



NSW COUNTRY TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the NSW Country Table Tennis League was held at the Niagara Park Stadium, 16 Washington Avenue, Niagara Park on Friday 29th May 2015 at 7:30pm

1) Attendance and Apologies.

Attendance:

Ken Sands (Port Macquarie PCYC, President & Chairman)
Steve Collard (Vice President, Newcastle)
Jennie Hall (Vice President, Central Coast)
Phil Males (Treasurer)
Geoff Young (Port Macquarie PCYC)
Dale Allen (Coffs Harbour)
Ian Finlay (TTNSW Representative)
Ted Davis (TTNSW)
Richard Lassen (TTNSW Development Officer)
Peter Bradley (Central Coast – Guest)
Martin Dorrrough (Secretary)

Apologies:

Alan Russell (Illawarra), Alan Taylor (Nepean)

2) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes read by Martin Dorrrough.

Moved Steve Collard, Seconded Geoff Young

“PASSED”

Ted Davis and Richard Lassen from TTNSW provided the meeting with the following information:

- a. Table Tennis associations have the opportunity to have unemployed persons, over 55 to pensionable age, undertake 30 hours of fortnight voluntary work for an association through TTNSW who have become a registered employee. The volunteers would be paid by Centrelink on Newstart unemployment benefits which meant they would not have to continually apply for jobs to receive their allowance.

More information available from TTNSW and section 5.57 and 5.58 of the Australian Government website titled:

“5. Social Security - Newstart Allowance and mature age job seekers”

<http://www.alrc.gov.au/publications/5-social-security/newstart-allowance-and-mature-age-job-seekers>

- b. From 1st July 2015 the ‘Sporting Schools’ program will replace the ‘Active After Schools’ program. The program aims to connect primary school children with sporting clubs. A major difference between the two programs is that ‘Supporting Schools’ can be run before, during or after school. Each association / club will need to register as a ‘Sporting Schools Club’ and have a schools liaison officer. Money is available for coaching and facilities.

TTNSW are launching a pilot program. They have developed an App that provides entry level coaching tips which will be given to schools for free who participate. They are marketing it as a good wet weather sport which is great for hand / eye coordination and are developing a 5 hours Level 1 Teacher training course. Club / association Coaches will need to have a current Working With Children Check to participate.

More information available from TTNSW and the Australian Government’s Sporting Schools website:

<https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/>



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3) Executive Report on activities during term in office – Ken Sands

- 2014 Country Championships was very successful with 54 teams attending.
- This year's Far North Coast Tournament, held at Goonellabah, had 20 teams.
- The regional Blayney individual competition held 5th November 2014.
- NSW Country placed teams in the NSW Club Championships held at the brick pit, Thornleigh in April. Teams were entered in the Veterans, Open and Juniors categories with teams put together at short notice. Players were selected from nearly all associations.
- Coaching course held at Port Macquarie.
- 2014 City v Country with City providing 24 team and Country 20. Country won the event.

4) Financial Report

Report tabled by Phil Males, Period 1st June 2014 to 31st May 2015.

- a. Net Income \$8,616.85, Net Expenditure \$5,910.00, Net Surplus \$2,706.85
- b. Balance \$26,008.10 up from \$23,301.25 from previous year.
- c. Current Assets \$27,308.10
- d. Current Liabilities \$1,300 (2015 Country Championships in advance)
- e. Accumulated Funds \$26,008.10

Moved Dale Allen, Seconded Jennie Hall

“PASSED”

5) Election of Executive – Ted Davis Chair

Nominees:

President – Ken Sands, moved Geoff Young, seconded Steve Collard - elected
1st Vice President – Steve Collard, moved Ken Sands, seconded Jennie Hall - elected
2nd Vice President – Martin Dorrrough, moved Ken Sands, seconded Geoff Young - elected
Secretary – Dale Allan, moved Ken Sands, seconded Jennie Hall - elected
Treasurer – Phil Males, moved Ken Sands, seconded Jennie Hall – elected
TTNSW Country League Representative – Alan Taylor

Selectors – Allan Russell, Alan Taylor and Steve Collard

6) Fixing Annual membership Fees

Martin Dorrrough moved no change to annual Country Championships team entry fee as it had recently been increased to \$100 from \$90 to assist with placing NSW Junior Country teams into the New Zealand Junior Championships. Cost of hiring the centre would increase yearly based on CPI as it is Council owned.

Motion: Team fees for Country Championships to remain at \$100 per team.

Moved Martin Dorrrough, Seconded Ken Sands

“PASSED”

7) Approval of any By-Laws or Regulations

a. Suggested Change to Tournament Format (Stephen Collard)

An e-mail from Michael Rhodes (Newcastle) suggesting an alternate format, had been sent to the committee following the 2014 Country Championships. Changes included having a group stage on Day 1 and a playoff on Day 2 and stopping games when a team gets to 6 points. This would free up time to conduct an Open Singles and Doubles competition at the end of Day 1. The recommendation was to initially implement it for Divisions 1 and 2. E-mail responses from several of the committee indicated that they didn't think the change of format was required and this was the general consensus of those attending the meeting so no further action was taken.



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b. NSW Country League Regulations (Phil Males)

Phil Males tabled proposed changes to the Country League Regulations. The reason for the changes included correcting how the Country Championships results are calculated bringing them in line with the database Phil uses which is aligned to ITTF requirements. Other changes aligned the document with how the tournament was being run over the past few years.

Moved Phil Males, Seconded Martin Dorrrough

“PASSED”

8) Any other matters submitted for discussion

a. New Zealand National Junior Championships (Ken Sands)

Ken advised the meeting of the latest developments with the Junior teams entering the New Zealand tournament. Initially we would enter two male teams (Under 18 team (3 players) and under 15 team (4 players)). Ken had approached Paul Pinkewich for tracksuits. Players would have to fund their own trip and any singles entry fees. The team needs to be accompanied by a manager / coach. Entry fees for the Country Championships had been increased by \$10 to help fund this trip.

Event Information: Christchurch, 26th September to 4th October 2015

Motion: Martin Dorrrough moved that \$700 be provided to help pay for the manager / coaches travel expenses and that the Country League also pay for the team events entry fees.

Moved Martin Dorrrough, Seconded Jennie Hall

“PASSED”

b. NSW Country League Sponsorship (Expired 2014) (Martin Dorrrough)

Martin Dorrrough brought up the issue regarding the expired sponsorship with Table Tennis World. Ken Sands moved that the existing deal with Table Tennis World be extended another year (2016).

Moved Ken Sands, Seconded Phil Males

“PASSED”

c. Running of the Country Championships (Martin Dorrrough)

Martin Dorrrough would like to formalise the committee running the Country Championships by having the committee selected at the Annual General Meeting. The committee should include representation from the host association, the person running the event and the Country League Secretary for assistance with Correspondence.

As the City v Country also was being run at the same venue the host association along with the Country League Secretary would need to be involved.

For the 2016 Country Championships the committee would be Phil Males (Event coordinator), Dale Allen (Country League Secretary), Jennie Hall (Central Coast Delegate) and Peter Bradley (Central Coast President). Martin Dorrrough to assist where needed and provide a ‘run sheet’.

Phil Males advised he would review the entry form.

d. Change of NSW Country League logo (Phil Males)

Phil Males tabled a new logo that reflected the new TTNSW Logo with ‘Country League’ written underneath. Ted Davis from TTNSW had no objections to its use and the committee agreed to its use.

e. Purchase of 10 x barricades for Country Championships (Martin Dorrrough)

With the increase in teams of the Country Championships Central Coast had asked to purchase 10 additional barricades at short notice. Due to unavailability these did not get purchased. Central Coast were asked to estimate how many barricades would be needed to cater for 60 teams, 30 tables, so that next year we could cater for any growth.



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9) General Business

- a. Ken Sands advised that the dates for the 2016 Country Championships clashes with the World Veterans event in Elche Spain which will mean significant players and the sponsor would not be available. Martin Dorrrough along with the Central Coast delegate would approach the venue organisers to see if 30th April and 1st May 2016 would be available.

Note: - The dates of 30th April and 1st May 2016 were subsequently found to be available and booked for the 2016 Country Championships.

- b. Stephen Collard raised the use of plastic balls for the 2016 Championships. It was decided that next years Country Championships would use plastic balls and the President would need to inform the sponsor, Table Tennis World of the requirement.

Moved Phil Males, Seconded Steve Collard

“PASSED”

- c. Ian Finlay advised that two umpires courses were available to Country associations. 4/5th July and 21/22nd August. The course runs best with 10-12 participants. Associations should canvas their numbers and contact Ian to organise training.

10) Dave Beaumont Perpetual Trophy

The Executive voted that Linda Ebbeck would be this year's trophy winner for her work supporting the running of the Newcastle Association. Linda has worked tirelessly behind the scenes over the past year.

Meeting closed 10:10PM