



**Captains Meeting – Monday 13 April 2026
6.30pm via Zoom**

- **Meeting Open**

- Apologies
- Proxies

Tony Warren for Phil Morton

Fred Johnson for Max Ryan (Steady Eddies – season proxy)

Dylan Barba for Iain (Screamers – season proxy)

- **Previous Captains meeting minutes**

The minutes for the March Captains meeting were tabled, seconded by Pete Smith.

Online poll results - For - 19, Against - 0, Abstain – 4

The minutes were accepted.

- **President's Report (Matt Harmon)**

- Since the last meeting the AEBF held their SGM and EGM. The SGM was to adopt the new company limited by guarantee constitution to override the current constitution (which was lodged with ASIC) which most people agree was terrible as it gave the AEBF all the power and the members none. There has been a lot of back and forth between the members and the States and Territories and basically, we put our recommendations forward and they all got accepted and the new constitution is effective as of whatever date that meeting was.
- Following this meeting there was an EGM to wind up the incorporated ABF association. Effectively there are 2 Associations at the moment. This motion did not pass, ACT didn't vote for it as with most of the other States, purely because there are missing financials, so we didn't want to wind up the old, incorporated association until a full financials audit has been done. This will probably be revisited at the next AGM which has been set (May). One of the States has offered to pay for the audit as they cost a few thousand dollars.
- A formal audit will be conducted, and the first AGM (actually the 2025 AGM) under the new constitution is scheduled for mid-May via Zoom, followed by another AGM after the Nationals at the end of the year, this will be the 2026 AGM.
- Let Matt know at our next Captains meeting if anyone wants anything raised by him at this meeting. There are only 2 positions on the new Board up for re-election, but he will go through that at our May meeting.
- Any questions?

Matt Power – has there been much change to the current AEBF Committee or is that in limbo until the AGM?

MH – No, the Committee that was in place before the null and void AGM have continued on, it was lodged as a 2 year cycle for most positions, so not all positions are up for a vote at the 2025 AGM, but at the 2026 AGM which will be held after the Nationals.

- **Vice President's Report (Paul Chapelli)**

- Nothing to raise
- MH took the opportunity to thank Paul and Lissie and everyone that was responsible for organising the presentation night, we had some really good feedback around the new structure of being able to pre-order a meal, getting through the night quickly and having time to chill out after the event. We had about 100 people attend.

- **Secretary's Report (Matt Wilson)**

- Matt got booted from the meeting when he went to unmute but reported via chat that the previous meetings minutes had been distributed by him as expected.

- **Treasurer's Report (Terry McClymont)**

- Everyday account - \$86,210
- Term deposit - \$35,000
- Nationals Account - \$12,789
- Balance - \$133,999

Recently paid the \$3,122 for the presentation night, waiting on the invoice for the trophies, **PC to chase that up.**

- **Tournament Director's Report (Graham O'Connell)**

- Graham clarified attendees from various teams
- Graham reported on the successful 2026 state championships held at the German club, which included six categories with 126 entries and 1,268 frames of pool played across 121 matches over the weekend. The event featured new categories including Women's 50+ and Open 60+ divisions, with six champions crowned including Anthony Chia in Open and Nicole in Women's, who extended her winning streak to 10 consecutive titles, The Masters winner was Matt Power, the Women's 50+ was Kylie Power, the Opens 60+ was Mongrel and finally in the under 23s we had Chris Brett.
- Graham thanked the HGC club, On Cue, Mongrel, Jay Harmon, Cueball TV, commentators and the volunteers from members of the Association, Anthony Lees, Vanessa, Penny, Matt Harmon and Fred.
- Upcoming administrative tasks including collecting the \$15 AEBF affiliation fees, \$20 State Representatives (in the past 5 years) fee and finally the ACTEBA Summer season fees adjustment of \$20. GH to send out an email with all details to all members and these will need to be paid in the next 4 weeks.
- Upcoming events including rescheduling the State of Origin match, the Women's trials (23/24 May) and planning a new competition format between summer and winter seasons similar to Ultimate Pool events.
- **MH** – any questions?, **Pete Smith** – How does the new statistics ranking points work out with the new changes, for 1 persons ranking points for all the seasons and competitions?
- **GO** – there hasn't been any changes to the rankings system itself
- **PS** – I was under the impression that the selection trials and the doubles were no longer part of that calculation?
- **GO** – Yes, so that's for the team grading in the weekly comp. In terms of the number of movements, it creates its similar in terms of do teams move up or go down, so no meaningful changes.
- **PS** – Do the changes still take into account the singles and the doubles as a statistic on your ranking?
- **GO** – Yes for the rankings we do the same calculations as previously, so it's all of your trials results and all of your weekly comp results from the past 2 years then you take 50% of the value from a year ago and 100% of the value from the current year.
- **Joseph Rennie** – in terms of the change in gradings for the summer and winter season, have you seen any change in participation rates or is it too early to tell because we haven't had trials yet this year?
- **GO** – Yes prob too early to tell, last year the numbers were similar. This year so far we have had a slight increase in numbers for Masters, Women's, with a slight decrease 56->52 in the open numbers.
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- **Matt Power** – wanted to thank Graham for all his efforts in putting the trails weekend together – it's a huge effort and it all ran smoothly – so well done Graham. MH agreed.
- **Warren Manglesdorf** – just to check with Graham, so he will send us a list of any players that still owe money, so that we know who is up for what?
- **GO** – It will basically be everyone, because everyone will at least owe the \$20 for summer comp, there is actually an issue in PlayHQ, so I don't know all of our players that have paid their 2026 AEBF affiliation

already. So the message will read something like "If you have already paid your 2026 AEBF affiliation, send me through your email confirmation of that and then I'll send you a voucher code to not have to pay it again"

- **WM** – Ok, it's just that I had a couple of my players that reckon they paid it right at the start.
- **GO** – so definitely no one has paid the correct summer comp entry, but there could be players who have paid the \$15 AEBF affiliation already.
- **MH** – So the \$20 fee that Graham is referring to, we have spoken about this since the beginning of the season/year and so hopefully you have let your teams know and I have heard on the grapevine that some players aren't overly happy with it. But as a Committee and as an Association we agreed to up the fees by \$20. That just happened to be that we forgot to add this fee this season. The purpose of this is in consideration of us hosting the 2030 Nationals. Could you please reiterate the purpose and reason behind it to your team members and that it has been agreed to by the Captains, the Executive and the Committee.
- **MH** – The AEBF affiliation fee, that's a yearly fee, we all paid it last year and it has to be paid every year.
- **Pete Smith** – Could we put it off to next year?
- **MH** – That would make it an extra \$40 next year, better to get it out of the way now.
- **PS** – But then they would have a choice whether to pay or not, now they have no choice they just have to pay to continue to play.
- **MH** – as we have already agreed to the fee, they should not have a choice anyway as it was an administrative error, prefer to capture it now.
- **GO** – we already had this conversation last year and have already deferred it – that is why he forgot to add it this year.
- **Bill Freeman** – seeing as we only have to pay the AEBF fee once a year, can we just pay it next season instead?
- **MH** – I think the AEBF want to capture it now
- **GO** – Yes the AEBF affiliation fee is a calendar fee, so it's based on Jan to December, they say it's not related to our seasons. So as soon as you are a member it needs to be captured and paid.

- **Assistant Tournament Director's Report (Anthony Lees)**

- Nothing to add, Graham covered everything. I'll be getting more involved with helping run the women's trials so I'll have a bit to add next meeting.

- **Webmaster's Report (Tony Warren)**

- Nothing this month

- **Fundraising Coordinator's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**

- We need someone to volunteer for Jackpot Joker tomorrow night, I've put a post on facebook, I'll have a look later to see if anyone has volunteered or not.
- I messaged Tony with all the Jackpot Joker dates for this year so there is a fundraising tab on the website so anyone can jump on and see the dates we need to fill as well.
- **MH** – We have missed a couple of weeks this year, it will get to a point where the HGC won't give it to us anymore, the last payment from them was 10k, so it's a significant financial help for very little work.

- **Junior Development Officer's Report (Lissie Chapelli)**

- Juniors weekend was on a couple of weeks ago, was really good. We ended up having on the Sunday 11 Juniors and the Saturday was 9. A good event with good feedback from the parents and kids. Paul helped and a big thank you to Mongrel for the tables Phil Morton and all the Seniors that came down. We ended up running the scotch doubles event on Sunday afternoon.

- **Assistant Junior Development Officer's Report (Paul Chapelli)**

- Nothing this month.

- **Head Umpire's Report (Ron Farmer)**

- No comments, I am here for the knuckles and Lissie, I'll do some Jackpot Joker when I get back.

- ~~Publicity Officer~~ - Vacant
- ~~State Head Coach Report~~ - Vacant
- General Business

- Kath Harmon, proposed change to - ACTEBA By Law 52A:

52A. To be eligible for membership of the Senior State Representative Squad, a member must have participated in at least 33.3% of the total matches (not including finals), in either of the previous seasons that were held immediately prior to the closing date for State Selection Trial nominations. If a player nominates for the Selection Trials who has not satisfied these requirements, but is participating in the current weekly Competition at the time of nominating, then that member will be deemed eligible for membership of the State Representative Squad if he/she has participated in at least 33.3% of that competition (not including finals), by the time the Selection Trials event is completed.

Amendment:

The proposed amendment is the inclusion of eligibility for ACTEBA Life Members, regardless of weekly competition participation.

- **Kath Harmon**, believes the intention of the By-law is around the participation in the weekly competition being a financial contribution to the Association and also genuine participation in the competition. So she would like life members to be eligible to try out and earn their spot in a State team but then if they do, then be eligible to represent, regardless of having participated in the Summer or Winter comps being: A) that they don't have to pay team fees anywhere, anyway (if they have to pay AEBF Affiliation fees then so be it) they are not contributing financially whether they are playing or not, and the B) the honour of becoming a life member shows that they have given a considerable contribution and participation to the Association. Any questions?
- **MH** – just to clarify your 2 assumptions, you are 100% correct, that the financial impact is part of the reason why it is there and that basically not just anyone i.e. a non-member can actually represent our State is mainly the reason or 2 reasons for that by-law and obviously a life member is a member so that ticks that box. It is encouraging only members being able to represent. Lets open it up to the floor.
- **Matt Power** – Kathy I'd like to know why you are proposing this motion, because most players who make the State team play in the weekly comp, so just wondering if yourself as an example, if you decide not to play in the weekly comp, but still want to go in the trial, your trying to cater for that situation?
- **KH** – Yes that is correct, a life member doesn't get that much other than they don't have to pay fees and a right to vote, which is great, but other than that should life members be excluded from participating at Nationals even if we pay our trials fees, turn up to trials and earn a spot in the team.
- **MH** – there are several life members that don't play in the current season and that may encourage them to play in the trials if they knew they could represent if they made it. So I think it's a benefit or a good thing to have our life members still playing our in our game.
- **Joseph Rennie** – Firstly I appreciate the life members and the contributes that they make to the Association. I think the volunteers and the time that every committee member has put into the association, brings it to the healthy state of where it is today. I think when we go to Nationals and we host events, Matt H does a fantastic job with the Kings Cup, our association and our community is applauded for how well we are run. So I passed this around our team and spoke to a few people on the weekend about it and a lot of people were very for the 33% in terms of its participation and that is a bit of a hurdle in terms of the people that are playing every week are also the people that are representing us when we go away. The life members have contributed a significant amount, but I think that

connection between our current team and playing is important. The fact that there is a financial contribution and that there is a membership fee that's paid and that it is members that are representing the association, if that is the key driver would it not be better to just remove the 33% requirement and just say that "if you are a paid member and your part of a team, then that's enough?"

- **MH** – The only way to be a member of the Association is A) to be a life member or B) be a registered member and play in a team.
- **JR** – But then for the rest of the members there is a 33% hurdle. So you kind of go, well if the key driver is that you're a member and that you paid your fee well, should we not consider removing the 33%?
- **MP** – My wife Kylie often has the problem of trying to make the 33% during the season as we share participation in the weekly night, so if we both play when we are scheduled to we both only play 50% of the season, so I don't mind Joseph's idea of getting rid of the 33%.
- **GO** – if you remove the 33% there is nothing to stop just anyone registering for a team that has an open position and there is nothing in our by-laws that say to be a member, you have to play a frame. So they could find a mate and register for their team so they could take part in the ACT trials because they missed out on getting in a different State.
- **MH** – Yes that is a big point for example Travis Crawley played for the ACT years ago and met the requirement of 33% and if we remove that then I don't think we want just anyone playing in our trials when they are not really contributing to our Association.
- **JR** – There is an element that comes back to participation, and I get that life members have participated for a long time but there are probably a lot of people out there that have been around the community for 20-30 years, played and contributed a lot that are not life members. There is an element of financial consideration and membership consideration but there is also an element of participation consideration.
- **MH** – Kath any closing comments?
- **KH** – I would like to add a consideration that I played in the state titles on the weekend, so should a life member who wasn't playing in the weekly comp play in the state titles and win it, would they then be ineligible to represent?. I'll table the motion.
- **PS** – There are 2 scenarios, 1 is the member thing and the other is the 33% of the games you play – 2 completely different things and we are talking about it as a single thing. It we should look at each issue separately.
- **MH** – we are not looking at anything to do with changes to life membership, we are only looking at changing 1 element of 1 by-law. We have been discussing 3 different elements and a number of scenarios around that. **Motion raised – Pete Smith seconded the motion.**

Online Voting commenced

Online poll results - For - 25, Against - 5, Abstain – 2
So **the motion is carried** and the By-law is changed

- **MH** – any other general business?
- **JR** – I wanted to make a special mention of Charles who we have all seen progress significantly, he made the semi-final of the open singles on the weekend and for his age and the amount of pool he has played, it's an incredible achievement. He was only 2 frames away from making the final, thanks to those that are running the Juniors and we are seeing some good progress in that in our association
- **MP** – Do we have perpetual trophies for our State Champions?

- **MH** – Yes there is the register that captures who has them, no idea where that is.
- **MP** – With the 3 new comps it would be good to get some new ones made up.
- **MH** – **I'll check with Nicole**, we actually went away from the idea of perpetual trophies, this was in Josephs' time. There might be some missing.
- **MP** – could we consider something like a big plaque to go in the HGC, like the one for the Kings Cup?
- **MH** – this has been discussed multiple times over the years and I am 100% for it, maybe Pat Wadsworth can get involved – they are expensive, worth a **conversation with Pat**.

Meeting finished