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Notice of the 89th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council

Notice is hereby given pursuant to clauses 10.1 and 10.3 of the ABSC Constitution that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Ltd will be held on **Saturday, 28th November, 2020** commencing 9.00 am AEDST.

Due to COVID19 restrictions in force in many parts of the country this meeting will be held virtually, in accordance with clause 16 of the Constitution. Ordinary Members are encouraged to attend the meeting, and those wishing to do so should contact the Secretary General, Simon Fortune at secretary@absc.com.au or on 0412 379 516. Registration of intent should be made by **Tuesday 24 November 2020**. Your name will be registered, and you will be sent a link to join the meeting using the Zoom platform, together with (straightforward) instructions on the use of Zoom.

Please ensure you are in attendance on-line by 8.50 am AEDST to enable us to start on time.

Voting Members, being the Member States as defined in clauses 1.1, 5.1 and 5.3 of the Constitution shall provide to the ABSC Secretary by email by no later than **Tuesday 24th November 2020** an instrument appointing a Representative, Proxy or Attorney to attend and vote at the General Meeting on behalf of the appointing Member under clause 10 of the Constitution.

The Board requests that as many Ordinary Members as possible attend this General Meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Welcome and Official Opening.
2. Attendance and quorum.
3. Apologies.
4. Vale.
5. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 26 October 2019 (see attached).
6. President's Report (attached).
7. Treasurer's Report.
8. ABSC Financials (to be provided).
9. Secretary's Report.
10. Election of Life Members.

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- a. Criteria for award of Life Membership (to be provided)
- b. Pursuant to clause 5.4 of the Constitution, the following members are nominated for Life Membership (biographies attached):
 - i. Mike Peachey
 - ii. Ron Stecum

11. Election of a President.

Pursuant to clause 12.2e of the Constitution Frank Dewens is serving the second year of his fourth term as President and does not require re-nomination.

12. Nominated Directors

Pursuant to clause 12.3 of the Constitution, it is noted that the following directors have been nominated by their respective States:

- a. Mark O'Neill (ACT)
- b. Barry Jenner (SA)
- c. Richard Allendorf (QLD)
- d. Rex Swain (TAS)

13. Elected Directors.

It is noted that the following nominations were received pursuant to clause 12.4 of the Constitution:

- a. Jennifer Budd (Women's Delegate)
- b. Kurt Dunham (Players' Delegate)
- c. Simon Fortune (Players' Delegate)

As the number of nominations is equal to the number of positions to be filled, the nominees are elected unopposed.

14. Honoraria.

Pursuant to clause 13.7 of the Constitution, Members are asked to approve the payment of the following \$800 honoraria for services rendered during the 2019/20 year:

- a. President
- b. Treasurer
- c. Secretary General

15. Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion were received from Voting Members or Elected Directors.



16. Matters arising out of the minutes of the AGM held on 26th October 2019.
17. General Business.
18. Close of Meeting

This Notice is given for and on behalf of the ABSC Board and is dated 27 October 2020.

Simon Fortune
Secretary General
Australian Billiards & Snooker Council Ltd



2020 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year 2020 has been a year to forget due to the disruption caused by the Covid-19 virus. Thankfully, most of our members were safe but our thoughts go out to the families who lost loved ones.

The year commenced with the Mitchell Billiards Australian Junior Teams Challenge and National Junior Championships which were held at the Commercial Club, Albury. Queensland dominated the teams challenge with both teams reaching the final with Queensland Red taking out the championship by defeating Queensland Blue.

The National Junior Championships were again a huge success with a record number of participants.

Results of the 2020 National Junior Championships were:-

- U/12 Snooker Lilly Meldrum
- U/15 Snooker Joshua Hands
- U/18 Snooker Xavier Daw
- U/15 Billiards Joshua Hands
- U/18 Billiards Denzel Nicholson
- U/18 Girls Snooker Lilly Meldrum

Congratulations to all the juniors for their exemplary conduct and sportsmanship shown.

Unfortunately, the under 21 National Championships were cancelled due to the Covid-19 Virus. Hopefully, we can schedule this early next year.

The only ranking event held was the Dr Clem Jones AO Open Snooker Championship, which was held at the Redcliffe Snooker Club, Qld. 48 players competed with Kurt Dunham defeating Adrian Law in the final, five frames to four.

Congratulations to Kurt and Adrian for a closely fought final. Daniel Haenga had the highest break with a dazzling 134.

Australia were to host a qualifying Rokit Phones Senior event early this year but along with most of our championships we had to cancel. Once we have a better indication of the lifting of National and International restrictions we will reschedule.



We continue to enjoy sponsorship from our Sponsor of Record, Consolidated Leisure and Sport. Ray Atwell and his company CL&S have been supplying Strachan cloth and sponsorship money for many years now and we are truly thankful for their continued support.

Recently we had discussions with Star Billiards, China, regarding the acquisition of 6-foot fold away tables. Ray Atwell offered to import these tables for us and will arrange distribution of them to the States. World Snooker Limited, (WSL) introduced these tables into schools in the UK and China and as a result have enjoyed a huge growth in our sport at junior level. We also will be utilising these tables into schools with the introduction of the White to Black coaching module.

Jayden Dinga and Lilly Meldrum have assisted in the making of a demonstration video of the program and will be posted on the ABSC website for all to see.

A huge thankyou to the ABSC's Sponsors of Record for their contribution to this venture and greatly appreciate their ongoing contribution to our sport.

Venues which support us:-

- Launceston Worker Club:
- Mounties Community Club:
- Mingara Recreation Club:
- Blacktown Workers Club:
- Snooker SA:
- Commercial Club Albury:
- RACV Club Melbourne"
- The Brunswick Club:
- Yarraville Club:
- Club Marconi:
- Pot Black Family Pool Centre:
- Redcliffe Snooker Club:
- The Illawarra Club:

My sincere thanks go out to all the above clubs for their valuable support and sponsorship of billiards & snooker.



As much as 2020 has been disruptive, the ABSC has been working hard behind the scenes with administration and networking. We have contacted the management of venues who host National championships securing their support for 2021. We have made many changes over the past years and there are more to come.

Coaching is high on our priority list and always looking for interested people to become a certified coach. If you are interested in becoming a coach, please contact your State Association. Another means of contributing to our sport is to become a referee. We are always looking for referees and again your State Association is your point of contact.

Finally, I would like to thank two people who have been instrumental in the launch of the ABSC's new website. Adam Wyard and Alex Render. An enormous amount of work has gone into the website and the result speaks for itself...a professional website.

Thanks to Directors of the ABSC for their contribution and support over the past year.

This coming year we will see some changes in the Board with the retirement of some people. I would like to thank them for their contribution over the years and wish them well in their time away from the ABSC.

To the incoming Directors I welcome you and thank you for putting your hand up to assist us in growing our sport.

Finally, thanks to those members who have supported me during my tenure as President. Although out of sight from most of you, I have enjoyed the past twelve months and proud of the progress we have made. We continue to build strong relationships with venues and sponsors and will continue to do so in the coming year.

I hope 2021 will be a successful year and we all continue to enjoy the sport we have a passion for.

Frank Dewens
President ABSC 2014-2020



Nomination for Life Membership of the ABSC - Mike Peachey (WA)

Criteria for awarding ABSC Life Membership for outstanding service to cue sports in Australia

- No. 1 Criteria for awarding Life Membership to a person being a member of ABSC or one of its Affiliate members. That person must have been a member for a period not less than 60 years, and be nominated by his affiliated member for meritorious events in his time as a member.
- No. 2 Criteria for awarding Life Membership to a person solely on Administrative contribution to ABSC or an affiliated member, that person must have served ABSC or its affiliated member for a period not less than 40 years**
- No. 3 Criteria for awarding Life Membership to a person solely on Administrative contribution to the ABSC, That person must have served ABSC as a delegate and or Board member for a period not less than 20 years
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- No. 6 Criteria for awarding Life Membership to a person solely on playing record, That person must be a member of ABSC or one of its affiliates and have a exemplary record in International, National competitions, in consideration of the players eligibility preference will be given to:
- rankings as a Professional player who has achieved a ranking of 10 or less
 - Players who have won WPBSA or IBSF Championships
 - Players who have competed in at least 10 WPBSA or IBSF recognised Championships.
 - Players who have been ranked 10 or below in the Australian Ranking scheme for a minimum period of 10 years.

Mike Peachey (WA)

- A former member of the committee of WAB&SA
- Was a West Australia delegate to ABSC in 1990.
- A former President of WAB&SA
- Joined the ABSC Executive in 1992
- Was elected President of ABSC in 2001 and served the maximum of six years
- Was President of OBSF 2001 to 2007
- Was a Board member of IBSF 2001 to 2007
- Very much active with WPBSA, especially in the Oceania region
- Board member of WCBS 2005-2010
- WCBS Organising Committee to the 2009 World Games in Chinese Taipei
- WSF Board member 2017 - present
- Still an active member of WAB&SA

Notes in support of Mike Peachey for Life Membership of ABSC

- Mike qualifies under the Criteria No 2, No 4 and No 5
- Mike is the only President of Council not to be elected Life Membership, apart from D M Law (Qld) who was President in 1978-1980, following the death of Bob O'Neill.



Nomination for Life Membership of the ABSC – Ron Stecum (Victoria)

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Ron Stecum (Victoria)

- Was a long-standing member of the RACV Club
- Was elected to the committee of VBSA in early 1970's
- Was a Victorian delegate to ABSC in 1980's
- Was elected President of VBSA from 1978-82 and 1986-88
- Is a Life Member of the VBSA
- Joined the ABSC Executive in 1982
- Was elected Senior Vice President of ABSC in 1985 and held the position until 1992
- Aged 93 or 94 and is still an active member of VBSA

Notes in support of Ron Stecum for Life Membership of ABSC

- Ron qualifies under the Criteria No 1, No 2, No 4 and No 5
- We have precedents of members being awarded Life Membership having been a Vice President of Council.
 - Les Cross (SA) was a VP in the 1980's. He was acting President when Bob O'Neil died.
 - John McKay (Vic) was Vice President for many years from 1992.