



Snooker & Billiards New South Wales Inc.



Established 1917

MINUTES OF 105th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Held virtually via Microsoft Teams

Date: Thursday 24 November 2022

1.0 OFFICIAL WELCOME

1.1 Chairperson Alex Render officially welcomed all members present.

This was followed by a moment's silence for members who had passed away during the past 12 months.

1.2 ATTENDANCE: Present:

(a) IN PERSON: None

(b) VIRTUALLY: Alex Render, Carlie Tait, David Waller, Peter Quinlivan, Stuart Tait, Anjun Zahoor, Peter Tankard, Greg Jenkins, Gary Knight, Rhonda Knight, Roger Fairbrother, Barry Sadowski, Patrick Gauci and Gareth King

(c) PHONE: None

The total number of members in attendance at the meeting was 14 as per the attendance register.

1.3 Chairperson Alex Render confirmed that the required quorum was present and formally opened the meeting at 7:11pm.

1.4 The notice of meeting dated 11/10/21 convening the AGM was taken as read.

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 There were no formal apologies received.

2.2 Any further apologies were then called for: Andy De Haan, David McMahon and Paul Davies were received

RESOLVED: *That apologies be accepted. (Proposed Carlie Tait and seconded Peter Tankard).*

3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 Chairperson Alex Render advised that the minutes of previous AGM held 25 November 2021 were circulated to members via email, together with the current Notice of Meeting.
- 3.2 Matters arising: Nil
- 3.3 Chairperson sought a resolution that the minutes be confirmed and adopted.

RESOLVED: *That the minutes of the previous AGM, dated 25/11/21 and circulated by email be confirmed, and signed as a true record of that meeting. (Proposed Carlie Tait and seconded Peter Tankard)*

4.0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

- 4.1 Chairperson Alex Render presented his report on behalf of the Board of Snooker & Billiards NSW Inc. (SBNSW) for the Financial Year ended 30/06/22 – copy is attached.

Main points highlighted include:

- a) SBNSW bounced back strongly following several years of stand still due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.
 - b) There was great Club support and the Board had a busy year re-establishing key relationships and putting in place new deals with venues to host events in coming years.
 - c) Activity in the 12 months was strong with events returning to key supporting venues and players old and new entering our state events to show strong numbers in participation for NSW.
 - d) We also saw an increase in participation for Women and Juniors at State events and expect this to continue with the establishment of new initiatives.
 - e) There was good collaboration with NSW having a good relationship with the Australian Billiards and Snooker Council (ABSC) and I represent NSW interest on the Board.
 - f) We received great support from the NSW Government with grants and funding. The funding went towards: - Referee, coaching and junior development and purchasing foldaway tables - Purchasing of equipment such as snooker and billiards balls and cleaning machines - Streaming technology including display screens for Blacktown Workers Club - Marketing and promotional material including new logo and branding - Website development including establishment of a Clubs Database, and - Procurement of 100 polo shirts to be utilised for future events.
- 4.2 There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED: *That the Chairman's Annual Report, as read and tabled, be received and adopted (Proposed Peter Tankard and seconded Carlie Tait).*

5.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 The financial statements of account for SBNSW covering the 12-month period ending 30/06/22 (refer attached) were not tabled but copies were later distributed. The Chairperson advised that a copy is also readily available to financial members upon request.
- 5.2 The Chairperson also confirmed that the accounts of SBNSW had been examined, and the correctness of the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets ascertained, by an auditor at the conclusion of the financial year as required in the SBNSW Constitution. SBNSW's usual accountant (Dennis Wong) was utilised for this purpose. Please note that a full audit of SBNSW's financial accounts is not required under the Associations Incorporations Act 2009 (NSW).
- 5.3 Chairperson Alex Render mentioned that last 2 financial years has seen some additional revenue come from NSW Government which was fruitful. A total of \$38,500 plus an additional \$15,000 was received over 2 years and SBNSW were able to spend the full amount. These funds were essential given the drop in revenue for 2 years but also allowed us to invest in areas such as referees, streaming and other technology. Last financial year also saw the expenditure of close to \$15,000 on junior programs which will be a legacy for our development areas.
- 5.4 There were no questions arising.

RESOLVED: *That the financial report, as tabled, be received and adopted. (Proposed David Waller and seconded Peter Quinlivan).*

6.0 DIRECTOR'S HONORARIUMS

- 6.1 The option for payment of an annual honorarium to Board members was again considered as allowed for in the Constitution. It was noted that honorariums were consistent with:
 - a) Legal advice obtained by SBNSW at that time was that honorariums would fall within the terms of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).
 - b) Wording contained within Clause 20.4 of the Constitution that does not preclude the payment of honorariums, as the wording at the start is "except as prescribed in this Constitution", and
 - c) Clause 20.5 clearly deals with payments to members in good faith subject to the conditions in that Clause being met.
- 6.2 It was then proposed that payment of an honorarium to SBNSW Board members was warranted in view of the significant amount of time and responsibility necessary to effectively fulfill their role as Directors during their elected term.
- 6.3 All current Board members then left the room, and the remaining members discussed the matter further. It was proposed and seconded that an amount of \$800 to each Board member was a reasonable recompense in recognition for their valuable contributions. The motion was voted unanimously in favour with no objections.

- 6.4 A further question arose if the financials would cover the cost of honorariums? Alex Render responded yes, noting that we needed to continue to look at other revenue streams over the next 2 years e.g. polo shirts and streaming options.

RESOLVED: *That an honorarium of \$800 is to be paid, as last year, to all existing SBNSW Board members, with payment effective at the close of this AGM. (Proposed Alex Render and seconded Gary Knight).*

7.0 SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 7.1 There were no Special Resolutions presented by the Board.

8.0 ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 8.1 There were no Ordinary Resolutions presented by the Board.

9.0 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2021/22

- 9.1 Chairperson Alex Render asked Carlie Tait to act as Returning Officer for 2022/23 election.
- 9.2 Carlie confirmed that the current Board will remain in their elected positions until the close of this AGM. She also referred to the previously issued formal Notice regarding Call for Board Nominations and the process involved.
- 9.3 Carlie advised that there were 7 Directors to be elected and SBNSW had only received 6 valid nominations that were returned in terms of stipulated requirements. The 6 remaining candidates being Alex Render, David Waller, Carlie Tait, Peter Tankard, Anjum Zahoor and Greg Jenkins were accordingly all declared duly elected, each for a 1-year term.
- 9.4 Nominations for the remaining Director position were then called from those in attendance, with no nominations received.
- 9.5 As a result of this, there was a Director position that remain unfilled and in terms of the Constitution, these remaining positions will be treated as a casual vacancy. It was mentioned that Mick Sharp may fill this vacancy and this would be confirmed at a later date.
- 9.6 In terms of adopted guidelines, Carlie advised that immediately following the conclusion of this AGM the four (6) newly elected Directors shall convene a private Board Meeting to elect a Chairperson and Deputy for 2022/23.
- 9.7 Acting Chairperson Alex Render then resumed control of the meeting.

10.0 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICER

10.1 Acting Chairperson Alex Render advised that Peter Quinlivan was to undertake the position of Public Officer for 2022/23. Confirmation of this appointment was noted and confirmed by the meeting.

11.0 APPOINTMENT OF PATRON(S) FOR 2022/23

11.1 There were no recommendations put forward by the Board for consideration. Acting Chairperson Alex Render identified that this was a lost opportunity.

12.0 NOMINATION(S) FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

12.1 A motion was received to nominate Any De Haan as a life member. The nomination was read by Carlie Tait which illustrated Andy's long service to snooker and billiards in Sydney's Northern Suburbs. The Board extends their congratulations and gratitude to Andy De Haan for his outstanding service to snooker and billiards in NSW over many years.

RESOLVED: *That the motion to appoint Andy De Haan as a life member was adopted (Proposed Peter Tankard and seconded by all Directors).*

13.0 SPECIAL BUSINESS

13.1 There were no special business put forward by the Board for consideration.

14.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

14.1 Acting Chairperson Alex Render thanked his fellow Directors for their support and dedication over the past year. He also extended his congratulations to each on their re-election to the Board and wished them every success for SBNSW's upcoming year.

14.2 Alex also thanked everyone for attending the AGM and especially for their continued support of SBNSW.

14.3 Meeting was formally closed at 7.36pm