

**2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
February 2nd, 2020  
Potters Pool Hall, Lonsdale St Dandenong**

Meeting Opened at 11.26am.

Don welcomed everyone for coming.

A minutes silence was held to honour and remember players that have passed.

Attendance : Andrea Bird (Pool Vic), John Russell (Pool Vic), Jim Rene (Pool Vic), Jo Capovilla (Pool Vic), Sam Hilet (Pool Vic), Don Colbert (Pool Vic), Andy Urquhart (Pool Vic), Elle Murphy (JDO), Peter Kelly (DDPL), Paul Pike (LVEBA), Jo Frankel (VWSA), Cranne Wrigley (MMPL), Michael Witton (EDPL), Alex Lawrance (EDPL), Marg Blackshaw (BDPL), Lincoln Baker (CHPA), Lisa Jackson (CHPA), Carol Hilton (N8BA), Scott Henderson (NWPA), T Gilpin (WDPA) and Rob Taylor (West Gippsland).

Apologies – Albury Wodonga Eight Ball Association, Bendigo Premier League, Maffra Eight Ball Association, Wellington Eight Ball Association and Wonthaggi Eight Ball Association.

Minutes or Previous AGM – No business arising from Previous Minutes.

Moved by Paul Pike, Seconded by Lincoln Baker – Minutes Passed.

Annual Report, including Treasurers Report – Don spoke about his report and mentioned how well the juniors did at the 2019 Nationals with a team's runner-up and 3 Singles titles. Affiliation was up last year by 309 members. Presentation Night at Sandown Park Hotel has been great. Don thanked Geoff for all his work at Potters since he's taken over. Don mentioned it has been a very productive year.

Andrea spoke about funding with Sport and Recreation, she has been working hard applying for funding and has a great relationship with her manager there and they are always willing to help support 8 Ball. Pool Vic has been granted two grants based over 3 years, one for \$60,000 which is for Operational support and the other is for \$50,000 which is to do with women in sport so VWSA will be contacted to help with this, This is a total of 110,000.00 over three years. Sponsorship is down this year. Affiliation is up due to some leagues paying late last year. Accommodation is up due to juniors being in January, sometimes it's paid in December and others in January so varies year to year, staying at Quest has also increased the amount. Leagues need to really look at the information that's sent out as there a lot of grants they can apply for, Andrea offered her assistance, to any League that would like to apply for grants.

Moved by Marg Blackshaw, Seconded by Cranne Wrigley – Passed.

Nationals Report by Captains/Team Managers – Don spoke about Open team being made up with a few new players and missing some of our Elite players. They would have started about 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> favourite and weren't even favourite in the final and still managed to win the Australian Title.

Jo spoke about the Women's team and said they had two new players and it doesn't matter if you are new or a previous player, nationals always has up and down days. Lyndal and Kolbe do a great job checking on the mental state of players after matches, keeping the

team spirits high and making it enjoyable with telling jokes. In the final we were 9-5 down and dug deep and won 13-10. Great achievement by all.

Jim spoke about the masters who were runner-up. He mentioned to win this title you all need to play at your best. In the final had a little bit of bad luck and momentum shifted to SA way. They were 9 all going into last round and SA hit them hard not letting them win a frame. Darren Waite was brilliant; Steve Gray was at his normal best. Tony Masci is a great cueist and played very well. Brett Rogers another great cueist who was also a good team member helping everyone he could including men and women. Steve Mc Cormick has been around a while and just didn't have a great day on the Final day. Congratulated Ben Nunan for winning the Singles when he wasn't even getting much table time as he wasn't playing in the teams event. Also congratulated the Men's and Women's team. Finally thanked Don for Team Manager and Sam Hilet for umpiring.

Elle Murphy spoke about the juniors. They ended up 4th in the teams losing to WA in the Elimination Final. Elle will be sending in a complaint about Greg Dingle (AEBF Umpire Director). Toby Clack and Sean Dempsey were brilliant as captains. Addison Henney stepped in at the last minute and was fantastic. They had a few small hiccups but nothing major and as this is her first year, she believes it will be easier for future years.

Australia Cup – Don spoke about sending 2 Metro and 2 country Teams. This goes for a week in June at Commercial Club, Albury. This is a good opportunity for everyone to play in. Teams must have one female each and also a Team Manager/Umpire. Peter Kelly asked what the exemptions for this are and was told that State Players old or current are exempt unless they apply to the AEBF to play. Scott Henderson asked about Blackball players and was told the AEBF are looking at whether these players can play or not. Andy spoke about Victoria being host state at Blackball Nationals last year and if they weren't allowed to enter so many teams then a lot of players would not have made a state team. This is all a learning curve and we just have to take direction from the AEBF. Trials will be held in May.

Albury Wodonga Open Tournament – This is held Labour Day weekend in March. The last two years we have had 200+ entrants which is great and hope it keeps growing. Quest Apartments are doing special rates for this event; if you call or book online make sure you use Eightball as the code for the special rates. Marg Blackshaw asked if the name of the competition had been changed and was told it has always been the same.

Membership – Have lost Soldiers Hill and CLEBA.

Affiliation – It's been at least 17 years since a rise has occurred. Leagues were emailed proposal on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Jo Frankel is in support of a rise but asked if it could go higher but remove the paying for each league. It was explained to Jo that it would be an administrative nightmare for Pool Vic and all leagues. Peter Kelly said even if you only had to pay once per league DDPL would still charge every player same amount as it's included in their Registration Fee, there is no easy way around this. Andy said that having players registered in multiple leagues gives them the choice to who they want to represent on Inter league day. Scott Henderson mentioned he never received the email last year and is happy for his league to work around the extra cost. It was then put to a vote to increase Affiliation to \$9 for Country Leagues and \$12 for Metro Leagues. Everyone was in favour so motion was passed.

Don mentioned they had to do a lot of chasing of leagues to get a quorum and maybe it's time to fine leagues for non-attendance as they do in leagues and AEBF has a substantial fine of \$1000 non-attendance. Can do this as a fine or an upfront cost with your Affiliation that is rebated at AGM each year. Andrea explained that there are a couple of remote rural leagues that don't have voting rights but can still enter into some events. There was a lot of

suggestions about monetary value. Jo Capovilla suggested \$200; Peter Kelly agreed with \$200 then later suggested a percentage scale as per your members in your league. Robert Taylor said to be careful as you don't want to lose any leagues. Don took a vote as to fine or use a bond. It was passed to put it as a bond. John Russell put forward a motion and Scott Henderson seconded that the cost of the bond is \$200 for Metro Leagues and \$100 for Country leagues except rural leagues are exempt from this. A vote was taken and motion was passed.

Constitution Change – Notice of motion – The Pool Victoria's Constitution be amended from four ordinary members to three. Andrea explained that to get funding you must have 40% of women on your committee. To get around this we had to drop a committee member which Gordon Males kindly offered to stand down. Andy wants to see more women on committee which can happen if they want to put their hand up but it's safer to go with 3 instead of more as the amount of women will change from year to year. Andrea moved the motion and Andy seconded it, it was put to a vote and passed.

Election of Office Bearers – Only nominations were for people already on committee so committee will stay as is –

President 2 year term – Don Colbert

Treasurer 2 year term – Andrea Bird

3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Committee Member two year term – Sam Hilet

Don thanked the Committee for all their work and mentioned it's been quite stable the past few years. Don was looking to leave a few years ago but his enthusiasm and love for the game has kept him going. Don is grateful that the website is updated regularly and the Ranking seem to get done overnight. Don thanked Joh Russell, Jim Rene, Jake Mc Cartney and Brett Rogers along with anyone else who helped with coaching the juniors. Anyone who promotes and helps this junior development should be commended it's much appreciated. Don mentioned Masters Teams will be picked the same as the women's this year, taking 7 players and also having a separate singles event which the winner and runner-up make the team with the rest made up from the teams trials later in the year.

Jo Capovilla mentioned that at The AEBF AGM they have gone back to 60 seconds per shot as per the World Rule so pool Victoria will do the same. It's up to leagues as to whether they put in a by-law to keep it at 40 seconds.

Ballarat and District Pool League – slightly down on numbers. Thanked Pool Vic for their efforts as there is a lot of work done behind the scenes. They have two new players, 1 a junior moving down from Queensland, the junior ran 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 15's at this year's nationals.

Central Highlands – even number of team this year. They have changed to just Singles this year and have also gone back to 60 second rule.

Dandenong and Districts Pool League – starts in April. Premier Combined league still going strong and working well with EDPL Executive to get it improved. The DDPL are encouraging juniors to play. They also thanked Sam Hilet for umpiring at Nationals.

Eastern Districts Pool League – much the same as the DDPL not much to report on. Summer season nearly finished with winter starting not long after.

Latrobe Valley Eight Ball Association – asked if you can affiliate without being in a league and was told only juniors are eligible to do that.

Melbourne Metropolitan Pool League – all good

Northern 8 Ball Association – They have to call an extraordinary meeting as they are down to two committee members and if people don't step up they may fold.

North West Region Eight Ball Association – This is their first Pool Vic AGM. They have 18 teams over two divisions with approximately 160 members.

Victorian Women's Superleague Association – 10 teams again this year. They struggle for dates as they play on a Sunday and the Calendar is already so full. They have kept 40 second rule as it makes a long day go quicker.

Warragul and Districts Eight Ball Association – Their members are up and will be hosting the Country Cup for the next two years.

West Gippsland Eight Ball Association – They are struggling for numbers. Thanked John Russell for his table quality and reasonable prices.

Don mentioned how good a job Geoff Brunnsma has done with Potters, lots of seating and displaying a lot of Pool Memorabilia.

Andy Urquhart mentioned a Young Guns competition being held at Empire and Chalkers in Adelaide for juniors under 23. There will be Satellite comps run which Elle Murphy is working with Chris Jeffery (AEBF JDO) to get this up and running.

Finally Don thanked everyone for their attendance and hopes to see many of you throughout the year. Eight Ball a safe and friendly sport that anyone can play.

Next Meeting – to be confirmed

Meeting closed – 12.38pm

Minutes taken by  
Jo Capovilla  
Pool Victoria Secretary