

Paula Braunstein asked Chris Stead if he remembered asking permission to leave the weekend following Round 1 when Paula had been Tournament Director. Chris said he couldn't remember. Paula said he hadn't asked permission on that occasion.

Brett Morris asked Chris Stead if he would have played the last game against Pete Smith if he had thought it could affect the outcome of the Trials and Chris answered, of course he would have.

Danny Williams said that he was in Chris' group in Round 1 and that he had been more annoyed with permission being given than in Chris' conduct by leaving.

Steve Pendrich then asked Chris to give his side of the story.

Chris stated that events transpired as described by Frank, and that he had asked permission, hadn't realised that his actions could in any way affect the outcome of the Trials and that he had been very tired and wanted to go home and get some sleep before starting work again that evening. Chris said he should know the identity of the people that complained.

Steve Pendrich asked Chris to leave the room for 10 minutes to allow the Executive Committee to deliberate on the matter. Chris acceded and left the room.

Steve Pendrich said that the complaints were received verbally on the day from: Jim White, Graeme Barrett, Pete Smith and Danny Williams. Steve also said that, in his opinion Chris should not be told who complained.

Danny Williams stated he had not made any official complaint to Steve. Graeme Barrett also said that he hadn't made his complaint official. Whilst both agreed that they had verbally complained to Steve about the matter, that had not been aware that official action was to be taken. The majority present agreed with Steve that Chris should not be told who had complained.

Janet Puttick pointed out that the names of the people who complained would be in the minutes. Steve said that if Chris read the minutes he would of course then know but that it couldn't be avoided.

Brett Morris asked if there was any disciplinary action necessary.

Steve suggested no, a reprimand, and a reminder to think more of the team in future, would suffice.

Steve Pendrich then put forward the motion that: Chris Stead be formally reprimanded, that he not be told who complained, and that it be suggested to him that he apologise to the other players in his group during Round 1 for possibly affecting the outcome by his actions. Brett Morris seconded the motion. The motion was carried by 8 votes, 1 abstention.

Chris came back in and Steve delivered the reprimand, suggested the offering of an apology, and declined to Chris' request to be given the names of the complainers.

3. Finals Series Format for 1994 Winter Competition

The Final Series Format having been perused by the Executive since the last meeting, was unanimously approved.

4. State Ranking System

Steve Pendrich said he felt there were a few problems with the State Ranking system as proposed by Frank Frezza, and Frank agreed and then presented some of the changes he had planned to make to his original design. These were: a) 8 Ball Season Finals statistics not be counted in the ranking system; and b) there is a better overall grading of percentages.

Steve Pendrich suggested also that if the points gained were multiplied by 10 it would give a clearer picture of the actual ranking.

Janet Puttick said that she felt there was still a lot wrong with the ranking system and that these problems should be addressed ASAP. To which Frank Frezza replied that there are bound to be teething problems and we could tackle the problems as they come along. Frank also stated his willingness to accept ideas and suggestions to improve the system, and make changes where necessary in the future.

Janet stated that one of the main faults she could see in the ranking system is that (and she gave the following example):

An 8 Ball Player could do really well throughout the Season, winning most games, and then obtain an injury just before the State Selection Trials and therefore not be able to compete or perform badly in them. (Janet used a point in case just recently where Steve Pendrich had cut his hand and was incapacitated for a short while.) As a consequence that player then immediately drops in ranking to around middle of the field, when in Janet's opinion, the player should maintain the proven high ranking achieved and that this would be a better encouragement to play well throughout the year.

Frank Frezza explained that the State Ranking System was purely for the purpose of acting purely as a guide for deciding seedings for the State Selection Trials and that as it stands it will fulfil this purpose.

Ged Johnston put forward the motion that with the following three changes the State Ranking System as proposed by Frank Frezza, be accepted: 1) Finals Statistics not be included, 2) there should be a more thorough grading of percentages, and 3) all points should be multiplied by 10 to give a clearer perspective of actual ranking. Steve Pendrich seconded the motion. The motion was carried 10 for, 1 against.

12. Duration of stay at Nationals

Steve said that the State Representative Squad would like to return on the Monday instead of Wednesday thereby saving money on accommodation. The two State Delegates could return by hire car on Wednesday after the AGM. Executive Committee agreed. Steve further advised that Vince Wood, through his contacts at work, had offered to organise the hire car, and had advised that it was highly likely that we would get it for free, or at a very reduced rate.

Steve Pendrich proposed (and the Executive agreed to):

A Special Executive Committee Meeting to be held 7.00pm, Monday 19 September 1994, at Royals mainly to discuss the following items from this Meeting's Agenda which, due to lack of time, could not be covered:

1. Nominations for State Team Managers (11)
2. Raymond Lewis - Disciplinary Action (8)
3. Replace for Ladies Doubles should Barbara not be available (15)
4. State Representative Squad Members Fines (14)

**ALL OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA , NOT HANDLED AT TONIGHT'S MEETING,
TO BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER 1994.**

13. Steve Pendrich closed the meeting at 7.50pm.