



**Captains Meeting – Monday 6 July 2026
6.30pm via Zoom**

MEETING MINUTES

- **Meeting Open**

- Apologies
- Proxies
 - Fred Johnson for Max Ryan (Steady Eddies – season proxy)
 - Dylan Barba for Iain (Screamers – season proxy)
 - Jo Lowry for Sid (Shroomptons)
 - Tony Warren for Phil Morton (Kaos – season proxy)

- **Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes for the May meeting were tabled seconded by Warren Manglesdorf
- Online poll results: For = 23, Against = 0, Abstain = 2
- **May meeting minutes were accepted**

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

- **Ladies Team Manager**, Matt requested expressions of interest a couple of weeks ago. There has been one application from Vanessa Nelson, Matt read out her email stating her claims for the position. Mick Sewell supported her application, Matt Power was impressed with her application! As Vanessa was the only applicant and there were no objections, no voting was required **Vanessa was accepted for the position. Matt H will forward documentation in the next couple of days.**
- Jack Dehm & Phil Morton **World titles funding**, traditionally ACTEBA provides \$1500 per person to assist. MH puts forward a motion that “the ACTEBA provide that level of funding to both Phil and Jack for the over 60s team”. MH – does anyone have anything to say regarding this motion?
Lissie was happy to second the motion.
Matt Power asked if there was plenty of money to cover this motion in the ACTEBA coffers? – MH replied yes and that this had been considered, going forward this is likely to cost the ACTEBA approximately \$10000 per year, so as an association we need to consider if we will be in a position to keep funding it at that level.
The motion poll was raised
Online poll results: For = 23, Against = 1, Abstain = 1
The motion was carried
- **2026 Nationals**, to be held at the Gold Coast Sport and Leisure Centre near Narang, QLD, 18-28 November. The additional pool events (pool extravaganza) is meant to be still happening at the same time, but no details have been provided yet. The AEBF meeting is in August and the information should be available by then.
The ACT Ladies team offers have gone out and all have accepted the positions.
The Open team was finalised yesterday, letters of offer will go out to those successful people in the next couple of days and as the teams get finalised, we will start looking at expressions of interest for other Team Manager positions. The 2nd week in September is the last team to be finalised (AUSCUP), so we should be finalised soon after that.
- **2027 Calendar of events**: The Harmony German Club is very busy, so have asked us to book our events for next year, which Matt has done. Matt will put it up on our website soon, this is a draft version as we have not had time to consult with our members, it is more about booking spots in the calendar, so we don't lose them.
Matt Power – can you mark the proposed calendar as “not final” - MH, happy to mark it as a draft.

- **AEBF AGM** was held a few weeks ago. The key points were:
 - The annual affiliation fees were set for the State bodies at each AGM, it was set for \$2500 plus GST. This motion was passed.
 - Play HQ participation is finally taking traction and most States, Territories and affiliates across Australia are using it now, which was the AEBFs goal.
 - The Australia Cup, there was a motion for QLD to send 3 teams, which was accepted.
 - The auditors based here in Canberra have been approved to be used again.
 - There were a number of AEBF Board positions which were voted on, Vice President went to Nicholas Lynch from SA. Secretary was Elise Harris and the Administrator position remains vacant.
 - There were also some Development Committee positions, Junior Development Officer was Chris Jeffery and Director of Rules and Umpires was Jay Windross. There are 3 vacant positions, Tournament Director, Media Officer and Promotional Officer. If anyone is interested in any of those roles, please let Matt know.
 - The age eligibility for 2027 events was discussed, but the Masters eligibility was voted on. Currently its based on the year of birth, so effectively you needed to be 50 before the 1st of January to be eligible, so this has changed so that now if you are 50 at the time of the Nationals you can play. Currently in the ACT, we don't allow people too try out unless they are 50, Matt believes that if they are going to be 50 by the time the Nationals come around then they should be eligible to trial but should not be eligible to play in the singles event, because it doesn't feel right for say a 49-year-old to win an over 50 event. Matt is going to put out a survey to the wider ACTEBA community. Lissie – shouldn't we do it for all categories – not just the one? MH – that's a good point, happy to pass on that feedback.
 - The media meeting is on 29 August.
 - The Junior Nationals has not been finalised yet, hopefully it will come out soon.
 - **MH – any questions:** Joseph Rennie – has anything come out of the WA situation where they sent the letter in? – MH – nothing formal yet, it was not discussed at the AGM. WA was invited to the meeting, they have maintained their membership o the Association, so there is effectively two AEBFs at the moment. The AEBF has tried to reach out to WA but they have not responded. Matt Power – what is the AEBF Administrator role? – MH his understanding is it is like an office manager type role, like a secretary, very demanding role.

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

- Starting to coordinate the presentation night.

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

- Chris Lilly was chasing formal invite too the State team, you have said they are going out shortly so I will let him know.
- I'll be away on holidays for the next couple of weeks but have got the Secretaries email account on to my mobile so all should be good.

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

- Everyday account - \$60,186
- Term deposit - \$49,000
- Nationals Account - \$107
- Balance – just over \$100,000
- **MH**, has there any money come in from PlayHQ?, Terry – we usually get a payment every week from them.

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

- **Woman's trials**, we had the largest interest in that event he has known, which was 22 entries, not including Anne and Nicole who had already qualified. It was run over 2 weekends with the top 5 qualifying for the team. Congratulations to Penny, Ashleigh, Michelle, Kath and Kylie.
- **Open Trials**, has been running over the last 4 weekends, finishing with a huge 2-day round robin of the top 20, quite a few new faces. The top 6 qualifiers, Edmund C, Shane S, Charles H, Paul C, Matt Power and Matt Harmon. Well done.

- **Open Rankings**, including the open trials are up on the ACTEBA website, there is a link to the rankings in the top header. Pls check accuracy. Graham will be updating the Women's and Masters rankings soon.
- **The new mid-year competition**, finals are this Thursday, it has been interesting and GH thinks it will be back with some tweaks from an admin and timing perspective. He has sent out an email asking for feedback.
- **Upcoming**, Winter comp entries close tonight, the team gradings and Captains pack will be done this week, with the first round commencing 15 and 16th of July.
- **SOO**, the 2nd round is on Sunday 19th, messages will start going out this week.
- **Doubles**, will be held on 1 weekend for **all** categories, this will be held Oct 23rd to 25th.
- **Questions?**, Bill, do you know if you are going to be doing 2 teams up and 2 down or 1 up 1 down this season? – GH, the change is in the by-laws, first is guaranteed to go up and last to go down and then it is not limited to just the top two, but the team that comes 2nd and your ranking points are higher than the team that came 2nd last in the div above you, then you can still be promoted/relegated in that way.
- **Matt Power**, is that above black and white or is there any judgement from the tournament directors. GH – it's black and white.
- **Matt Power**, the doubles, does that mean that there are going to be tables brought into the HGC?, GH – yes it's on his list. MH – it should be in Mongrels diary.
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- **Assistant Tournament Director's Report (Anthony)**

- **Masters Trials**, at the end of August, entries to go out at the end of this month.
- A reminder for players to show a bit more etiquette around the table when people are playing their shots.

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

- Nothing to report this month.

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

- Thank you for the post Matt it reached a lot of people, the next 5 or 6 weeks are full. Lissie will post a list of people on there. MH the State teams are being decided so spots are filling up, reach out to Lissie otherwise you may run out of opportunity to secure your funding.

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

- Juniors to be run early August on the first or second, also want to do the juniors fundraising pool comp, she will put something up on facebook.
MH – there was a guy from blackball Baden Price I think, asked if his son could play, did he reach out to you?, **MH to forward details to Lissie.**
Question – MW – re Jackpot Joker, should State players take priority over non-State players. Lissie, State players should put there hand up earlier in the year. If you are keen just get in contact with me now. MH – there are several other ways State players can contribute. Lissie – State players can also help out after the Nationals.
Ron F, There is a lot more effort in say adjudicating for a day rather than for an hour for Jackpot Joker, should it be 2 weeks of JJ?. Lissie, for some people it's confronting selling tickets to people.
MH, re funding, it's in the by-laws Juniors get a flat fee of \$500 and a percentage of the fees from Winter and Summer seasons goes to the State teams, some of it does stay with ACTEBA. It equates to approx. \$20000 that gets split across 45 to 48 people.

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

- Nothing to report this month.

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

- He received a question around if the game is conceded if a player puts his cue in a rack. Ron's understanding, I cracking your cue is an indication that you have conceded but not just resting it in a rack.
- Some of our players are hearing impaired, if you are refereeing a game, the hearing-impaired player should make it clear to the referee, but the ref should do everything they can to assist and make sure that the player hears the calls and shows the player the time.

- Everyone should use the same app for time recording – the AEBF timing app is good and available at Cuetoools/timer – he will post something on facebook.
- Refs need to make a call at 15 seconds remaining and then 5 seconds remaining and then foul, we do not call 5 4 3 2 1 foul. It is best not to use the prompts or buzzing from the phone as this can get confusing with lots of games going on at once.
- The ref should not just camp in 1 space, the ref must move around to have the best view of every shot being played, so a lot of walking around but not getting in the players way.
- **Could Captains please let their players know about the above points.**
- **Matt Power**, a situation he has seen a bit lately. A player is running out and when they get to the black their opponent then puts their cue down, its very off putting. Ron agrees but unless we have a discussion amongst the captains and formalise the rules, then the current situation is cracking the cue.
- **MH**, is it defined in the rules re what constitutes conceding a frame? – Ron – I don't believe it is, could we define it in our by-laws maybe?. MH – yes, we can.
- **MH** – Ron is there any discussion with the umpire connections re the legitimate attempt rule. Ron – not really. MH – it happened twice on the weekend, he was snookered and it became his advantage by missing it several times. Ron, it has not been discussed.
- **Ron**, re extensions, people ask me do we have extensions, well the answer is no, perhaps it can be another thing for us to discuss.
- **Jo Lowry**, from the comments section, cracking the cue comes under the spirit of the game rules.
- **Joseph Rennie**, re your comments about genuine attempts, say the blacks over the hole and its covered by the other player's last ball. If you go up and down the table and you don't make the length, is that a genuine attempt? because I have heard several interpretations. Ron, this is subjective, if you only get halfway up the table its not, but if you get within a foot or so... MH – this happened yesterday, my feeling is if the player has 2 or 3 goes and they are not getting closer then the umpire should warn them, that if they don't make the distance next go, then it will be called a loss of game. Ron agrees. Jo R – his understanding is you have to make the distance.
- **Warren M**, the incident Ron was referring too about a month ago was with me and my understanding of the old rules, I thought was if someone put their cue down or hung it up was a loss of frame, sounds like that has changed, so to clarify, there is no actual rule that says if someone hangs up their cue during a game then they are conceding, is that the case? Ron and MH, no maybe as Jo mentioned around the spirit of the game.
- **Bill**, people put their cues down between shots all the time, I was at that game, and the amount of noise that was going on, we all had to stop playing, I don't see how that can be loss of frame. MH – agreed.

- **Publicity Officer - Vacant**

- **State Head Coach Report - Vacant**

- **General Business**

- Nil

Meeting finished at 7.07pm

Main Action Items:

Anthony

- Put out entries for the Masters Trials at the end of August (end of this month/start of next).

Graham

- Update the Women's and Masters rankings on the ACTEBA website in the next couple of weeks.
- Double-check details for the doubles event (23-25 Oct) with Mongrel at the German Club.

Lissy

- Post a list of volunteers for the fundraising jackpot and remind them every fortnight.
- Organise a junior fundraising pool competition and post details on Facebook.

Matt Harmon

- Send formal appointment details to Vanessa Nelson for the women's team manager role.
- Notify Phil Morton and Jack Timm of the approved funding and organise the transfer with Terry.
- Share details about the Nationals (Gold Coast, 18-28 Nov) as they become available.
- Send out letters of offer to the open team members in the next couple of days.

- Publish the 2027 calendar of events on the website, clearly marked as draft.
- Put forward a motion for 2027 regarding Masters age eligibility (being 50 by Nationals) and seek feedback from the wider membership.
- Forward contact details of Baden Price to Lissy regarding junior participation.
- Look at the bylaws regarding state player funding requirements and consider a motion for change if needed.

Ron

- Write up a summary of the rules discussion (conceding a frame, timing apps, etc.) and pass it to Matt Harmon for review before publishing.

Terry

- Message the bank account numbers to Matt Harmon for the Treasurer's report.

Captains

- Could Captains please let their players know about the points raised by Ron.