



NSW COUNTRY TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the NSW Country Table Tennis League was held at the Niagara Park Stadium, 16 Washington Avenue, Niagara Park on Friday 5th May 2017 at 7:30 pm

1) Attendance and Apologies.

Attendance:

Ken Sands (Port Macquarie, President)
Steve Collard (Newcastle, Vice President)
Dale Allen (Coffs Harbour, Secretary)
Phil Males (Treasurer)
Ian Findlay (Nepean, TTNSW)
Alan Russell (Illawarra)
Matt Kendall (Central Coast)
Mick Wadick (Port Macquarie)

Apologies:

Andrew Whitaker (Central Coast, Vice President))

2) Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes read by Dale Allen.

Resolved (Steve Collard/Phil Males) that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, on 19 April, 2016, be confirmed.

Matters Arising

1. The Junior Team withdrew from the 2016 New Zealand Open due to the late withdrawal of two players.
2. The two planned coaching days in 2016, did not take place due to the unavailability of the coach.
3. The proposal to change the executive on a cyclical basis was further discussed. Resolved (Phil Males/Alan Russell) that the Country League Associations and Clubs be requested to nominate members to become delegates to attend AGM Meetings with a view to becoming officers in waiting to enable replacement of the Executive (President, Secretary and Treasurer) on a three year cyclical basis in alternate years.
4. Membership fees were discussed. Resolved (Phil Males/Alan Russell) that the increase in fees for 2017 from \$100 to \$105, to assist in covering the additional cost of the provision of medals for first and second positions, be approved and that the fee for the 2018 Championships remain at \$105.
5. Further discussion took place in relation to the need to change the Country League Constitution. Work has been undertaken by Alan Russell and Phil Males to update the constitution. Resolved (Alan Russell/Phil Males) that Alan Russell and Phil Males finalise the update of the Constitution for consideration at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

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

1. Junior teams for the 2016 New Zealand Open and country coaching in 2016 were discussed in matters arising.
2. The Northern Region Teams Event, held at Goonellabah in August 2016, 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 2016, with the maximum number of players.
4. Illawarra (explained by Alan Russell) will be holding a two-person teams event on 2 July 2017 with 16 senior teams and 8 junior teams participating. Games will be first to 11 only. Illawarra has secured excellent sponsorship and there will be prize money.



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5. Goulburn is also planning an event in 2017 with 20 teams in 2 divisions.
6. The City Vs Country match, held in September 2016 at the Niagara Park Stadium, Gosford, was most successful with 48 teams participating. City followed up there win in 2015 with a win in 2016.
7. The question of whether a suitable junior team can be found from the Country Championships for entry in the New Zealand Open was raised and considered. Resolved (Alan Russell/Dale Allen) that consideration of the selection of a junior team (and a Manager/Coach), for the New Zealand Open, be considered at this weekend's Country Championships, from the juniors in attendance.
8. The question of whether we should enter a team in the NSW Club Championships was raised and considered. Given that the Country cannot provide players for the four associated competitions related to the Championships, the Country League will not enter a team.

4) Financial Report

Report tabled by Phil Males, for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2017. Phil advised that the financial year will now be 1 July to 30 June and that this is the interim report and that at the 2018 AGM the full year reports to 30 June 2017 and an interim report for 2017/2018 will be presented. A good result has been achieved in the interim report period. For this year's interim report:

- a. Total Income \$4,161.21 (Includes &35 in early entry fees for the Country Championships. Total Expenditure \$1,710.00. Net Surplus for Year \$2,451.21 (Full year surplus to 30 June 2016 \$3,039.84).
- b. Total assets \$34,088.47 (\$31,637.26 at 30 June 2016). This includes cash and investments of \$29,613.47 and barriers to the value of \$4,475.00.
- c. Total liabilities \$0.00 (\$0.00 at 30 June 2016).
- d. Retained Earnings \$28,637.26 (\$27,162.26 at 30 June 2016).
- e. Equity \$34,088.47 (\$31,637.26 at 30 June 2016).

Resolved (Phil Males/Steve Collard) that the Financial Report be received and noted.

5) Review of Constitution

This matter was dealt with under Matters Arising.

6) Election of Executive – Alan Russell in the Chair

Nominees:

- President: Ken Sands – Resolved (Phil Males/Alan Russell) - Elected
- Two Vice Presidents: Steve Collard and Ian Finlay – Resolved (Phil Males/Dale Allen) - Elected
- Secretary: Dale Allen – Resolved (Steve Collard/Ken Sands) - Elected
- Treasurer: Phil Males – Resolved (Steve Collard/Ken Sands) – Elected

It was noted that Phil Males has been appointed by the Board of Table Tennis Australia to the position of Chairman for the interim period to the AGM in 2019.

7) Committee to Run the 2018 Country Championships

This matter was discussed as the Committee method of running the event is not working in practice. The current practice involves the Treasurer, Phil Males preparing entry information and collecting entries and the Secretary, Dale Allen, ensuring that the venue, canteen and sponsor are organised and that players, teams and divisions are finalised, in conjunction with the President and the Treasurer. Resolved (Ken Sands/Alan Russell) that the current practice to organise and run the Country Championships be continued in 2018.



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Ken Sands suggested that it may be opportune to invite a Sydney team or teams, particularly for Division 1, depending on entries. It was agreed that this should be considered after entries are received for the 2018 Country Championships.

The timing of the Country Championships was discussed, with a view to the event reverting to a June period. Resolved (Alan Russell/Ian Findlay) that the 2018 Country Championships be held on a weekend as close as possible to the long weekend on 8 to 10 June. (Subsequently it was determined that the 2 and 3 June was suitable as it did not clash with any other event and the venue is available.

8) Fixing Annual Membership Fees

This matter was dealt with in Matters Arising.

9) Approval of any By-Laws or Regulations

This matter was dealt with in Matters Arising.

10) Any other matters submitted for discussion

a. **NSW Country League Sponsorship – Table Tennis World.**

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

b. **NSW Country League Sponsorship – Accommodation**

No accommodation sponsor has been found for 2017. This will be reviewed in relation to “The Willows” for 2018.

c. Presentation by Alan Russell (Illawarra Association)

The Illawarra Association put articles in the local paper in relation to the 70 years of the formation of the Association from six original table tennis clubs, which has resulted in many new members.

A Seniors Week grant of \$750 was obtained to promote table tennis to seniors.

d. **Presentation by Ian Findlay (TTNSW)**

Ian requested that there be an announcement in relation to disabled rules on Saturday morning, for the Country Championships. (This subsequently occurred.)

The NSW Country League is requested to provide a report on its annual operations, in January 2018.

e. Presentation by Steve Collard (Newcastle Association)

Through their PCYC venue, the Newcastle Association has put in a grant application for \$2,000 for tables and equipment.

11) Dave Beaumont Perpetual Trophy

Resolved (Alan Russell/Steve Collard) that Ted Hollands from the Central Coast Association would be this year’s trophy winner for his long term support related to setup and clearing of tables for weekly play and special events, including the Country Championships and for his work related to repair of club equipment and for his efforts in welcoming and settling new players.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm