

Cue Sports Nova Scotia  
Annual General Meeting  
Almon Billiards, Halifax  
September 11, 2010

**Attendance:**

Bruce Lilly – President  
Craig Teal – Treasurer/Secretary  
Jennifer Potter  
Janet Ritcey  
Peter Sworin  
Colin Maloney  
Sam Tam  
Ron Lavergne  
Pat Brake  
Ray Saunders

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m..

**Old Business:**

Minutes from 2009 AGM meeting were read and accepted without objection. A verbal account was given of the interim general meeting held in January 2010 to replace the prior Board of Directors, which had resigned their positions. Formal minutes were not recorded because executive positions were not decided until the end of the meeting, and therefore there was no Secretary capturing the proceedings. Minutes will be drafted to match the verbal account given.

It was noted that not all the items discussed at the 2009 AGM (as recorded in the minutes) were adhered to throughout the 2009-10 season. This was largely due to the transition in Board of Directors.

**Treasurer Reports:**

Financial statement for 09-10 was presented. The figures were verbally reviewed and accepted.

**Elections:**

The position of President has one more year to serve of a two-year term, therefore Bruce Lilly will remain on the Board of Directors as President.

The position of Secretary has one more year to serve of a two-year term, therefore Craig Teal will remain on the Board of Directors as Secretary.

Executive positions of Vice-President and Treasurer, as well as all other non-Executive Director's positions have served their full terms and are vacated.

Nominations were accepted to fill Directors positions.

Pat Brake nominated Ray Saunders. Ray accepted.

Ray Saunders nominated Pat Brake. Pat accepted.

Craig Teal nominated Colin Maloney. Colin accepted.

Craig Teal nominated Janet Ritcey. Janet accepted.

All nominated directors were individually voted onto the Board of Directors by majority votes of the general membership. All directors will serve one-year terms, with the exception of any Directors who serve in Executive positions, which carry two-year terms.

The Board of Directors will meet immediately after the AGM to elect who from among the Directors will fill the open Executive positions.

### **New Business:**

Motion was made by Bruce Lilly to have only one Open Ranking tour this year. The tour would consist of 12 events, 4 in each discipline of 8-Ball, 9-Ball and 10-Ball. One Open Ranking list would be maintained encompassing all events, rather than separate ranking lists per discipline. The details of qualifying spots to the Nationals, Playdowns, and Provincial events, etc will be ironed out by the Board of Directors. Pat Brake seconded the motion. Motion was carried by majority vote of the membership.

Motion was made by Bruce Lilly that AAA and AA players that play in Open Rankings events will receive 30 bonus participation points to be reflected in the AAA 9-Ball standings. The intention is to encourage players from AAA and AA to gain experience in the highest division. Jennifer Potter seconded the motion. Motion was carried by majority vote of the membership.

Motion was made by Bruce Lilly to retain the \$5 tournament fee charged per player at Rankings events. This money goes directly to an added money fund for the Provincial Championship for the division it was collected in. Players will need to participate in two ranking events within the division to be eligible for the division's Provincial Championship. It was noted the added prize money at year's end is a positive measure, but the 2 tournament minimum can be restrictive to those players that have to spend considerable time and money due to location to attend multiple Ranking events in order to partake in Open Provincials. Colin Maloney seconded the motion. Motion was carried by majority vote of the membership.

Motion was made by Bruce Lilly to enforce shorter races on the B side of double knockout format tournaments, and to also adhere to one (longer) race finals. The shorter race would be 2 less games on the B-side than the A-side for short rack disciplines (9-Ball and 10-Ball). The shorter race would be 1 less game on the B-side of long rack disciplines (8-Ball). Finals race would be 2 games more than the rest of the A-side in all disciplines. Jennifer Potter seconded the motion. Motion was carried by majority vote of the membership.

Motion was made by Craig Teal to have AAA Rankings winner and AAA Playdown winner be awarded spots to the Amateur Nationals, rather than cash, as has been done in the past. This is keeping in line with the overall mandate of the association to send players to Nationals. AAA Provincials winner already was receiving a spot to Amateur Nationals. Jennifer Potter seconded the motion. Motion was carried by majority vote of the membership.

There was a short discussion regarding any other changes required for tournaments. It was noted that it was decided at the first tournament last year to enforce a rule on cell phone usage during play. If anyone answers their phone during a match, it would be considered their break. If the player already took their break, then it would be a foul.

There was brief discussion on the state of Women's, Junior, and AA divisions without any significant plan to resurrect any Ranking formats. Cost was cited as a possible reason for the decline in interest in these divisions. It was however agreed, that the reduced cost of \$20 (plus \$5 tournament fee) for a AA player to play in higher classed events was reasonable and has been effective as possible to encourage AA participation in other classes, given the small number of eligible AA players. An effort will be made to host a Women's Provincial 8-Ball and 9-Ball, perhaps playing both on the same day. Details will be discussed among Directors at a later date, with possibility of a committee formed of interested women to arrange plans.

It was proposed by Ray Saunders that the plans for Snooker for the upcoming year be delegated to a snooker committee consisting (initially) of Ray Saunders, Pat Brake and Roy Thibault. This committee will meet to discuss scheduling, format, and the opportunity to host an event in the public eye, as had been done some years past. The committee will meet and give a presentation of recommendations at the first Board of Directors meeting. It was generally agreed by the membership that this was a viable and welcome approach to the governance of Snooker.

A Board of Directors meeting was set for Saturday September 18 at Dooly's Sackville (11 am) to discuss, among other things:

- Finalization of schedule, including venues.
- Player Movement
- Review and update Player Info
- Snooker Presentation

The first Open 9-Ball is immediately following the AGM, on September 11, 2010 at Almon Billiards at Noon.

The first AAA 9-Ball is September 18, 2010 at Dooly's Sackville at Noon.

The remainder of the 2010-2011 schedule will be drafted and discussed at the Directors meeting on September 18. The schedule should be posted online a few days after that.

Meeting adjourned 11:28 a.m.

Craig Teal  
Secretary, Cue Sports Nova Scotia

The Board of Directors met immediately following the AGM in order to fill the vacant Executive positions of Vice-President and Treasurer.

Bruce Lilly nominated Colin Maloney for Vice-President. Colin declined.

Craig Teal nominated Janet Ritcey for Vice-President. Janet accepted.

There were no further nominations for Vice-President. Janet Ritcey is Vice President by acclamation.

Craig Teal expressed interest to retain the Treasurer role in conjunction with the Secretary role.

There were no further nominations for Treasurer. Craig Teal is Treasurer by acclamation.

Next Board of Directors meeting – Dooly's Sackville – September 11, 2010 11AM.