

SCRABBLE COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday 19th August 2023
AT CLUB BURWOOD RSL, BURWOOD

1. **MEETING OPENED** 2.00 PM
2. **PRESENT:** Bob Jackman, Liz Jackman, Norma Tracey, Steven Savona, Ryan Sutton, Dorothy Field, Graham Lock Lee.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Richard Birch, Colleen Birch and Chris Ostrowski
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING** (Including items in Minutes from last meeting)
 - Edward Okulicz to be reminded about Player achievements not populated – carried over
 - John Holgate to seek breakdown of \$8 per person paid by NSW members to WESPA – matter carried over
 - Steven Savona will revamp Scrabble logo – matter carried over
 - Bob produced new version of Scrabble NSW business card
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Petersham Club now listed; Orange Club delisted; \$100 gift card and sympathy card sent to Ksenia May on behalf of committee; venues booked for Australian Masters, NSW Champs, Spring Marathon and CSIM; Undertook renewal process in absence of Colleen who was travelling overseas; new version of Scrabble NSW card produced differentiating everyday words; website tweaked for maximum simplicity; reports produced for ATBs.
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – not received. Bob reported there is \$14,220 in bank, and approx. \$10,000 in investment account.
7. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – not received. Bob reported most bulk renewals have been received but relatively few individual renewals.
8. **LIAISON OFFICER REPORT:** Norma Tracey advised that in Lane Cove, members are mostly young school children, playing a very basic, fundamental game of scrabble. For such youngsters, the activity could be handled by someone other than a scrabble player. Norma will provide a 'model' which could be copied and passed on to potential organisers of youth groups.
9. **EQUIPMENT OFFICERS REPORT** – not received
10. **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**
 - a) Agreed that Scrabble NSW subsidise entry fees for NSW Players in the Plate event, for this year and future years
 - b) Steven Savona will promote the NSW Champs on facebook. Money prizes for highest words beginning with C H R I S M A Y. Ongoing trophy to be retrieved

from Chris's widow, Ksenia. Steven will also calculate overall rating gain winner. Costs for 3 days, rating band prize, food costs, room hire costs etc. still to be calculated. \$1,000 first prize for Masters, no trophies. Renatae Barrett to be approached to direct.

- c) Agreed that Scrabble NSW work towards online results entry, with players entering their own scores on phones, therefore no result slips required? Graeme will liaise with Barry Harridge in this regard at upcoming AMSCT.
- d) In regards to Chris May – agreed to have memorial tournament, suggested next year's 'Chris May Winter Masters'. A national prize was mooted as an engraved board, for highest rating gain at the Nationals? Bob will try to obtain Chris's board from Ksenia in a sensitive way, otherwise a separate board will be commissioned.
- e) Spring Marathon. Steven to organise it for Burwood with playing conditions as he sees fit. Burwood already booked
- f) New Members. Agreed for President to email new members as they join, to welcome them. Steven also has text with info for prospective members, which he undertook to forward to Bob
- g) Agreed to wait until new Collins Dictionary in 2024 to switch, up to then use CSW19 as the default dictionary for tourneys organised by Scrabble NSW

NEXT MEETING: Date to be decided

MEETING CLOSED: 3.30PM.