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Australian Masters Squash Association Inc.
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MINUTES OF THE FORTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the AUSTRALIAN MASTERS SQUASH ASSOCIATION
held on Thursday 22 October 2020 via ZOOM commencing at 8.35pm

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES:

The meeting opened at 8.35pm. The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Peter Wright (President/Life Member)
Terry Barlow (Vice-President)
Ron Smith (Treasurer)
Michelle Rowles (Secretary)
Garry Irwin (Registrar/Life Member)
Scott Caban (ACT)
Mark Allison (NSW)
Mick Hughes (NT)
Robyn Prentice (QLD) (from 9.05pm)
John Wood (SA)
Garry Hulme (TAS)
Lou Morsch (VIC)
Roger Campbell (WA)
Doug Minchin (Squash Australia Delegate) (Non-Voting Member)

Observers: Wendy Ashley (TAS)
Dianne Elliott (NSW)
Louisa Manning-Watson (NT) (from 8.55pm)
Helen Watkins (QLD)
Annette Wood (SA)

Apologies: Heather McKay and Geoff Hunt (Patrons)
Ron Clayton (Life Member)
Gerard McNally (Webmaster)

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 2.1 Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting held on Monday 8 September 2019 held in the Gold Coast, QLD were noted.
Ms Watkins advised that she attended the AGM last year.
It was **resolved** (Caban/Hulme) that the Minutes be approved.

- 2.2 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 12 December 2019 were noted.
Update Mr Barlow advised that due to the resignation of Robert Scott late last year who was the other member of the sub-committee, the situation with COVID-19 and the postponement of Adelaide by 12 months, the Trans Tasman Test Team Funding has been placed on hold and will be revisited next year.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.3 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Meeting held on 26 March 2019 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.4 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 30 January 2020 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.5 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 14 April 2020 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.
- 2.6 Minutes of the AMSA Executive Committee Teleconference held on 17 September 2020 were noted.
It was **resolved** (Irwin/Smith) that the Minutes be approved.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 The President's Report for 2019/20 was noted.

It was **resolved** (Barlow/Hughes) that the President's Report for 2019/20 be approved

5. FINANCE

5.1 2019/20 Financial Statements

Mr Smith reported that the net operating loss for the year was \$9,050.27. The loss is solely attributable to the \$10,507 deposit paid to the Sofitel Wroclaw Old Town Hotel for the World Masters Championships which were scheduled for Wroclaw in August 2020. COVID-19 led to the postponement of the Championships and the full deposit refund was not received until August 2020.

As at 30 June 2020 there were 1,630 members affiliated with Masters Squash.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Caban) that the 2019/20 Financial statements be accepted.

5.2 Budget Proposals for Financial Years 2020/21 to 2022/23

Mr Smith presented the budget proposals for the financial years 2020/21 to 2022/23

Revenue

Mr Smith advised that there are four sources of revenue: License Fee, Affiliation Fees, Interstate Team Series fees and Website.

1. Licence Fee

In respect of the Licence Fee, Mr Smith advised it was resolved at the 2014 AGM that the Licence Fee be increased by \$500 for the 2014-15 financial year and increased by the CPI each year thereafter. The Licence Fee for 2019/20 was \$3,262.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Campbell) that the Licence Fee remain at \$3,262 for the Championships to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in 2021. This recommendation was previously approved at the 2019 AGM for the deferred Championships that were to be held in Adelaide, South Australia this year.

2. Affiliation Fees

The current affiliation fee is \$4 per member and is based on information supplied by Member State/Territories. At the 2016 AGM, it was reaffirmed that this fee will remain at \$4.

The list was to include anyone who plays a sanctioned Masters tournament. This would form the basis for invoicing affiliation fees and appropriate adjustments could be made in one on one discussions with the Treasurer.

Ms Watkins advised that QLD has given members who joined in 2020, membership for 2 years due to COVID-19 so they will only pay \$30 for 2 years instead of 1 year.

Ms Rowles advised that VIC has extended the memberships for their members by 12 months due to COV-ID 19, however as we have not been able to hold any tournaments, this could impact our numbers for affiliation fees.

Mr Smith advised that he was expecting to see a reduction in numbers for affiliation fees for the next year.

Mr Campbell advised that WA do not charge any membership fees but this may change next year, however he does not see any change in membership numbers.

Ms Elliott advised that in NSW they have a 5 year deal for memberships and there has been no discussion regarding a reduction in membership fees, but expect to see our number reduce this year.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Campbell) that the AMSA affiliation fee will remain at \$4 per member for the 2020/21 financial year and all State Treasurers are to advise the AMSA Treasurer of the number of financial members in their state as at 30 June 2020 as well as anyone who played a sanctioned Masters tournament during that year.

3. Interstate Teams Fees

Mr Smith advised that the Interstate Teams Fee was increased to \$210 at the 2017 AGM with AMSA receiving \$10 per team to cover administration costs and the balance to be paid to the Host State by the AMSA Treasurer. The budget is based on an average of 120 teams over the three year period.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Hulme) that the Interstate Teams Series Fee remain at \$210 per team with \$10 being retained by AMSA and \$200 to be paid to the Host State.

4. **Development and Maintenance of the AMSA Championship Website**

At the 2018 AGM it was resolved that the Host State will utilise the AMSA Championship website when the championships are being held in their state.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Morsch) that the annual website fee remain for the Championships to be held in Adelaide, South Australia in 2021. This recommendation was previously approved at the 2019 AGM for the deferred Championships that were to be held in Adelaide, South Australia this year

Wroclaw Poland 2020 – World Masters Championships

Mr Smith advised that a working group had been established with the aim of sending an Australian team to the World Masters Championships in Wroclaw Poland in August 2020. Expressions of interest have been received from 40-50 Australian players.

Mr Smith advised that World Masters Squash Championships that were to be held in Wroclaw Poland have been deferred until August 2021 and that the sub-committee paid a deposit of \$10,507 to hold accommodation at the Hotel Sofitel with the deposit to be fully refundable by 15 June 2020. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Championships were rescheduled.

The full deposit was eventually refunded by the travel agent in August 2020 and this repayment is reflected in the 2020/21 budget.

The sub-committee has agreed it is not feasible to continue with this exercise for the 2021 Championships and has now been disbanded.

2020/21 Budget

Mr Smith presented the 2020/21 budget.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the budget for 2020/21 be approved.

5.3 Appointment of an Auditor for 2020/21

It was **resolved** (Smith/Watkins) that Mr Nicholas Smith, Chartered Accountant, be appointed as Auditor for 2020/21.

Mr Wright asked Mr Smith to pass on our thanks to his son, Nicholas Smith, who has audited the accounts again at no charge. It is much appreciated.

5.4 Sponsorship Agreement – Inform Connection

Mr Barlow advised that the Sponsorship Agreement with Inform Connection has been renewed until 31 December 2024.

In summary the Sponsorship Agreement contains the following:

- Inform Connection will provide uniforms for the Australian Trans Tasman Test Team for the 2022 and 2024 Test Series at a substantially discounted rate.

- Inform Connection will provide and sell at tournaments and on their website, AMSA approved replica garments. The AMSA will receive a fee of \$5 per item sold by Inform Connection.
- Inform Connection will become a preferred supplier for merchandise at AMSA events and sponsored activities. This can include the following but is not limited to:
 - Host States to provide Inform Connection the opportunity to tender for the supply of merchandise at the Australian Masters Squash Championships.
 - Merchandise the AMSA may offer for international events such as the World Masters Squash Championships. The AMSA will receive a fee of \$5.00 per item sold by Inform Connection.

It was **resolved** (J Wood/Morsch) that the Sponsorship Agreement with Inform Connection which has been renewed until December 2024 be endorsed.

Mr Wright asked Mr Barlow to pass on our thanks to Steve Walton for continuing his support as a major sponsor of the AMSA.

6. SQUASH AUSTRALIA DELEGATE'S REPORT

- 6.1 Mr Minchin provided an update on Squash Australia as detailed in his report. It was noted that Richard Vaughan, CEO has recently resigned.

It was **resolved** (Hulme/Watkins) that the Squash Australia Delegates Report be accepted.

7. ELECTION OF AMSA OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2020-22

The current positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary have completed their two year terms. These positions are declared vacant and available for election.

7.1 President

There was one nomination received – Peter Wright – nominated by VIC. There being no further nominations, Mr Wright was elected unopposed.

7.2 Treasurer

There was one nomination received – Ron Smith – nominated by ACT. There being no further nominations, Mr Smith was elected unopposed.

7.3 Registrar

There was one nomination received – Garry Irwin – nominated by NSW. There being no further nominations, Mr Irwin was elected unopposed.

7.4 AMSA Selection Committee

The AMSA Selection Committee have completed their two year terms. However given that the Trans Tasman Test Series has been deferred from 2021 to 2022, the term for the current Selectors will be extended to 2021 as follows:

- Terry Barlow (VIC)
- Michael Brown (TAS)
- Doug Minchin (WA)

- Vacant (Robert Scott (NSW) resigned)
- Vacant (Andrew Sosimenko (QLD) resigned)

8. MASTERS SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

8.1 2021 Australian Masters Squash Championships, Adelaide South Australia

Mr Wood provided a presentation for the 2021 Australian Masters Squash Championships in Adelaide South Australia in 2021.

The following was noted:

- The logo is Revive your Drive in Adelaide.
- Squash Centres have been booked – South Adelaide, Karadinga Sports Centre and West Adelaide Squash Centre.
- The dinner dances and the Welcome function will be held at the Morphettville Racecourse (different rooms for each events).
- VIP event will be held at Tonsley Innovation Centre.
- AGM will be held at Racquets SA.
- The theme night has not been booked at this stage.
- The AMSA 40th anniversary celebrations will be incorporated into the championships.
- SA will be designing a new promotional top.
Ms Wood to send an email to the State to obtain sizes.
- Ms Elliott enquired about an email that she has received for Raffle Tickets.
Mr Wood confirmed that it is a fundraiser for SA Squash.

8.2 AMSA Tournament Calendar

The AMSA Tournament Calendar was agreed as follows:

2021	South Australia – 11-22 October
2022	New South Wales – 5-16 September (Host Trans Tasman Test Series)
2023	Western Australia
2024	Australian Capital Territory
2025	Victoria
2026	Northern Territory (Host Trans Tasman Test Series)
2027	Tasmania
2028	Queensland
2029	South Australia
2030	Western Australia (Host Trans Tasman Test Series)
2031	New South Wales
2032	Australian Capital Territory

Mr Hughes commented that it would be 10 years since NT will have hosted a Championship. Mr Wright advised a couple of years ago NT agreed to swap with VIC so that they could host the Trans Tasman Test Series. Due to COVID-19, all dates have now been pushed out a further year.

8.3 International Squash Tournaments

The following international squash tournaments were noted:

2021

5-14 Feb NZ Masters Games – Whanganui, New Zealand (Squash 10-14 Feb)
 14-30 May 10th World Masters Games – Kensai, Japan (Squash 20-29 May – Kyoto)
 15-21 Aug 15th World Masters Squash Championships – Wroclaw Poland

2022

TBA Arafura Masters Games – Darwin, Northern Territory
 TBA Alice Springs Masters Games – Alice Springs, Northern Territory
 10-18 Jun Asia Pacific Masters Games – Jeollabuk-do, South Korea
 28 Jul – 8 Aug Commonwealth Games – Birmingham, UK

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Update of the Operations Manual

Mr Smith advised that the AMSA Operations Manual has now been updated to incorporate the changes recommended at the 2019 AGM.

Ms Watkins suggested that the reference to Sporty HQ ranking be changed to indicate a general ranking system as it may change.

Mr Irwin agreed with Ms Watkin's suggestion.

Mr Hulme advised that in Tasmania they use Sporty HQ which is the endorsed Squash Australia ranking system and suggested that the wording of Squash Australia endorsed ranking system be used. This will negate the need to update should the Squash Australia ranking system change in the future.

After discussion, it was agreed that the reference to Sporty HQ ranking be changed to Squash Australia equivalent ranking system.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Barlow) that the suggested changes to the AMSA Operations Manual (Version 5) as outlined in Item 9.1 be approved and also the change relating to reference of Sporty HQ to be changed to Squash Australia equivalent ranking system.

9.2 AMSC VIP Event

At the 2019 AGM, the AMSA Executive were requested to review the list of attendees to the VIP event.

Ms Rowles advised in reviewing the VIP event invite list, the AMSA Executive considered that the main purpose of the event was to acknowledge those who had contributed to the Championships. The invite list has now been amended and will include the following:

- AMSA Executive
- AMSA Life Members
- AMSA Patrons
- President and Secretary of each State or Territory
(invitation not transferrable if unable to attend)
- Sponsors
- Host State Organising Committee
- Invited Guests by the Host State

It was noted that the Australian Open Winners of the previous Championship, the Trans Tasman Test Teams and the Judith Goadby Memorial Award and Peter Wright OAM Award recipients are acknowledged at the Individual and Teams dinner dance functions.

This reduces the numbers significantly and you will note that there is no mention of partners. It will be left to the Host State should they wish to include partners.

Mr Caban advised the event was becoming a “cast of thousands” and the ACT fully supports the changes made.

Ms Watkins advised that this was why it was raised at the AGM last year.

Mr Campbell asked why the invitation to the President and Secretary is no longer transferable as neither the President or Secretary from WA would have been in attendance during the first week in the last 4 or 5 years. Mr Smith advised that the Host State can invite individuals from a state or squash community should they wish to do so.

The Operations Manual has been updated to reflect these changes.

9.3 Squash Australia Awards

At the 2019 AGM, it was resolved that the following awards be submitted to Squash Australia for their consideration:

- Masters Athlete of the year
- Squash Master of the year

Mr Wright advised that several attempts had been made during the year to contact Squash Australia to explore the opportunity for the AMSA to create awards for Masters players. Initially we were advised that Squash Australia were uncertain if their awards were going to continue.

Recently we were advised by Squash Australia that the proposal for the addition of the Masters awards to be covered under the Squash Australia Honours and Awards Policy is required to go through the Squash Australia Board.

The AMSA Executive have sent a proposal to Squash Australia for consideration by the Squash Australia Board.

Ms Prentice asked if it would need to be presented at a General Meeting or AGM. Mr Wright advised that he believed that it would go to the General Meeting.

Mr Wright advised that he would keep the States updated on progress.

9.4 Acknowledgement of Deceased Players/Administrators of Masters Squash

Mr Smith advised that there are many people throughout Australia who have contributed to masters squash either through playing or administration to make masters squash and the Australian Masters Squash Championships (AMSC) what they are today. Sadly, each year we lose a number of these people and particularly this year have lost 2 people who were previous Judith Goadby Memorial Award and Peter Wright OAM Award recipients.

The AMSA does not currently have a formal guideline or procedure to acknowledge deceased players/administrators of masters squash.

Mr Smith provided a summary of the guideline and procedure to assist the AMSA Executive in acknowledging deceased players/administrators of masters squash in a consistent manner.

Mr Caban asked if the AMSA intended to donate to the Daffodil Foundation in memory of Dave Fuller. Mr Wright advised that flowers had been sent to Ross Barnden's family. Mr Smith advised that as Dave's family had nominated a donation to a foundation, it had been placed on hold until the AMSA had a guideline in place.

It was **resolved** (Smith/Hughes) that the guideline and procedure to Acknowledge Deceased Players/Administrators of Masters Squash be approved.

9.5 AMSA Office Bearers & Committee Members 2019/20

Noted

10. STATE REPORTS

10.1 Australian Capital Territory was noted

10.2 New South Wales was noted

Ms Elliott advised that NSW were considering creating a "Black Book" award in memory of Dave Fuller at their State Titles.

10.3 Northern Territory was noted

10.4 Queensland was noted

10.5 South Australia was noted

10.6 Tasmania was noted

10.7 Victoria was noted

10.8 Western Australia was noted

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

The meeting closed at 10.05pm.