

MINUTES

SCRABBLE NSW COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday 13 APRIL 2025 AT CLUB BURWOOD RSL, BURWOOD

1. **MEETING OPENED** 2:03 pm
2. **PRESENT** – Bob Jackman (BJ), Dorothy Fields (DF) Steven Savona (SS), Richard Birch (RB), Colleen Birch (CB), John Holgate (JH), Julie Bailey (JB), Liz Jackman (LJ)
3. **APOLOGIES** – Graeme Lock Lee, Ryan Sutton, Josh Watt, Chris Ostrowski
4. **ABSENT** – Nil
5. **ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES of LAST MEETING** Proposed (JH) Seconded (SS)
Carried
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
Streaming Project – see New Items of Business
7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**
 1. Undertook Facebook advertising of Bomaderry Tournament at \$50
 2. Produced handout for Central Coast and Lake Macquarie Clubs. Richard did artwork
 3. Organised and attended Scrabble display for Seniors Week at request of Gosford RSL Club on 13th March. Sandra Elliott assisted.
 4. Toukley Club established as indirect result, started by Sandra on 11th April
 5. Undertook Facebook advertising of Scrabble NSW and Central Coast Clubs combined on 14th April at \$50, targeting Gosford.
 6. Sunday 22nd June booked for Epping Club tournament. Club has offered venue for free and is giving \$500 in prizes (clash with Youth champs)
 7. Josh has set up You Tube Channel and recently added 7 historical items. Remaining 8 items still be added. Under name of Scrabble Australia.
 8. Woogles now being run as competition on Sunday evenings at 8 with 6 to 12 in attendance. It has now been placed under the banner of Scrabble Australia
 9. Clubs not supplying members being progressively delisted due to them being a perceived insurance liability
 10. Purchased batches of CSW24 dictionaries and hook books
 11. OAM gave rise to several TV interviews (including the Today Show) and radio interviews (including with Julie on 2MBS – 27 HITS & 6 ENQUIRIES) and newspaper reports
 12. Winter Masters booked for Revesby. One international visitor already registered.
8. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – attached. BJ requested JH to send a revised Treasurer report with new column for club levy. Discussion of engaging a Tax advisor Action JH
9. **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT** Received from Colleen Birch (attached)
10. **EQUIPMENT OFFICER'S REPORT** not received from Chris Ostrowski

11. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- (1) Motion – Joanne Craig to be confirmed as Public Officer for Australian Scrabble Players Association (NSW) Inc. Proposed – Bob Jackman. Seconded – Dorothy Fields.**

Carried Unanimously.

- (2) Educational YouTube “How to Play Scrabble” Proposed (SS)
- (3) Winter Masters – invite all full members
- (4) JH spoke of Streaming/Computers/ Costs. We need to be in a better position to start this project. Agreement reached to pigeon-hole the project. Discussion to try for a video production for the Winter Masters. Discussion to continue on email

UPCOMING COMMITTEE TOURNAMENTS

Burwood Ratings Improvers – To be booked for May

Epping Club Scrabble Tournament – Sunday – 22 June

Winter Masters – Revesby 26-27 July booked

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

13. CLOSE OF MEETING – 4:15pm

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

TREASURER’S REPORT – J Holgate

Treasurer’s general report

1. Transaction account Cash in bank on 11/04/2025 \$9248.40
2. Term Deposit \$10,000 @ 4.65% p.a. (interest due on 24/5/2025)
3. ATO Direct Credit (GST refund) \$87 (26/2/2025)
4. FLUCCS Annual subscription renewal for website \$200.64 paid April 10th
5. CASPA membership and ratings levies January 1 to 31 March 2025

Total Membership Levy	\$330
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Total Ratings Levy	\$228
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Total paid to CASPA (11/4/2025)	\$558
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Tournament rating and club levies January-March 2025 (Revised)

Event	Date	Players	To Bank	To CASPA	Club Levy
Janboree	4/1	49		\$49	
OITOO	21/1	16	\$26	\$16	\$10
CSIM	26/1	42		\$42	
Wollongong	22/2	39	\$78	\$39	\$39
Matchplay Qualifier	1/3	28		\$28	
Bomaderry	16/3	32	\$84	\$32	\$52
Lake Macquarie	29/3	22	\$44	\$22	\$22
Total			\$232	\$228	\$123

6. New ATO requirements – annual financial return

Current status – Public Officer (Joanne Craig) to submit these minutes with completed form titled Change of Registration Details to Australian Tax Office

John Holgate

11/4/2025

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT APRIL 2025 - C Birch

MEMBERSHIP/ATB	2023-2024	2024-2025	FULL	SOCIAL	STUDENT	CLUB MEMBERS	ZZ MEMBERS
TOTAL MEMBERS	211	203	118	66	19	180	23
NEW MEMBERS FOR 2024	10	34	16	12	6	16	6
NOT RENEWED FROM 2023		40	18	22			
DISTRIBUTION OF ATB							
MAGAZINE	20	7					
ELECTRONIC	211	196					

Julie Bailey
Secretary
NSW Scrabble

13/4/2025