



AUST BILLIARDS & SNOOKER REFEREES

VICTORIAN BRANCH

Meeting Minutes

GROUP ATTENDING MEETING: VICTORIAN REFEREES

DATE: 1ST FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT: ALAN SYMONDS, ANDREW BRANDON, BERNIE PARTRIDGE, CRAIG SMITH, DAMIAN WILLCOX, EDDIE CRISTINA, JIM NAUGHTON, JOHN IVETT, KIM IVETT, LARRY EFORGAN, LEN WINESTONE, MARTIN DEELEY, MIKE D'SILVA, PAUL COSGRIFF, PETER GRAY, PETER JACKSON, PRAVEEN CHANDRA.

APOLOGIES: ABI NEWMAN, CEDRIC GOMEZ, DAN WALLACE, DAVID COSGRIFF, GEORGE HOY, JACK ZAKS, JIM LEWIS, LEIGH CONDON, NEIL ALLISON.

CHAIRPERSON: JOHN IVETT

OPEN: 7:35PM

CLOSED: 10:25PM

	ITEM:	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	TIME FRAME
1.	Welcome	<p>Welcome to all and general introduction of attendees. This is our 3rd official Victorian referee's meeting to date. It's excellent to have your attendance.</p> <p>Special welcome to Paul Cosgriff who is an official and secretary of A.B.S.C</p> <p>Welcome also to our newly inducted referee's – Andrew Brandon, Eddie Cristina and Kim Ivett.</p>	N/A	
2.	ABSC Report	<p>Paul referred to the President's report (copy located in your folder).</p> <p>Barrie Jones will be taking over the role of President from Mike Peachey.</p> <p>Billiards and Snooker supporters club provides funds to assist players to attend international tournaments in overseas locations.</p> <p>Also support Oceania tournament being held in Qld this year.</p> <p>200 Club – progressive lottery – fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tickets sold for \$100 each, and may have more than one person like a syndicate arrangement for one ticket. Various draws will take place throughout 2008, 8 draws in total, to be held at different tournaments, drawn live. • Looking for buyers within and externally to the snooker/billiards circle. • Shared tickets can also be purchased by pennant teams. • Adam Wyard has the credit card facilities when buying tickets and you may choose your own number, first in first served. • All ticket holders have the chance to win \$1,000 at each draw. 	Paul Cosgriff	



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2.	ABSC Report cont.	<p>U21 representative players will compete in France in 2008 (Jun/Jul)</p> <p>Masters will be held in Austria in 2008.</p> <p>Up to three teams – male and female will play overseas along with one team manager.</p> <p>We have two national coaches – Robbie Foldvari and Glen Wilkinson.</p> <p>Aust Billiards will occur in Victoria this year in late June at Brunswick club.</p> <p>ABSC proposals – 3 fold impact;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drug testing (random) facilitated by Gribbles will occur throughout snooker and billiards events. This will be advertised to all concerned and appear transparent in line with other elite sports. 2. National ranking tournament draws done by ABSC however tournament Director's will continue to be empowered to vet draw and times etc to run an efficient event. Make sure affiliate's are in accordance with ABSC standards. 3. Tournament prize money – Group B top limit is \$8,000, \$12,499 cease to be group A. <p>CLS putting in \$4,000 towards prize money for the Pot Black tournament which is held in Victoria this year.</p> <p>Pot Black tournament will be rotated around the various states each year. This tournament is replacing the City of Melbourne. In the event that there is another tournament later in the year similar to this tournament, that one will be a non-ranking event.</p> <p>Sponsor at Oceania is currently Gemstar sports promotion, this tournament held in Qld end Apr 2008. This will be their last time as sponsor. 2009 will present an opportunity for fresh sponsorship to take place.</p> <p>Victoria is currently classed as the strongest state with players and tournaments noted as being the best run with referee's, directors etc. Influencing the introduction of Pot Black tournament to start in Vic.</p> <p>Australian billiards will also be run in Victoria.</p> <p>RACV – Nationals tournament still held at RACV club in Victoria. Reminder re Golf Day held on 5th Aug. Rooms will also be made available to referee's with precedent given to Victorian referee's who are willing to commit to daily involvement and facilitation of tournament. Parking will be provided for referee's at no charge. Encouragement is given to all referee's to provide good support to this major event in the calendar year.</p> <p>Peter Gray requesting more support and involvement by referee's for billiards throughout the year and coaching will be provided to those that are interested.</p> <p>TV show – Scope on 5th Feb at 4pm demonstrating how physic's works in a snooker environment. All encouraged to have a look.</p> <p>Foxsports shown in Jan grandprix that Neil Robertson achieved quarter final position which was going to be on at 2am on 1st Feb. More support from Foxsports is currently being pursued.</p>	Paul Cosgriff	
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<p>3.</p>	<p>2007 (Vic) Summary</p>	<p>Fantastic year had by all.</p> <p>Billiards good however there is definitely room for growth and development.</p> <p>\$30 payment made by players to be relieved of referee duties helps with funds however puts added pressure on qualified referee's. It's good that the referee pool has increased to help manage this.</p> <p>Better conditions for referee's has occurred.</p> <p>More referee's are now available.</p> <p>Special thanks must be paid to VBSA for their ongoing support and input.</p> <p>Victorian referee's are rewarded more for their efforts and receive due recognition.</p> <p>ABSR has also been a great support.</p> <p>(covered highlights in referee report found in folder)</p> <p>Note: John advised that he really appreciates all referee's help and assistance, support along with comradery, all continues to be very encouraging.</p> <p>*Referred to referee stats and explained set up (doc located in folder)</p> <p>Updated referee's list provided, ex ref's or lapsed (not financed) etc.</p> <p>Andrew Zeilke sends his regards, is doing well and will be kept on the list pending recovery & health.</p> <p>National referees stats which incorporate paid/active members.</p> <p>Dedicated time will be invested in enabling Class 3 referees to move up to Class 2 for those genuinely comitted to doing so.</p> <p>*Went through folder content.</p> <p>Last years minutes – variety of referees facilitated major finals matches.</p> <p>Timewasting to be enforced more. 100% support from Director of referees, John and ABSR. Please read article in folder on subject.</p> <p>John Ivett is the sole supplier of referees blazer material & emblem. Waist coats need to be purchased by referees.</p> <p>Senior referees to help and assist rookies where possible and support them through challenging scenarios. All referees encouraged to be open to feedback and always look for opportunities of learning and growth.</p> <p>Apology re delay in responses to posers, this will definitely be improved in 2008. Aiming to send them out half a dozen times throughout the year.</p> <p>Treasurer's report – welcome any idea's you may have on dispersing of funds.</p>	<p>John Ivett</p>	
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	<p>2007 Summary cont.</p>	<p>Jim Naughton raised issue with new rule books, will clubs be getting some? FOC delivery will occur for each referee however any clubs wishing to obtain some will be required to order and purchase them.</p> <p>Subsidy program. Read carefully. Funds available to referee's that qualify and on an annual basis with no consecutive advantage (different referee each year will be given the opportunity to use funds). It's important to spread subsidy around.</p> <p>Tips for timewasting – experienced referees to share idea's with newer referees to empower them with a broader knowledge base and enable them to facilitate this issue better.</p> <p>Foul and a miss rule – read document in folder carefully to build your knowledge on this.</p> <p>Referee survey – input from all referees.</p> <p>Larry did a great job with Maccabi in providing technical skills and literature that aided knowledge growth. Larry is happy to help with any referee aids and handouts that others may like to have.</p>	<p>John Ivett</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>2008 Calendar</p>	<p>Ranking tournaments are mandatory participation by referees and all are encouraged to support these.</p> <p>Nationals and Kings are critical events (especially Friday). The aim is for referees to facilitate minimum 2 matches per day with those that are happy to do more going up 3 or 4 daily.</p> <p>Albury – accomodation, allowance and meal tickets are provided to referees that work. Anyone interested in going to Albury in Aug 2008 should contact John Ivett. John will then forward list onto Albury tournament organises to arrange details ahead of time.</p> <p>Paul Cosgriff commented re Australian Open, 2 things - Sat will be the quarter finals and Semi's, Sun will be the final on table one. 17-19th Oct. Players didn't want to have extended week (similar format to Nationals) Victorian referees encouraged to work.</p> <p>Princes Cup – international players (India and Singapore) will be attending and within a 2 week period will also go onto Sydney for the next tournament.</p> <p>Most states will generally use local referees however Victorian referees may be required at times.</p>	<p>John Ivett</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Referee's Habits (open discussion)</p>	<p>John – policing dress code is not observed enough.</p> <p>Alan – feel like referees are not incharge of matches but they are, players going for walks after frames, lack of acknowledgement and respect for referee. Solution is to talk to them prior to match. It's not easy addressing players who walk off. Getting over the initial fear of approaching players your experience will increase and therefore improve ability.</p> <p>Speak to the player when returning if missed before the match re walking off (can give warning). You are the sole authority over the match. Support of Director of referees always there. Don't be afraid to give advice before match or if overlooked ensure this is done midstream, that's okay too</p>	<p>All</p>	



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5.	Referee's Habits (open discussion) cont.	<p>Damien – C grade – player wouldn't go for shot, not timewasting between shots but just didn't choose a positive stroke. Pull players aside, speak re 'not in the spirit of the game'.</p> <p>Paul – timing rules now on website. Clocks must be at all VBSA games, all grades. Duration of each match will be timed for 90min, commencing 7.30-9pm with short break before second round starts. Grade B, C and D – 10 point rule applies. Players must play at a reasonable speed. Finals will be 100min.</p> <p>Paul – Billiards – spot ball in D, player is allowed to ask ref is that correctly spotted. A player asked a class 1 ref, he then walked to the other end and advised. This class referee should know the decision from where he is standing, more professional.</p> <p>Larry – referees standing at the scoreboard, avoid this and move around the table for better deportment and ability to make good decisions.</p> <p>John – observation – there's a time for precision spotting. Check spots prior to match. Spot quickly where possible with little or no impact on striker. Don't obsess about spotting. If problem with spot tell players.</p> <p>John said of Alan.S when he was putting balls back, player asked for second opinion, Alan said, "I am the second opinion, please play". Legendary!!</p> <p>Alan – uniformity on Foul and a Miss rule. Players get upset with inconsistent calls. John said we should aim to keep improving in this area. Set pattern early in match. Narrow the gap between top referees and rookies with calls. This will be an ongoing challenge.</p> <p>John to facilitate practical sessions on Foul and a Miss rule.</p> <p>*all participated in Foul and a Miss discussion*</p> <p>John – taking rest from player, use discretion. When colours potted, re-spotting takes precedent.</p> <p>Kim – referees need to clear pockets more regularly.</p> <p>John – players pulling balls out, cue ball etc, minimise this from happening by taking the cue ball to scoreboard. Penalise players who stop cue ball with cue.</p>	All	
		THANK YOU TO ALL FOR ATTENDING AND HAVE A GREAT YEAR.	All ref's	

COMPLETED BY: KIM IVETT

NEXT CHAIRPERSON: TBA

NEXT MINUTE TAKER: TBA