

SCRABBLE NSW COMMITTEE MEETING

AT CLUB BURWOOD RSL, BURWOOD
SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2024

1. **PRESIDENT OPENED MEETING** – 1.50 PM
2. **PRESENT:** Bob Jackman, Liz Jackman, Steven Savona, Richard Birch, Colleen Birch, John Holgate, Chris Ostrowski, Dorothy Field
3. **APOLOGIES:** Graeme Lock Lee, and (indirectly) Ryan Sutton.

4. BUSINESS CARRIED OVER FROM LAST MEETING

- a) Barry Harridge has offered to work on NSW Player Achievements with a nominal fee. Edward Okulicz no longer to be involved
- b) Steven Savona produced options for new logo and one with Waratah was agreed to be best choice

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

- a) Entering of own score project deferred
- b) Bob to resume welcoming new members with President email
- c) Chris May memorial board purchased and engraved at Scrabble NSW cost
- d) all other tasks carried out as designated in minutes

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a) Norma Tracey resigned from the committee. Julie Bailey (new convenor of Lane Cove Club) is interested in joining the committee.
- b) Winter Masters to be run to CSW22 out of respect for Chris May, and WESPA rated
- c) NSW now settled with options for CSW19, Hybrids or CSW22 available to organisers
- d) Reports produced for 3 ATB magazines since last meeting
- e) Josh Watt cited as an example of how a young player can join the scene jut by Scrabble NSW having a presence in the community

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - John to prepare and submit replacement due to anomalies noted

6. MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT:

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT MARCH 2024- C Birch

MEMBERSHIP/ATB	2022-23	2023-24

TOTAL MEMBERS incl full/social members	239	211
New members 2023		21
New members 2024		10
FULL PAYING	148	129
SOCIAL PAYING non student	92	70
STUDENTS now paying social	10	12
	17	
DISTRIBUTION OF ATB		
COLOUR MAG	20	20
ELECTRONIC	239	191

Some discussion ensued about student membership and it was agreed they be treated the same as adults ie pay \$20 for full membership, from July 1st 2024 onwards

7. EQUIPMENT OFFICERS OFFICER'S REPORT:

No report tabled. Have good supply of everything due to recent purchases of score books and result slips.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Colleen and Richard Birch reported that Morisset Expo fairly quiet, with a few names collected. Scrabble banner and display board were put to good use.
- b) NSW not to be represented at CASPA meeting in Perth due to flight timings for committee meetings attending
- c) Agreed to support Tony Hunt in his proposal to implement an annual National Junior Championship (but not to use CASPA funds to transport co-ordinators to international competitions).
- d) Agreed to invest \$10,000 of society account funds in a Commonwealth Bank term deposit.
- e) Committee to source new venue for 2024 State Championships. Macarthur Club to be investigated by John Holgate, possible Club Grant to be applied for to assist with hire costs
- f) Agreed to implement a GoFundMe campaign to fund both the Chris May Winter Msters and Chris's daughter's education in equal amounts. Chris's widow Ksenia has already given approval. Colleen and Richard Birch noted as not being in support of motion put.
- g) Agreed to withhold payment of 50% of levy until such time as an explanation is received as to where the \$12 per head per member is being spent by CASPA.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

