

Minutes – NSRA meeting 11 July 2017 – 6:30pm to 8:20pm.

1. Present: T Medioli, J Ryan, Todd Noon, Sally Moody, Tanya Bailey, Paul Faulkner.  
Apologies: M Francis
2. Business arising from last meeting:
  - a. VP Admin needs to finalise minutes even though they were mostly concerning allocating jobs for the Grand Final Day. To be provided before next meeting
3. President's report
  - a. AGM – was a successful night. There are a number of actions to be completed as a result of the AGM as follows.
    - i. T Medioli to send out minutes from AGM this week including a letter with options for digital communications to life members. All council were in favour.
    - ii. Todd Noon needs to file AGM booklet and minutes to Fair trading ASAP.
    - iii. There were a number of items to be looked at for next AGM. Score change for finals, ability to adapt a motion that requires a compromise, finals rules.
  - b. Drawbooks are almost completed. Will be 100% finalised in the next few days. Drawbooks to be digital in keeping with the change voted in at the AGM.
  - c. Scoresheets with sponsor logos have been printed off and will be distributed to clubs. It was noted that there is no L/R box this will be fixed for next autumn as printing has already been done.
  - d. Discussion surrounding providing clipboards to the centres for use as a communication tool. Clipboards would belong to the association and would be collected at the end of the season for rebranding for the season after. To be used for NSRA games will contain contact details and sponsorship advertising. 26 clipboards will be needed which was agreed was a bit pricey, but in the end decided an additional way to advertise and improve communication to players so was voted in favour.
4. VP report – Nil
5. Mens' Pennants Report – grading night was last Thursday. Draw has been reworked a few times to accommodate all court requests etc. Still not 100% finalised.
6. Women's Pennants Report – nothing to report.
7. Promotions report – Proposed idea to investigate a 'blow up court' in Charlestown Square or other major shopping centre, possibly for World Squash Day or next school holidays. All in favour, JR to follow up. High chance of media coverage for Lake Mac Open much like Pennants Grand Final Day.
8. Junior's Report – Melody absent.
9. Treasurer's Report – Finances all up to date. Sponsorship money received from The Maitland Mutual and Hunter Valley Rubber. Goods received from BML Squash/Oliver.
10. General Business –
  - a. Trial of players entering scores to be rolled out in first few weeks of competition – unlikely to be week one. Will need to look at restructuring registrar fees in concert with this potential change. It was agreed by all that the Treasurer look into better model for reimbursement than an hourly rate for 2018.

- b. Discussion re: grand final date to avoid Supercars weekend, also to maximise promotional opportunity – finals dates to be adjusted to make it as fair as possible to players. Double check with the courts but currently proposed as the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> November. This is a very short turn around but it was undesirable to have the comp lag into December. Discussed the idea of Sunday as mentioned by the delegates at the AGM. It was agreed that this would be investigated fully before 2018 but not enough time before the draw is established this competition.
- c. Put a call out to players to help council members in volunteering to run food stall at Lake Mac Open. Discussed the possibility of utilising juniors who are fundraising for upcoming tournaments to be involved.