

**SCRABBLE NSW COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING SUNDAY 2ND JULY 2017**

1. PRESIDENT OPENED MEETING AT 2.10PM

PRESENT: Bob Jackman, Liz Jackman, George Khamis, Monica Dwyer, John Holgate, Rocky Sharma and Chris Ostrowski.

APOLOGIES: Pat Schuberg, Jyoti Chandna, Ryan Sutton, Don Hadley and Boots Moon

2. MINUTES OF MEETING – 4th March 2017

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by George Khamis and seconded by John Holgate.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT TABLED

- a) It was decided that Bankstown Sports Club would be the venue for the upcoming City of Sydney International Masters, as the Burwood RSL required an early exit at 5.00 pm on Sunday which is not acceptable.
- b) A new Scrabble Club has been formed at Sanctuary Point on the South Coast. Four boards and sets of tiles were provided, but as yet no new members have signed up.
- c) Scrabble NSW received 20 new Scrabble sets. George Khamis also has 10 sets, all for new clubs.
- d) Don Hadley has resigned as Membership Officer, due to ill health. Colleen Birch has offered to take over this position, to be confirmed at the next AGM.
- e) A \$1 per tournament player national rating levy will be applicable from 1st July 2017.
- f) Australian entrants in the World Championships in Nairobi will receive US\$100 per person from CASPA.
- g) The new publication "Scrabble Trainer" is available at \$20 rrp.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Holgate provided a written summary:

Funds at bank on 30/6/17 \$3005
Term deposit of \$9155 renewed on 26/5 for 6 months at 2.2%
CASPA levy \$756 paid on 6/6
ATO refund \$227 on 23/5
Score books cost \$1723 on 7/4
Matchplay qualifier of 40 players on 3/3 showed profit of \$10.80

6. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT TABLED

Total members at June 30th = 249
New members since March 1st = 9
Lapsed/deceased since 1st March = 5
49 clubs, 29 distributing ATB, 21 collecting renewals
March ATBS: 63 by email, 132 in bulk, individual 55
Cost of distribution \$210
Unaffiliated members = 50, includes 20 pensioners/students

7. EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Comprehensive report tabled

- It was decided to purchase a computer from Edward Okuliczr \$180.00.

8. CLUB LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

- George Khamis suggested that details of deceased members should be advised at the time, not wait until renewal time
- Eight people in Bundanoon are interested in a Scrabble Club
- Bowral Club is continuing well.
- George Khamis is going to run a Scrabble Course at Mittagong for U3A

9. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- Re Teams Event. If, when and where? It was decided to delay this event for a year.
 - Chris Ostrowski will make enquiries about the possibility of a second-hand model.
- NSW Championships. John Holgate will organise trophies, with an allowance of \$80.00. John Hamilton will direct, with remuneration of \$15.00 per game. There will also be a raffle to raise funds for the 2018 Australian Nationals in Canberra
- CSIM planning. John Hamilton will direct the tournament to be held at Bankstown. Yet to be decided are the costs associated with internal WIFI.and overhead projector and screen.
- Membership incentives were discussed, including a U-tube update to attract younger players. Insurance at venues was also discussed.
- Alternate venues to Burwood. The other Burwood Club and also Croydon Park RSL were suggested, and will be checked out – including opening/closing times, parking, available playing space, table size/shape, availability of public transport and wheelchair accessibility.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Eligibility at time of registration for a tournament was discussed.
- George Khamis advised that he had sold 3 rotating boards to Alex Timpano, and 3 to Bowral.
- Chris Ostrowski advised that John Barker would soon have played 7000 competition games. What recognition would be appropriate will be discussed at the next meeting.

1. CLOSE OF MEETING: 4.05 pm

- Date of next meeting will be at the AGM on 01st October 2017