

Title:	Board of Management Meeting
	MINUTES
Meeting Location:	TTV Board Room
Meeting Time:	Thursday, 5 May, 2016 6:00pm – 9:50pm

1 INTRODUCTORY

1.1 Welcome and apologies

Present:

Brett Sonnet (BS)
Greg Bristowe (GB)
Jack Cyngler (JC)
Jeff Dever (JD)

Chrissy Jones (CJ)
Robert Katsipis (RK)
Eddie Kocjancic (EK)
Claire Montgomery (CM)

Apologies:

Jean Pierce (JP)

In Attendance:

Dennis Makaling (DM) – CEO

Rosie Murphy (RM) – Minute Taker

Jack entered the meeting at 6:20pm.

1.2 Confirmation of agenda

Additional items to discuss:

- Robert wants to discuss umpiring – agenda item 18.3
- the Victorian Open Veteran entry form must be finalised – agenda item 18.4
- Claire wants to discuss entry forms – agenda item 18.5
- Chrissy wants to discuss players playing at non-affiliated clubs – agenda item 18.6.

The agenda was confirmed.

1.3 Declaration of real, potential or perceived conflicts

None.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING ON 7 APRIL, 2016

The Board **resolved** to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended.

3 STATUS OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING ON 7 APRIL, 2016

Serial	Minute Item	Action	Who	When	Status
1	BoM 03/03/16	Re-advertise the 2016 National Veteran Team Manager position. Jean Pierce to ask	RM/JP	March, 2016	Complete

		Alan Hopkins			
2	BoM 03/03/16	Advertise for members of the 2018 National Veteran Committee	RM	March, 2016	Complete
3	BoM 03/03/16	Advertise for members for the TTV Junior Committee	RM	March, 2016	Complete
4	BoM 07/04/16	Amend March Minutes and resent to Board Directors	RM	April, 2016	Complete
5	BoM 07/04/16	Send response to Trevor McDowell re: State Team Points allocation	DM	April, 2016	In progress
6	BoM 07/04/16	Speak to MVTTA re: Friday Night Pennant	BS/JP	April, 2016	Complete
7	BoM 07/04/16	Draft and send letter to MVTTA re: Friday Night Pennant	BS/JC	April, 2016	Complete
8	BoM 07/04/16	Ask MSAC re: costs of holding 2018 National Veteran Championships at MSAC	RM	April, 2016	In progress
9	BoM 07/04/16	Send letter to Jim Montgomery thanking him for his years of service to TTV	DM	April, 2016	Complete
10	BoM 07/04/16	Get position description of Veteran Team Manager from Pam	CJ	April, 2016	In progress

Serial 1-4, 6-7, 9 – completed

Serial 5 – Dennis has since sent a response to Trevor, now complete

Serial 8 – waiting to hear back MSAC with a quote

Serial 10 – waiting for Pam to create the position description

4 RESOLUTIONS CIRCULATED

Arthur Wilks has been nominated for TTA Life Membership. The Board needed to vote in favour or against (as Victoria's vote) at the TTA AGM.

The Board **endorsed** the nomination of Arthur Wilks for TTA Life Membership.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Simon Gerada

Simon expressed his concern with the table configuration and licence agreement with MSAC.

His suggestion is for us to have some tables set up permanently in the back half of the hall, with badminton etc to pay the set up and pack down costs if they want to use the courts.

Brett, Jack, and Dennis will meet with MSAC to discuss the licence agreement.

Action Item – Brett to respond to Simon.

5.2 Jenny Langridge

Jenny has asked for TTV to form a coaching support group/network for coaches to utilise each other's support and guidance in any matters.

Action Item – Rosie to advertise on the website to gauge interest.

5.3 Amelia Sulfaro

Amelia Sulfaro has requested if Ivan can play in the Victorian Closed Senior Championships in preparation for the Australian Open. Currently, he has been suspended from playing in all tournaments for 2016.

Should he be allowed to play in one of the Victorian Senior Championships, both, or neither.

Brett has also suggested as the Men's Senior Team may be depleted, that a variation be made that he may be selected in the Men's Open Team instead of only the Under 21 Men's Team.

The Board **endorsed** Ivan to play in the Victorian Closed Senior Championships only, and that he may play in the Men's Open Team if selected.

6 TTA AGM & CONFERENCE

Brett attended the TTA AGM and Conference on 30 April to 1 May in Queensland. A summary of the event is as follows:

- TTV has 44% of the total membership registrations.
- The President and 2 Board Directors were unopposed (and thus elected).
- The player levy has gone up to \$20.95.
- TTA suggested the creation of a new level of membership - \$2 for school children.
- TTA want to host World events, in particular a Super Series. This event needs a minimum of \$220,000 and needs at least \$1,500,000 to run. Tourism Australia says they will contribute \$1,000,000, but only if it is held in Queensland or Western Australia. They also want to bid for the 2020 World Championships. It will be held in Queensland if won.
- TTA stated the 2018 National Veteran Championships should be held in Bendigo in conjunction with the World Junior Championships. Brett advised that the TTV Board has not made their decision on where it will be held yet.
- TTA have tightened up their member protection policy in light of recent incidents.
- In general discussions, exemptions for National Championships were discussed. See agenda item 7.

7 TTA EXEMPTIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TTV was the only State to put forward formal applications for exemption for the 2016 National Junior Championships, for Shawn Chang Kee and Renjie (Jason) Qin. New South Wales put forward last minute applications (on beer coasters).

TTA denied TTV's applications and granted TTNSW's applications on the basis that the players from NSW played in the National Championships last year, whereas the players from Victoria did not.

8 AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW RE PAYMENT FOR TEAM MANAGER/ASSISTANT MANAGER

Brett has amended by-law 10, point 35 to include remuneration for an assistant manager if one is necessary.

The Board **endorsed** the amendment to by-law 10.

Action Item – Rosie to post the amended by-law on the website.

9 TTV JUNIOR COMMITTEE

TTV advertised for any expressions of interest for the TTV Junior Committee.

Chamara Fernando has put in an expression of interest.

Brett has spoken to Don Luu who is happy to stand down from the committee.

The TTV Junior Committee is now Brett Sonnet, Trung Nguyen, and Chamara Fernando.

Action Item – Brett to send response to Chamara.

10 NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

There have been no appeals to the preliminary team list that was advertised on Monday.

Jaydin Aslan has withdrawn as an Under 15 Boy's President's player. Greg has found a replacement in Richard Evans.

Brett has also found an additional Under 13 Boy's President's player, Daniel Ho.

As State Selectors, Greg, Eddie, and Claire approve Richard Evans, and Daniel Ho to be included.

Brett has chosen Dominic Huang and Denise Lim to be the flag-bearers for Victoria.

The State Selectors advice for the Non-Playing Captains are:

Girl's – 18 "A"- Claire Montgomery, 15 "A" – Ju-Feng Hseuh, 15 "B" – Jenny Langridge, 13 "A" – Miao Miao
Boy's - 18 "A"- James Lew, 18 "B" – Nathan van der Heiden, 15 "A" – Leon Suy, 15 "B" – Gordon Gunn, 13
"A" – Brett Sonnet, 13 "B" – Michael Mastromonaco

Note - Chrissy expressed extreme disappointment that Jean Pierce was not selected as a NPC.

As Team Manager, Brett has the final say on who are the Non-Playing Captains.

He is happy with the NPC choices for the girl's teams, but has already spoken to James and Nathan who said they will not coach the Under 18 teams. Dennis mentioned that Julian McLucas must attend.

Brett's final choices for the boy's teams are:

18 "A"- Brett Sonnet, 18 "B" – Michael Mastromonaco, 15 "A" – Nathan van der Heiden, 15 "B" – Gordon Gunn, 13 "A" – James Lew, 13 "B" – Julian McLucas.

11 MVTTA DISPUTE – TERMS OF RESOLUTION

The dispute regarding the Friday Night Pennant has now been resolved.

MVTTA has agreed to a licence fee of \$7500 for 2016.

Action Item – Brett to send letter of response and licence agreement to MVTTA.

12 IVAN SULFARO

Santo Sulfaro informed TTV that Ivan has completed the counselling session as stated in the Terms of Agreement. He also said that in the initial meeting with Brett and Dennis, that TTV would pay the costs of his counselling sessions. The total cost is approximately \$1200. Brett and Dennis confirm that no arrangement was made for TTV to pay for the sessions.

The Board endorsed that TTV will not pay the costs of Ivan Sulfaro's counselling sessions.

13 CONSOLATION TOURNAMENT TO BE RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Simon Gerada has suggested that TTV run a tournament in the back half of the table tennis hall on Saturday, 11 June for the players that did not make the finals of the Australian Open Championships.

Robert will run the tournament, and Dennis and Rosie will organise it.

Simon has agreed to donate prize money for the tournament.

14 VICTORIAN CLOSED SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jeff wants to utilise the double clip board method as he thinks it will make the Championships run quicker.

Greg and Claire will run the tournament and Robert will run the microphone.

15 2018 NATIONAL VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rosie has asked MSAC for a quote for the total cost of using the table tennis all and the show courts for the duration of the Championships. We are still waiting for a response from MSAC.

Dennis has had further discussions with the Bendigo Council regarding holding the 2018 National Veteran Championships in Bendigo.

They have offered for us to use 5 basketball courts in the Bendigo Basketball Centre free of charge for the entire duration of the Championships, and will pay the transport costs of getting all the tables and equipment from the Bendigo & District Table Tennis Association.

The potential profit with this option is significant to TTV and must be considered.

The Board discussed if there are any other options for venue. TTV should seek expressions of interest from our affiliates to see if they would like to host the event.

Action Item – Rosie and Dennis to meet with MSAC to discuss the venue hire costs further.

Action Item – Dennis to send an expression of interests to affiliates.

16 2018 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS & NATIONAL VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Michael Brown from the ITTF has contacted Dennis in regards to holding the 2018 World Junior Championships at the same time as the 2018 National Veteran Championships in Bendigo.

The World Junior Championships must be held in the first week of December, and will cost a minimum of \$300,000 to run. The ITTF has informed Dennis that the Bendigo Council will pay for the venue hire, and that all profits made from the National Veteran Championships would be used to offset the costs of the World Junior Championships.

The Board **endorsed** that the 2018 World Junior Championships and National Veteran Championships will not be held at the same time.

Action Item – Dennis to respond to TTA, and the ITTF.

17 CEO OPERATIONS REPORT

Dennis has agreed to be on the TTA High Performance Committee.

18 OTHER BUSINESS

18.1 Applications for Exemption – including Belgin Bennett

This item has been deferred to the next Board meeting as there are an additional 20 applications that need to be looked at. The State Selection Panel will look through them all and make their recommendations to be approved at the next Board meeting.

18.2 Michael Belot

Due to the recent criminal conviction of Michael Belot, Croydon & Districts TTA has suspended him from their club for life.

Brett recommended to the Board that TTV must also make an order against him, that he is suspended from TTV for life.

The Board **endorsed** that Michael Belot will be suspended for life from TTV.

Action Item – Dennis to advise TTA.

18.3 Victorian Open Veteran Championships

There is debate whether or not Over 30 events should be included in the Championships.

Chrissy pointed out that it is not a compulsory event as stated in by-law 7, and should be held in the Senior Championships.

Greg noted that the Over 30 events was held in the Victorian Closed Veteran Championships, and that people will now also expect it to be in the Open Championships and have planned their tournaments accordingly. The event is also in the National Veteran Championships and not in the National Senior Championships.

The Over 30 Men's and Women's singles event will be held as a knock out event, starting at 11am.

Action Item – Rosie to amend the entry form and post on the website.

18.4 Umpiring

Robert has pointed out the inconsistency of the State umpires regarding the service rule.

He suggests that a directive should be given to the VTTUL stating that the umpires need to enforce the rule more stringently.

Action Item – Brett to send letter to the VTTUL about the directive.

18.5 **Entry Forms**

Claire has noticed that a lot of the tournament entry forms from clubs have had a lot of mistakes in them in the last 18-24 months. The procedure used to be that Claire would proof-read the entry forms before they are published.

From now on, Rosie will send all tournament entry forms to Claire to proof read before it has been approved and published.

18.6 **Players playing at non-affiliated clubs**

It has come to the attention that a lot of players are playing organised pennant at unaffiliated clubs, with a particular person winning a Victorian Closed Veteran title being registered to a now un-affiliated club.

In the TTV Constitution, it states that players are not allowed to play organised competition in un-affiliated clubs.

Should TTV enforce the rules and ban the players that are playing in un-affiliated clubs?

This item has been deferred to the next Board meeting.

19 NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 5 JUNE, 2016

The date is incorrect, it should be 2 June.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:50pm.