

Minutes of Players Meeting held 4 November 2009 in Adelaide SA

With ACA Responses

Tim, Trevor, Claire, Ian B, Liz, Ken, Pete, Martyn, Gavin, Stephen M, Simon, Dick, Malcolm, Robert, Ian D, Alan H, Jim, Kevin, Dwyane, Martin, Alan W, Mike H.

Block sizes (Mike Hughes) – paid good money but getting less games. Would prefer blocks up to 8.

Tim responded with reasons. Kevin suggested the plate be modified to swiss/egyption.

Motion – plate format changed to maximise the number of games to be played. Either large blocks or swiss/egyption. Moved by 17 people.(23 present).

ACA: Agree – aim for blocks of 8. Agree to modify the plate to Swiss if can get a manager to run.

Where there is time, look to have playoffs when block positions tied on games.

ACA: Agree to play-offs for tied block positions if there is time.

Speed of the lawns needs to be faster. Players would like ACA to put regulations on the states that apply to hold the championships. Would like to target a speed of a minimum of 10 plummers.

Motions - ACA make a statement to host states that the lawns be a minimum of 10

plummers. Moved Tim, Seconded Stephen – carried unanimously.

- Hoop settings to be changed to ball plus a 32nd with a minus tolerance of a 64th of an inch. Moved Ken, seconded Simon – 4 against, 13 for. Motion carried.

- Players to set the hoops – 100% unanimous. Recommendation to go to ACA.

ACA: States should be informed at the time of asking for bids as to the speed/quality of courts required. Too difficult to enforce the setting of the hoops precisely as suggested. Players can set hoops as long as venue managers are happy to have help.

A senior player in each state to be appointed to liase for each event re lawns, speed, hoops, etc.

Moved Mulliner, seconded Honey. 100% carried.

ACA: The ACA Events and Tournament Committees are largely composed of Senior Players and this is where the liaison should remain.

Balls should not be allocated except for the first round. Moved Honey, 2nd Trev. 100% carried.

Lawn allocations to be flexible, especially when courts are of similar quality. Moved Trev, 2nd Hughes, 100% carried.

ACA: Agreed.

A timed 5 min warm up before every match. Moved Trev, 2nd Jim. 100% carried.

ACA: Agreed. Trial 5 minute warm-up before each match – subject to tournament schedule.

Players be allowed a hit up on a vacant court (not games) with managers permission at any time during the day. Moved Martyn, 2nd, Dwyane. 4 voted in favour. 14 against, not carried.

ACA: Not carried

Match 4 v 5 seed is currently being played first, which is not desirable because they are often fighting each other to qualify and would prefer to play this later on. Tournament committee have flexibility to rearrange order of play. Moved Mike, 2nd Walsh, 3 for, everyone else against.

ACA: Not Carried

Don't look at state clashes in round of 32. Moved Mike, 2nd Trev. 9 in favour. 8 against.

ACA: Agreed.

Doubles plate with the view to maximise the number of games to be played. Moved Trev, 2nd Gavin. 100% carried.

ACA: Agreed – plate for Open Doubles.

Hoops can be reset at any point in time (including when another game is still in progress). Moved Trev, 2nd Simon. 16 for, 1 against. Carried.

Note: hoop setters need to use discretion so that they don't interrupt the game in progress.

ACA: Agree – Hoops can be reset at any time subject to approval of the double-banked player on court. The double-banked player on court may not reasonably withhold permission unless he is in a break within 3 hoops of the hoop in question.

That the game in progress be allowed to stop their clock while the hoop setting is taking place. Moved Jim, 2nd Gavin. 14 for, 3 against. Carried.

ACA: Agreed.

Only have a tournament/venue referee at each venue with the players doing most of the refereeing/umpiring. Moved Trev, 2nd Dick. 14 for, 1 against. Carried.

Note: we are not trying to downgrade the efforts of past referees/volunteers.

ACA: Agreed

Meeting closed 5:05pm.