

AGENDA

SCRABBLE NSW COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday 15 December 2024 AT CLUB BURWOOD RSL, BURWOOD

1. **MEETING OPENED** 1:55 pm
2. **PRESENT** – Bob Jackman (BJ), Graeme Lock Lee (GLL), Steven Savona (SS), Richard Birch (RB), Colleen Birch (CB), John Holgate (JH), Julie Bailey (JB),
3. **APOLOGIES** – Dorothy Fields, Ryan Sutton, Josh Watt, Liz Jackman
4. **ABSENT** – Chris Ostrowski
5. **ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES of LAST MEETING** Proposed (RB) Seconded (GLL)
6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
7. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President’s Report:
 - NSW Championship and AGM successfully conducted at Magpies Waitara Club
 - NSW Report written for December ATB
 - Ulladulla Club closed down. Lismore still meeting but no members. Terrigal and Empire Bay clubs no longer wish to be affiliated
 - Broached the concept of a tournament underwritten by Scrabble NSW with both Bondi and Newcastle Clubs
 - 8 NSW Players represented Australia at Trans-Tasman in Auckland in November. Josh Watt provided some commentary for streamed games
 - Liz Jackman seconded back to committee in lieu of approaching Tony Hunt
 - Attempt to revive Woogles on Sundays at 6 not successful, despite text alerts sent out on day to interested participants
 - Working with Children Checks received from Josh Watt and Tony Hunt
 - National website found to be not conducive to attracting new members due to out-of-date information being presented Motion for CASPA to double tourney levies and halve member levy of \$12 per year defeated

Bob Jackman
President
NSW Scrabble
8. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – attached. BJ requested JH to send a revised Treasurer report with a breakdown in columns. \$3 per member. 4 x per year. Discussion of engaging a Tax advisor Action JH
9. **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER’S REPORT** Received from Colleen Birch (attached)
10. **EQUIPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT** not received from Chris Ostrowski

11. NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS

(1) Youth participation - membership fees – discussed at length.

Motion : That the non-member levy is waived for Junior Social Scrabble members playing tournaments. Prop. BJ Sec. SS. Carried

(2) Discussion regarding segregation at Scrabble NSW events No Motion

(3) Organisers of Scrabble tournaments are required to hold a current Volunteer Working With Children Check. Obtained through Service NSW

(4) Spam emails from Bob Jackman President – Rectification of issue and repayment of unsuspecting payments. Action – GLL to encrypt all email addresses on the website.

Action – JH to double check all email addresses.

Action – BJ to reimburse JB \$200 under miscellaneous. JB to send bank account details.

(5) Investment in live-streaming equipment. NSW Scrabble needs to look at the bigger picture. Motion: That the committee supports the idea of Live Streaming equipment being investigated and costed by the sub committee Prop. CB Sec. BJ Unan.

A subcommittee be formed consisting of : Josh Watt (JW), Steven Savona (SS), John Holgate (JH) & Ryan Sutton (RS)

Application to Federal Gov. Grants for streaming equipment through community & volunteer application. Action (JB)

(6) Discussion about paying for Josh Watt (JW) to attend The 26th Australian Jamboree will be held at Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park, hosted by Scouts Queensland from 6-15 January 2025. Action – (BJ) to talk to (JW)

(7) CSIM Planning – discussion no Action

(8) Membership – Affiliated Clubs, Social Members and Reporting of New Members - Discussion

12. GENERAL BUSINESS – Woogles – Sunday nights not well attended

13. CLOSE OF MEETING – 4:15pm

14. AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

Julie Bailey

Secretary

NSW Scrabble

ASPA NSW Meeting Sunday December 15 2024 Burwood

Treasurer's Report

1. Transaction account Cash in bank on 13/12/2024 \$11,035.83

At 1/7/2024 \$13,599.71

2. Term Deposit \$10,000 @ 4.65% p.a. (interest on 24/5/2025)

3. CASPA membership and ratings levies since July 1 2024

	(July 7 th April-June)	(October 14 th July-Sept)
M'ship Levy	330	330
Ratings Levy	161	100
	491	430

Total Memberships and Levies \$921

4. Extra expenses since 1/7/2024

TransTasman subsidies to NSW contestants (8 @ \$200) = \$1600

Payment to Barry Harridge for Website enhancement \$300

Contribution to Junior Championship \$300

Loss on NSW Championships \$390 (GST refund due in December \$616)

4. New ATO requirements – annual financial return

Tournament Rating Levies Collected July 9 2024 to December 8 2024

Event	Date	Players	Collected	Bank
OITOO Winter	9/7	22	\$22	10/7/24
Lansvale 3	19/7	18	\$18	25/7/24
Aust Junior Champs	25/8	13 Side event	\$45	26/8/2024
Lansvale 4	28/9	10		
	(\$10 Paid by TH to CASPA)			
Oatley	1/10	24	Nil	
Wallerawang	9/ 11	21	\$40	12/11/2024
Lake Macquarie	30/11	20	\$40	1/12/2024
Ourimbah	8/12	23	\$46	8/12/2024
Total			\$211	

John Holgate

Treasurer

NSW Scrabble

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER REPORT DECEMBER 2024 - C Birch

MEMBERSHIP/ATB	2023-2024	2024-2025	FULL	SOCIAL	ZZ MEMBERS	CLUB MEMBERS
TOTAL MEMBERS	211	186	119	67	32	154
NEW MEMBERS FOR 2024	10	22	12	10	6	16
MEMBERS NOT RENEWED FROM 23-24		46	18	28	11	35
STUDENTS	12 (SOC)	9	7	2	0	9
DISTRIBUTION OF ATB						
MAGAZINE	20	7				
ELECTRONIC	211	186				

Colleen Birch
 Membership Officer
 NSW Scrabble