



NSW COUNTRY TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2016 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 April 2016 at 7:30 pm

1) Attendance and Apologies.

Attendance:

Ken Sands (Port Macquarie PCYC, President & Chairman)
Steve Collard (Vice President, Newcastle)
Dale Allen (Secretary)
Phil Males (Treasurer)
Geoffrey Young (Port Macquarie PCYC)
Ian Finlay (TTNSW and Nepean)
Ted Davis (TTNSW)
Douglas Flood (TTNSW)
Andrew Whitaker (Central Coast)
Alan Russell (Illawarra)

Apologies:

Nil

2) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes read by Dale Allen.

Resolved (Steve Collard/Geoffrey Young) that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, on 29 May, 2015, be confirmed.

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

1. The two junior teams, selected for at the 2015 Country Championships, did well at the New Zealand Open. The Under 18 team came first in the Second Division and the Under 15 team came fourth in the First Division.
2. The Northern Region Teams Event, held at Goonellabah in August 2015, was most successful with a maximum of 22 teams and a number of teams unable to be included.
3. The regional Blayney individual competition was held in November, 2015, with the maximum number of players.
4. The junior coaching held at Goulburn and Port Macquarie, during the year, was most successful.
5. The City Vs Country match, held in September at the Niagra Park Stadium, was most successful with 60 teams participating (29 City and 31 Country), up from 44 teams in 2014. City won the event in 2015.
6. Report on the New Zealand Open Trip (Geoffrey Young – Manager/Coach)
 - As mentioned previously in the President's report, both the Under 18 and Under 15 teams were successful in the team's events.
 - In the individual events, the boys had a "good run for their money".
 - The boys were great ambassadors and they were received well and it was considered that their attendance added international prestige to the event.
 - Two set of parents travelled with the team and provided great assistance.

4) Financial Report

Report tabled by Phil Males, Period 1st June, 2015 to 30th April, 2016.

- a. Total Income \$8,817.50, Total Expenditure \$5,431.50, Net Surplus for Year \$3,386.00.
- b. Total assets \$31,394.10 (\$27,308.10 in 2015). This includes the purchase of additional barriers for \$275, with the total value of equipment - barriers being \$4,475.00.
- c. Accumulated funds \$29,394.10 (\$26,008.10 in 2015)

Resolved (Dale Allen/Ken Sands) that the Financial Report be received and noted.



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Resolved (Alan Russell/Steve Collard) that the fee paid to the Central Coast Table Tennis Association for the hire of tables be increased from \$10 per table to \$17.50 per table for both the 2016 Country Championships and the City vs Country match.

5) Election of Executive – Alan Russell in the Chair

Nominees:

President: Ken Sands – Resolved (Steve Collard/Phil Males) - Elected
1st Vice President: Steve Collard – Resolved (Phil Males/Andrew Whitaker) - Elected
2nd Vice President: Andrew Whitaker – Resolved (Phil Males/Steve Collard) - Elected
Secretary: Dale Allen – Resolved (Steve Collard/Andrew Whitaker) - Elected
Treasurer: Phil Males – Resolved (Andrew Whitaker/Steve Collard) - Elected
TTNSW Country League Representative – Alan Taylor

The option of changing the Executive on a two or three year cycle was discussed. Matters raised included:

1. May be preferable to replace the President, Secretary and Treasurer on a cyclical basis, ie, perhaps one per year.
2. Preferable to have officers in waiting who have had experience on the Committee.
3. May be preferable to be more forthright with the Associations, eg, requesting each Association to nominate a delegate in advance of the AGM, to build an experienced pool
4. The constitution may need to be changed in relation to the proposal and recent Fair Trading changes.
5. Consideration is also required in relation to the fact that the NSW Country League is a sub-committee or Table Tennis NSW and that the Country League is not an incorporated entity.

Resolved (Alan Russell/Phil Males) that the constitution be reviewed and changes recommended and if a Special Resolution is required, that it be considered at the City vs Country match on 3 September, 2016 or prior to the next AGM.

Resolved (Andrew Whitaker/Alan Russell) that the committee to review the constitution be made up of the President (Ken Sands), Secretary (Dale Allen), Treasurer (Phil Males), CCTTA President (Andrew Whitaker) and CCTTA Vice- President (Peter Bradley).

6) Fixing Annual membership Fees

Resolved (Ken Sands/Dale Allen) that the entry fee for the 2017 Country Championships remain at \$100 per team.

Resolved (Ken Sands/Dale Allen) that the entry fee for the City Vs Country event remain at \$20 per player, not including lunch.

7) Approval of any By-Laws or Regulations

There were no proposed changes to be considered.

8) Any other matters submitted for discussion

- a. **New Zealand Open – Junior Representative Teams – 29 September 2016 to 7 October 2016**
The Under 18 and Under 15 teams will be selected from the participants at the Country Championships.

Resolved (Ken Sands/Dale Allen) that the selectors be Steve Collard, Alan Russell and Alan Taylor.



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Resolved (Steve Collard/Alan Russell) that the Geoff Young be appointed as the Manager/Coach and that he be provided with a subsidy of \$700 from the Country League.

Resolved (Steve Collard/Alan Russell) that the entry fee of \$90 per team be paid, as usual, by the Country League.

Ken Sands advised that Paul Pinkewich will be requested to, again, provide shirts and that track suits from TTNSW will cost each player \$120, with the Country League to provide the name and logo, as usual.

Resolved (Ken Sands/Alan Russell) that the Country League meet the cost of provision of names and logos on track suits.

Resolved (Ken Sands/Alan Russell) that our thanks to Paul Pinkowich be noted for his sponsorship of the shirts for the NZ Open representative teams in 2015.

Resolved (Ken Sands/Alan Russell) that the Country League logo be updated to provide a larger and clearer "Country League".

b. Coaching – 2016/2017

Ken Sands will liaise with Paul Pinkowich in relation to the two weekends of coaching to be held at Golburn and Port Macquarie with each Association to cover his cost (\$400 per weekend). The coaching weekends will be promoted through the Country League with it being available primarily for juniors but also for seniors if they wish to attend.

c. NSW Country League Sponsorship – Table Tennis World.

This will continue to be an annual agreement with Paul Pinkowich in relation to vouchers, balls, attendance at events, sponsorship of junior teams and participation in coaching weekends.

d. NSW Country League Sponsorship – Accommodation

Ted David advised that an arrangement was being entered into with the ACCOR Group for individual discounts. There will be further advice in due course.

Consideration be given to venues that may provide a sponsorship package for the Event Coordinator, given the arrangement with "The Willows" is no longer in place and The Willows does not wish to continue with it.

e. Presentation by Ted Davis (TTNSW)

Nick Brown has been appointed to the advertised position with TTNSW in relation to the Sporting Schools Program (for Primary Schools). The Program requires TOPS qualified coaches who will be paid \$40 per hour plus \$40 setup and \$40 downturn.

TOPS qualified trainers are Cathy Townsend in the Lismore/Tweed area and Andrew Hill in the Sydney area.

In relation to Level 1 Coaching courses, the system has changed, with participants to be first TOPS accredited and the Level 1 course being mainly practical (requiring a satisfactory standard to pass).

TTNSW is running the Australian Vets Championships at the new Netball Central Centre, at Olympic Park, on 14 to 22 October, 2016.



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9) General Business

- a. The dates for the 2017 Country Championships will be determined following advice of the availability of Phil Males and Paul Pinkowich, given that the World Championships are in Germany from 29 September, 2017 to 5 June 2017.

Note: The dates subsequently determined as being suitable are the 6 & 7 May, 2017.

- b. A country Umpires Course was discussed. The course scheduled in 2015 was cancelled due to lack of numbers. It was determined that we would schedule an Umpires course in 2016, preferably at Gosford, subject to a suitable time being available. Ian Findlay advised that he would advise a suitable date at a later time.

Note: Ian subsequently advised that the weekend of 19 and 20 September has been scheduled. Advice has been forwarded to Associations and Clubs.

10) Dave Beaumont Perpetual Trophy

Resolved (Ken Sand/Alan Russell) John Leis from Goulburn would be this year's trophy winner for his tireless work in relation to finding and fitting out a new venue for Table Tennis in Goulburn.

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm

Moved Ken Sands, Seconded Phil Males

“PASSED”

c. NSW 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'.