



ACT Eight Ball Association
Captains Meeting Monday 1 December 2025
Minutes

1. Meeting Opened

- Apologies – Paul Berger, Terry McClymont, Steve and Carolyn Trute
- Proxys – Tony Warren for Phil Morton, Troy Miller for Richard Sliwinski
- Minutes from previous meetings

October Minutes be accepted as tabled		
Proposed	Matt Harmon	
Seconded	Warren Mangelsdorf	
For	Against	Abstain
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2. President's Report

The Nationals, Rockhampton 12-22 Nov 2025

- Matt congratulated the ACT Teams on their record breaking performance, highlights included:
 - Over 60s, the first male team to win a national title
 - Phil Morton, player of the carnival, over 60s
 - Chris Lilley, runner up in the Masters singles
 - 5 players, Ann Moimoi, Penny Foudoulis, Phil Morton, Jack Dehm and Mongrel all making their respective Australian teams
- Overall, a very successful Nationals for the ACT

The AEBF General Meeting

- There has been tension between the AEBF Executive and the State/Territory Delegates for at least 6 months. This has been regarding a perceived lack of transparency over decisions made and financial matters
- The AEBF has been trying to move to a new (non-delegate-ratified) constitution
- Continued Pool Australia discussions re merging a number of cue sports in Australia and creating working group
- There are plans the 2026 Nationals to include the Australian Nationals, Auscup, Heyball, Blackball and Ultimate pool teams and formats

Resignations

- The AEBF Vice President position was vacant, so a vote was to be taken to elect a new permanent VP. Travis and Mel Crawley indicated that if Greg Costello was elected that they would resign from their positions
- Matt Harmon suggested that the State Delegates should have a private meeting to discuss options prior to the vote for VP
- Matt Harmon stressed his support for Mel and Travis to remain
- The vote was taken with Greg Costello getting up narrowly 9-7 (approx) over Penny Foudoulis, the Crawleys resigned although not formally. Most of the remaining committee also resigned except for Greg Dingle and Jay Windross
- A vote of no confidence is being considered, Matt is not supportive of this

- Matt raised concerns that the changes in the AEBF Executive committee would jeopardise the plans outlined above regarding the merging of cue sports, combined Nationals etc
- Joseph Rennie asked what is likely to happen, moving forward, Matt said that he believes no one is going to be willing to step up and that it is possible we will lose all the good work that has gone into the future plans outlined
- Matt has been trying to speak to Travis Crawley but has been playing phone tag so far, hopefully will make contact soon
- Ron Farmer said that he supports the position Matt has taken

Calendar of ACTEBA Events 2026

- A calendar of events has been made; this needs to be discussed with the core committee and then the Harmony German Club (HGC)
- Singles have been locked in for 10-12 April 2026, this clashes with the old dog's masters
- Matt Power inquired if it would be shared with team Captains, Matt Harmon indicated it should be out to Captains within a week or two, following the input mentioned above
- Following feedback from ACTEBA members, the summer comp will be starting later in January
- There is a 7–8-week break in between the end of the summer comp and the beginning of the Winter comp, enabling an off season comp (TBC) to be held in April before the trials
- Graham said that due to lack of numbers this year we will be combining some trials, Women's 50+ with Women's open trials and U23s with the open trials
 - Australia Cup selection considering a new way to select the 2 teams
 - State of Origin to be held on 1 Sunday
- MH – presentation night likely to be Feb 2026, the poll submitted recently was in favour of the more formal sit-down presentation night.
- MP – liked a sit-down option with a simple feed to keep costs down
- PC – is looking at cheaper options
- LC – back to calendar, we need to make room for Juniors events, require venues with more than 2 tables and representative players to put in some time with the juniors
- MH – will block out some spots in the calendar for junior events – also the Valley Pub at Erindale could be an option

3. Vice President

- Has been working on presentation night

4. Secretary's Report

- MW has had a handover from PC and has been granted access to the Secretary account

5. Treasurer's Report

- MH on behalf of TM
- The treasurer advised the account balances as of October 2025 are as follows:
 - Everyday (Cheque) account: \$73,996.25
 - Nationals account: \$12,786.15
 - Term Deposit account: \$35,000.00
 - We will be receiving approximately 15k bill from the Nationals and presentation night is coming up in Feb next year 2026

6. Tournament Director's Report

- The adjudicators comp was run, this included a cash prize
- The calendar for next year is going to be released soon as MH stated earlier
- The AEBF is going to update the Australia Cup rules

7. Assistant Tournament Director's Report

- Nil to report

8. Webmaster's Report

- Nil to report

9. Fundraising Coordinator

- Jackpot Joker – volunteers required for next week and the fortnight after that, is anyone able to help – no replies received

10. Junior Development Officer's Report

- Shirts are due for delivery by 17 Dec 25
- Still need to fill spots but going to Gladstone

11. Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report

- Nil to report

12. Head Umpire Report

- Nil to report

13. Vacant

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15. General Business

- Sid Scott – re the state of Burns Club tables discussed last meeting, he has requested a meeting with the Manager and is waiting on this, hopefully this will occur before the start of next season
- MH – offered to send the manager an email outlining the issues and CC Sid in
- LC – Are there any by-laws regarding he felt colors/types required? MH – no only for finals

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- MP – raised that currently teams can only register a maximum of 9 players, he is considering raising a motion to increase this to enable teams to have a better chance of playing at least 6 players on a night
- MH – to raise a motion for the next meeting in January 2026
- GO – there is a by-law regarding the number of matches a player needs to play to be eligible to play finals
- MH – currently teams can add players, we need to consider finals eligibility, fees and the substitute rule (4 weeks)
- JR – Players from lower divisions could play say in Super league to gain experience

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- MH – is considering a large doubles comp during the break between summer and Winter comp

- Scott (Chickenbones) – asked if the tables used at the Nationals had issues with the ball returns
- MH – yes there were these issues also the tables had been stored incorrectly so as they were unpacked there were impressions on the felt, this almost derailed the Nationals, there were still rolls away from the pockets during the Nationals but he said they were better than the Supreme tables
- MH – Merry Xmas everyone – meeting closed

Meeting closed at 7.33pm