



**Minutes of the Squash NZ AGM 2015  
Jetpark Hotel and Conference Centre  
28 November 2014, 9.00am**

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Tony Johnston, SNZ Chair, opened the meeting and asked for a minutes silence to commemorate Butch Gifford. Tony then welcomed Squash NZ Life Members Susie Simcock and Neven Barbour, delegates and observers including District and Squash NZ Staff.

**ROLL CALL**

**SNZ Executive Board**

Tony Johnston  
Linda Kenny  
Greg McKeown  
Steve Dunbar  
Gareth Fleming

**SNZ Staff**

Jim O'Grady  
Luke Morriss  
Sam Crawford

**SNZ Life Members**

Susie Simcock  
Neven Barbour

**District Presidents**

Karen Dykzeul  
Tim Marshall  
Fran Hopkins  
Ash Brownrigg  
Grant Smith  
Mike Willis  
Malcolm Thomas  
Michael Taylor  
Doug Smart  
Kevin Muir

**District Staff**

Gaye Trimble  
Philip Vodanovich  
Mike Weston  
Marcus Niles  
Robbie Wyatt  
Graeme Randolph  
Pauline Slovak  
Sally Stantiall  
Willie Bicknell  
Kim Paviell  
Aynsley Munro  
Bruce Thirkell

**SNZ Directors**

Wayne Seebeck

**Other Observers**

Rob Walker  
Jo Noonan  
Gregor McGregor

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Ross Norman, Kaye Jackson, Glen Wilson, Chris Buckland, Steve O'Toole, Norman Coe, Dayne Far, Joanne Williams, Bill Murphy, Dame Susan Devoy, Jo Cheatley, Bryden Clarke, Bruce Davidson, Murray Day, Don Cotter, Michael Sumpter, Michel Galloway and Matt Taylor.

**MOTION:**

That the apologies be accepted.

Moved:

Greg McKeown

Seconded: Steve Dunbar

**CARRIED**

**VOTING DELEGATES CONFIRMATION**

The Chair asked for confirmation of the Voting Delegates and the number of votes for each District.

**Result:**

Northland	3	Karen Dykzeul	Canterbury	3	Michael Taylor
Auckland	6	Tim Marshall	Wellington	3	Malcolm Thomas
Waikato	4	Fran Hopkins	Otago	3	Aynsley Munro
Bay of Plenty	3	Ash Brownrigg	Midlands	3	Doug Smart
Central	3	Grant Smith	Southland	3	Kevin Muir
Eastern	3	Mike Willis			

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the 2014 AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.  
Moved: Linda Kenny                      Seconded: Phillip Vodanovich                      **CARRIED**

There were no other matters arising from the minutes.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Tony Johnston presented his report for 2014 / 2015 year and highlighted the new strategic plan and events in 2015. He thanked retiring board members Matt Taylor and Dayne Far.

**MOTION:** That the Chair's Report be adopted.  
Moved: Tony Johnston                      Seconded: Doug Smart                      **CARRIED**

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**

Jim O'Grady presented his report for the 2014 / 2015 year and included a presentation on future options that might be considered to raise the profile of squash.

**MOTION:** That the Chief Executive's Report be adopted.  
Moved: Jim O'Grady                      Seconded: Ash Brownrigg                      **CARRIED**

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Jim O'Grady (Chief Executive) spoke to Squash NZ's financial performance in 2014 / 2015. It was noted that income for the year was down primarily as a result of a reduction in HPSNZ funding. Also grants and sponsorship funding were down. The return from Club Kelburn was down slightly on the previous year but still represented a very good return for Squash NZ. Expenditure had been reduced to align with the lower income which included staff changes during the year and the loss of a High Performance coach. The year produced a surplus of \$47,459 after depreciation.

**MOTION:** That the Financial Report for 2014 / 2015 be adopted.  
Moved: Jim O'Grady                      Seconded: Ash Brownrigg                      **CARRIED**

## **BUDGET**

Jim O'Grady presented the budget for 2015 / 2016 noting there were some changes to the budget format. A key point was a projected deficit for 2015 / 2016 but noting the surplus from the previous year was being carried over as unallocated expenditure with a breakeven position over the two year period.

Malcolm Thomas commented that there was a very small amount set aside (\$29,500) for a promotional budget and that we should be spending more in this area. There was general agreement that this could be increased but a clear direction was required for promotional expenditure.

Philip Vodanovich commented on the "Boroughs Campaign" in Auckland and the possibility of commercial funding for future initiatives.

Neven Barbour noted that part of the problem is squash organisations need to look outside the square. He felt that the budget is no different to anything we have done in the past and we need to change what we are doing or we will end up with the same result.

Greg McKeown noted there was \$47,000 from previous year which is currently unallocated but will be spent in the 2015 / 2016 year giving the Chief Executive money to spend in different areas. He noted that it was not all business as usual and there is a focus going into 2015 / 2016 to grow commercial income to fund different areas.

Tony Johnston noted we need to spend wisely and that no one would dispute spending reserves if it is wise. Willie Bicknell noted that this is also appropriate to the districts and that we are all doing the same thing and are clubs doing the same thing.

Gareth Fleming referred to the mid-year presidents meeting where SNZ had indicated there is a minimum we need and that there are reserves we can spend when we find the right project to spend it on.

Ash Brownrigg noted a reduction in special projects expenditure and felt it was important to make provision for this in future. Susie Simcock suggested there are opportunities available to find projects that will attract funding to our sport.

Neven Barbour noted that the WJG Championships are being held in 2017 and with the best junior players in the world coming to NZ at no cost it was an opportunity to make this a major project to lift the profile of squash in New Zealand. Susie Simcock highlighted the World Masters Games in 2017 in Auckland as a project to promote squash throughout the country and internationally. Fran Hopkins noted they are both real opportunities.

Greg McKeown noted that Tauranga will be hosting the WJG event in 2017 and that SNZ will be driving promotion around the events in Auckland and Tauranga.

**MOTION:** That the budget as presented for the 2015 / 2016 year be adopted.  
Moved: Ash Brownrigg      Seconded: Tim Marshall      **CARRIED**

### **REMITTS**

No remits were received by the due date.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Five nominations were received for five positions - no vote was required. The five nominations were:

- Gareth Fleming
- Fran Hopkins
- Tony Johnston
- Greg McKeown
- Steve Dunbar

Tony Johnston congratulated those elected to the board.

### **VOTING TO DETERMINE BOARD TERMS**

Tony Johnston explained the voting procedure and the rationale for the rotation policy noting that 2 board members would be elected every year and there would be continuity with the 3 year term. In response to a question from Neven Barbour it was noted there had a change in the constitution to facilitate this process.

Greg McKeown explained the logic of the policy but pointed out that this year was a correction stage and that if things work well Board members would complete their full term maintaining the rotation schedule.

Voting procedure:

1 <sup>st</sup> round of voting	election of 2 Board members for 3 years
2 <sup>nd</sup> round of voting	election of 1 Board member for 2 years (to replace Dayne Far)
3 <sup>rd</sup> round of voting	election of 2 Board members for 1 year

Scrutineers appointed: Susie Simcock and Neven Barbour

**MOTION:** That the scrutineers be accepted.  
Moved: Tony Johnston      Seconded: Linda Kenny      **CARRIED**

Three year term	Fran Hopkins and Gareth Fleming
Two year term	Greg McKeown (Linda Kenny was elected to a 3 year term in 2014)
One year term	Tony Johnston and Steve Dunbar

**MOTION:** That the voting papers be destroyed.  
Moved: Tony Johnston      Seconded: Neven Barbour      **CARRIED**

### **APPOINTMENT OF PATRON**

**MOTION:** That Dame Susan Devoy be appointed patron of Squash New Zealand for the year 2015 / 2016.  
Moved: Fran Hopkins      Seconded: Ash Brownrigg      **CARRIED**

### **ELECTION OF AUDITOR**

**MOTION:** That McGregor Bailey be appointed as auditor for the year 2015 / 2016.  
Moved: Doug Smart      Seconded: Ash Brownrigg      **CARRIED**

### **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY SOLICITOR**

**MOTION:** That Michael Sumpter be appointed as honorary solicitor for the year 2015 / 2016.  
Moved: Doug Smart      Seconded: Kevin Muir      **CARRIED**

### **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 10.17am**



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**SQUASH NEW ZEALAND AWARDS 2014 / 2015**

The SNZ award winners for 2014/2015 were:

Personality of the Year	Paul Coll
Chairman's Award	Kashif Shuja
Volunteer of the Year	Don MacDonald
Club of the Year	Ohakune Squash Club
New Coach of the Year	Keri Rhodes
Performance Coach of the Year	Mike Allred
Club School Coach of the Year	Manu Yam
Derek Cooke Memorial Trophy for Refereeing	Glenn Carson
Rob Roche Masters Award	Kaye Jackson

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

A remit from Squash Wellington proposing a change to the eligibility rules regarding district and SNZ board members had been received after the cut-off date. Willie Bicknell asked that this item be included on the agenda for the mid-year presidents meeting.

Doug Smart from Midlands suggested that all scoring be changed to PAR 11 and SNZ should review the rule around a higher graded player being allowed to select the type of ball. It was agreed to defer this discussion to the mid-year presidents meeting.

**WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION REPORT**

Jim O'Grady, SNZ delegate at the agm, reported that the focus of the discussions was on the Olympic bid and the failure of squash to make the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. Criticism had been directed at WSF particularly from PSA and there appeared to be a strong difference of opinion on why the bid had been unsuccessful.

A number of remits proposed changes to the governance structure of WSF but were unsuccessful however a remit from France to form a working group to review and come up with proposals for a new governance structure was passed. It was agreed the working group would present their findings by 31 March 2016 and a SGM would be held later that year. At the same time PSA have launched a "Global Task Force" along similar lines as the WSF working group.

The general meeting comprised presentations from the various programme directors including referees, coaching, development and championships.

Susie Simcock highlighted the difficulty of delegates attending a WSF agm for the first time and their understanding what is happening and the politics involved. She noted that Baseball and Softball were desperate to get into the Olympics and that there may have been a strategic move by Tokyo to take squash out. She also pointed out that a number of unfortunate events had conspired against squash but we have to work hard to keep squash on the regional programmes i.e. CWG, Pan American Games, etc. as this helps to keep our profile high and it influences funding.

**OCEANIA REPORT**

Neven Barbour reported on Oceania and the OSF AGM. Oceania relies heavily on Australia and New Zealand to support the work in the region. The South Pacific Games were held in PNG and a new facility had been built for squash leaving a lasting legacy for the sport. Tahiti has joined Oceania and squash in Fiji is starting to revitalise. Samoa had lost their courts but they built 5 new courts (3 singles and 2 doubles courts) for the Youth Commonwealth Games. OSF encourages these nations to become bigger and stronger and will provide assistance through coaching and development programmes in the future.

### **WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2017**

Philip Vodanovich outlined the plans for squash at the World Masters Games in Auckland in 2017. Squash Auckland and Squash New Zealand have partnered to host squash at the Northshore Squash Club which is planning a major upgrade prior to the event. It was noted that there will be more than 25,000 athletes and another 10,000 supporters at the event. There are 28 sports and 45 disciplines. Susie Simcock is an ambassador for the games along with Sarah Fitzgerald.

Susie Simcock emphasised the importance of the event for squash and the work being done to promote the games around the world. It will be the largest sporting event in NZ in the next decade and will be larger than the Rugby World Cup. Registrations open 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 and volunteer recruitment begins in March.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Neven Barbour discussed the promotion of glass courts and how glass can be used for renovations as well as new construction. He noted that visibility will grow with these different courts over the coming years and the outdoor courts are something we can do here to grow our sport.

On a personal note Neven encouraged every club to install or have access to a defibrillator having experienced first-hand the life-saving capability of this vital piece of equipment.

Greg McKeown thanked the SNZ staff for their efforts throughout the year.

### **THE GENERAL MEETING CLOSED AT 10.55am**