

MINUTES

SCRABBLE NSW COMMITTEE MEETING Saturday 20 September 1pm AT CLUB BURWOOD RSL, BURWOOD

1. **MEETING OPENED** 12:50 pm
2. **PRESENT** – Bob Jackman (BJ), Steven Savona (SS), Julie Bailey (JB), Liz Jackman (LJ), Dorothy Fields
3. **APOLOGIES** – Chris Ostrowski
4. **ACCEPTANCE of MINUTES of LAST MEETING** Proposed (BJ) Seconded (SS)
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
6. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - President’s Report:
 - New Scrabble Club in Mona Vale proposed
 - 6 month suspension to Josh Watt – 23 January 2026
 - Winter Masters was a success
 - NSW Champs planning – preferred venue Bankstown for CSIM. Winter Masters
 - To discuss with the committee (via email) The NSW Variations to the rules
7. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Term deposit \$10,000 - \$1,400 in the bank.
8. **MEMBERSHIP OFFICER’S REPORT** - BJ managing memberships whilst Birch’s are away. 266 with 38 unrenewed. 139 FULL & 124 SOCIAL
9. **EQUIPMENT OFFICER’S REPORT** not received from Chris Ostrowski
10. **NEW ITEMS OF BUSINESS**
 - NSW Champs planning
 - NSW variation to Rule 1 (starting the game)
 - Rule variation for clearing tiles to start game. This received from Josh Watt.
While all 100 tiles are being placed in the bag prior to the start of the game, both players hands must remain above the table and in full view of their opponent.
Once all 100 tiles have been placed in the bag, both players must declare their hands empty to their opponent. 1.5 When the first player “sees a tile” the time clock may be started.
 - Membership and new email list - SS set up Scrabble NSW members list. 180 subscribers & 30 pending
 - Membership – Affiliated Clubs, Social Members and Reporting of New Members
- Discussion
11. **GENERAL BUSINESS** –

12. CLOSE OF MEETING – 1:35pm

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBA

Julie Bailey

Secretary

NSW Scrabble