



ACT Eight Ball Association
Captains Meeting Monday 10 January 2021
Minutes

1. Meeting opened

- Apologies –Tolly Auva’a, Marg Auva’a, Phil Morton, Andy Irons.
- Proxy – NIL
- Minutes

December Minutes be accepted as tabled		
Proposed	Matt Harmon	
Seconded	Ian Stanley	
For	Against	Abstain
23	0	5

Annual General Meeting Minutes (October 2021) be accepted as tabled		
Proposed	Matt Harmon	
Seconded	Phil Hobday	
For	Against	Abstain
25	0	2

2. President’s Report

- Matt advised of current COVID situation and said not a lot has changed in terms of the restrictions in place, so hopefully we can continue to play until such time as we are advised we can’t.
- Matt advised that restrictions require players to be seated whilst eating and drinking, no handshaking or hive-fives, players to rack their own balls and all players must follow the rules set by each venue.
- Alex Hall asked what happens if a team member tests positive to Covid and the team is unable to play due to quarantine requirements. Matt advised that teams will need to contact opponents directly and negotiate a re-schedule as the Committee will not be re-scheduling matches and where it is unable to be re-scheduled, teams will likely need to forfeit.
- Danny Marlow asked about a mechanism to notify of positive cases. Matt advised to let the Committee know and we can send out a message o members.
- Joseph Rennie asked about how forfeits will be treated due to Covid in terms of scores/averaging. Matt advised that it will be as per the by-laws for any other forfeit.
- Matt raised Steve Phillip’s request for emeritus A Grade umpire certification and is awaiting Gregg Dingle to get back to him.
- Matt received an email from Danny Marlow regarding the current by-law pertaining to eligibility to play in final series. Danny spoke about last season’s issue with the Hammerheads and the ongoing risk of Covid affecting matches, players may fall short of the 6 match requirement again.

- Danny suggested that a percentage of available matches that doesn't include byes or forfeits would be better than a set figure and suggested 50% as a starting point.
- Graham O'Connell advised that eligibility to play in the state team is currently set at 33.33%, so 50% seems too high. Graham recommended that they align.
- Joseph Rennie though 50% was too high and 33.33% was too low, so suggested middle ground at 40%
- Doug Percy advised that it doesn't really matter how or what you set it at, there will always need to be exemptions sought due to individual circumstances.
- Danny Marlow agreed 40% was reasonable and provided a few examples of calculations based on current season e.g. 40% of a 12 match season is 4.8, so would be rounded up to 5 matches and 40% of a 14 match season is 5.6, so would be rounded up to 6 matches.

Motion: Amend by-law 37 to: To be eligible to play in finals, a player must play in a minimum of 40% of matches before finals, rounded up to the nearest whole number (e.g. at least one frame must be played in any round to be counted as a played match). Match forfeits and byes are not counted in the 40% calculation.		
Proposed	Danny Marlow	
Seconded	Ian Stanley	
For	Against	Abstain
26	0	4

3. Vice President's Report

- Ann advised that Presentation Night went really well and feedback so far is that most enjoyed the casual nature and trophies.

4. Secretary's Report

NIL

5. Treasurer's Report

- Bank accounts as at January meeting are:
 - Savings - \$71,658
 - Nationals Account - 31,036
 - Term Deposit - \$1,000
- Terry advised that he is waiting on member numbers to transfer \$10pp levy to nationals account and also paid \$2,000 to Harmonie German Club for presentation night.

6. Tournament Director's Report

- Ian advised that captain's packs were sent this morning and we have 36 teams registered, one less than last year so there will be a bye in division 4.
 - Doug Percy asked if there is an updated players list as most teams had less than 6 registered.
 - 2022 calendar of events is now up on the website.

7. Assistant Tournament Director's Report

- Graham advised of a couple of issues with the rankings but will fix ASAP and re-send.

8. Webmaster's Report

NIL

9. Head Umpire's Report

NIL

10. Fundraising Coordinator

- Lissi advised that she was able to undertake some fundraising at the finals day and she is also awaiting the Harmonie German Club to advise when Jackpot Joker will resume.

11. Junior Development Officer's Report

- Lissi advised that the online junior events for 2022 have now been cancelled.

12. Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report

NIL

13. Publicity Officer

- Bushie advised that he is developing a media contacts list and has also signed up to 'What's On' through Channel 7 which will allow us free advertising of any upcoming events. Bushie will reinvigorate the ACTEBA logo design competition and extend until the end of May having received three designs so far.

14. State Head Coach (Vacant)

15. General Business

- Matt Harmon asked for feedback on the finals day and presentation night being held on a Saturday and if it was something members wanted to continue? which would see the summer comp finals remain on the usual Wed/Thurs night but, the winter comp finals would be held on a Saturday at the end of the year with presentation night following.
 - Kath Harmon advised that there was too long a break in between finals finishing and presentation starting;
 - Danny Marlow thought it was a great day;
 - Joseph Rennie thanked all involved in the set-up and said it was great;
 - Alex Hall said it was odd playing on a Saturday and it was not great having a forfeit in their division;
 - Matt Harmon advised that players would have 10-11 months' notice of the date this time.
 - Joseph Rennie asked if we could retain the sit down dinner rather than the buffet style. It was noted that room and time was an issue due to the tables being set-up in the auditorium.
 - Matt asked captain's to go back to all team members and gauge their feedback for discussion at Feb/Mar meeting, so a date can be agreed if necessary.