused, and all frames played on the night be forfeit.

Points 1-5 support, in my opinion, the rejection of the result for the evening and the awarding of forfeit to the Chickenbones as the scheduled venue for play was not available. Objections from the Hotshots notwithstanding, their opinion on the night would not have been considered had BJ been aware that forfeit was her right.

Points 6-7 support the exclusion of James Southwell from the results. This would result in a 12-11 win to the Hotshots based on straight removal of frames.

However, by-law 31 requires that where both teams have only 5 players both forfeits be placed in last position. This makes the determination of a result more complex. A detailed reviewing of the nights results indicates that no

fewer than 5 matches would not be the same players, and as such the results could be different.

Outcomes/Motions

1. That based upon the series of mistakes and misinformation provided to captains on the evening of 2nd April 2008. All away captians be given the option of enforcing the forfeit against the Venue home teams.
2. That James SOutwell transfer to 3rd division is refused and his frames for the evening be forfeit.
3. That due to the complexity of inclusion of by-law 31, the match between the Hotshots and the Chickenbones be replayed at a time convenient to the Chickenbones, but to occur prior to the 1st week of the final series (assuming the result would not affect the finals make up).
4. That, should motion 3 not be passed, the Venue hotshots be awarded the win for the night of 2nd April 2008 12-11. With scoresheets to be amended appropriately by the TD.