



**Minutes of the Squash NZ
AGM 2011
Copthorne Hotel, Quay Street, Auckland
Saturday 26 November 2011, 9.00am**

Neil McAra opened the meeting and welcomed delegates and observers including Squash NZ staff, Squash NZ Life Members, District staff and award recipients.

ROLL CALL

SNZ Executive Board

Toni-Maree Carnie
Neil McAra
Tony Johnston
Wayne Werder
Warren Patterson
Tony Alexander

SNZ Staff

Jim O'Grady
Pennie Ball
Dave Clarke
Michael Pittams
Paul Hornsby

SNZ Life Members

Butch Gifford
Susie Simcock
Norm Coe
Don Cotter
Bill Murphy
Neven Barbour
Michael Sumpter

District Presidents

Ash Brownrigg
Stuart Camp
Leah Goodhew
Russell Brocks
Adam Lyall
Doug Smart

District Staff

Sharon Hema
Karina Ormsby
Robbie Wyatt
Jared Gravatt
Sharon Crawford
Sharon Patterson
Penny Carmichael
Steve Hodges
Philip Vodanovich

SNZ Directors

Wayne Seebeck
Joss Urbahn

SNZ Award Recipients

Ernie Dumper
Mirelle McDonald
Nick Wiffen
Mark Waldin

Other Observers

Grant Smith
Rob Walker
Trevor Colyer
Anne Murphy
McDonald
Bryce McDonald
Alvil McDonald
Shane Reed

District Board members

Graeme Randolph
Jane Gadsby
Michelle Sanson
Wayne Adsett
Andrew Eade
Jo Noonan
Vicki Herdman
Wayne Wills
Barry Whitely

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Peter Reynolds, Murray Day, Linda Kenny, Tim Marshall, Kate von Biel

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Ash Brownrigg

Seconded: Graeme Randolph

CARRIED

VOTING DELEGATES CONFIRMATION

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

Result:

Southland	3	Russell Brocks	Northland	3	Leah Goodhew
Midlands	3	Doug Smart	Canterbury	3	Stu Camp
Auckland	6	Wayne Adsett	Central	3	Adam Lyall
Bay of Plenty	3	Ash Brownrigg	Eastern	3	Proxy to Adam Lyall
Waikato	4	Barry Whitely	Wellington	5	Proxy to Tony Alexander
Otago	3	Proxy to Rob Walker			

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2010's AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Butch Gifford Seconded: Karina Ormsby **CARRIED**

There were no other matters arising.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Neil McAra presented his report for 2010/2011.

MOTION: That the Chair's Report be adopted.

Moved: Russell Brocks Seconded: Doug Smart **CARRIED**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Jim O'Grady presented his report for 2010/2011.

MOTION: That the Chief Executive's Report be adopted.

Moved: Graeme Randolph Seconded: Stuart Camp **CARRIED**

FINANCE REPORT

Neil McAra spoke to Squash NZ's financial performance in 2010/2011.

Discussion points included

- Don Cotter clarified to the floor that the Long or Short book had broken even (which was in the figures, but wasn't made clear enough) and that the Squash NZ contribution to the Hall of Fame was \$5,000.
- The amount of Accounts Receivable was queried. This was explained as overdue sponsorship payments and overdue club SEM payments.

MOTION: That the Finance Report be adopted.

Moved: Neil McAra Seconded: Ash Brownrigg **CARRIED**

BUDGET

Neil McAra presented the budget for in 2011/2012.

Squash Wellington suggestion that the current District Grading Levy be removed

- Suggestions were to remove the GL levy and increase the SEM club levies
- The point was made that the Districts pay the GL levy whilst the clubs pay the SEM levy
- Leah Goodhew suggested that this discussion should occur throughout the year with a remit put forward for the 2012 AGM if necessary.
- The meeting agreed that the Grading Levy charge should remain for the current year.
- Bill Murphy, Squash NZ Life Member, expressed concern that Districts and clubs should describe themselves as "customers" of Squash New Zealand and reminded the floor that they were all here to grow the game for the real "customers" – the people who play the game of squash.

Karina Ormsby questioned where spending for the Year of Women's Squash belonged.

- Pennie Ball responded with information about the project which outlined there was currently no money for the project but if funding money was gained, this would be money in, money out.

Grant Smith questioned whether Squash NZ were confident of gaining \$100,000 in funding/sponsorship

- Jim O'Grady confirmed that this included Gaming Trust funding and that discussions were already in place with potential Gaming Trust funders and sponsors.

Leah Goodhew questioned what the District Development Investment fund, which would not be available from March-September 2012, would be spent on

- Neil McAra commented that this decision had not yet been confirmed
- Many Districts expressed that this "development" funding should be used to develop the game at "grassroots" level and expressed concern that the money was being redirected from Districts who have received this funding for numerous years, to Squash NZ
- Stuart Camp felt the funding would have more impact from Squash NZ than distributing it to Districts who would all have a small amount
- Neil McAra commented that Squash NZ had directed the funding to Districts for the past decade but squash membership numbers were reducing annually so it was now time to try something different (Steve Hodges suggested that the membership numbers did not reflect that numbers were indeed growing).

Philip Vodanovich expressed a desire for Squash NZ to be more open and transparent around the District Development Investment (DDI) and the processes surrounding its removal.

- Other Districts also commented that they felt that Squash NZ had not communicated clearly the impending removal of the DDI

There was suggestion that the budget should be released to Districts one week prior to the AGM so that the budget could be voted on at the AGM

- Neil McAra noted that it is not a constitutional requirement that the budget is accepted at AGM and that the Squash NZ board would consider all discussion points moving forward.

MOTION: That Squash New Zealand collects \$460,000 plus GST in affiliation levies in the in 2011/2012 financial year.

Moved: Stuart Camp

Seconded: Doug Smart

CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Five nominations had been received for four positions: Neil McAra, Linda Kenny, Andrew Eade, Wayne Werder and Tony Johnston.

The voting procedure as outlined in the AGM papers sent to Districts was confirmed. The total number of votes was confirmed at 39. Life members Butch Gifford and Susie Simcock were appointed as Scrutineers and voting papers distributed.

In the ballot Linda Kenny was eliminated and the four remaining nominees were formally appointed to the SNZ Executive:

- Neil McAra
- Wayne Werder
- Andrew Eade
- Tony Johnston

MOTION: That the ballot papers from this election be destroyed.

Moved: Ash Brownrigg

Seconded: Russell Brocks

CARRIED

The ballot papers were then destroyed.

NATIONAL EVENT RULE CHANGE

Squash Midlands requested that the rules surrounding team playing order at national teams’ events are reconsidered so that the team order HAS to reflect the Grading List and does not allow for teams to select their own team order. Discussion points included

- Squash Auckland backed this suggestion.
- There is potential for clubs/players to manipulation the Grading List to suit their needs
- Suggested that Grading List is not always completely accurate as highlighted by the fact that the national ranking lists do not rely entirely on the Grading List.
- Jim O’Grady said that Squash NZ would take this into consideration for the national events rules review which is currently taking place

MEMBERSHIP DATA

Squash Wellington suggested (in writing beforehand) that the requirement for all clubs to provide membership details to Squash NZ and their Districts is removed from the constitution. Squash Wellington was not present to discuss their suggestion. Discussion points included

- All other Districts in the room disagreed with this suggestion as they felt that the data was very useful and that the online portal provided free of charge from Squash NZ was a great method of collecting this data.
- Pennie Ball noted that many other sports are envious of the fact that squash collects and maintains this data and does it via an online portal that makes it easy for their clubs.

AGM REPRESENTATION

Disappointment was expressed by various people at the lack of representation from three Districts at the AGM, Squash NZ awards and the two forums.

PROACTIVE APPROACH

Rob Walker from Club Kelburn suggested that there would be less negativity in the sport if clubs and Districts took a more proactive approach to helping themselves.

BOUNDARY REVIEW

The possibility of changes to existing Squash NZ district boundaries was discussed. The floor requested that the Squash NZ Board presented some options to the District presidents at the mid-year meeting.

DON GREEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Squash NZ Life Member Michael Sumpter acknowledged the contribution of fellow Life Member Don Green to Squash New Zealand and to squash in New Zealand. Don was inducted into the NZ Squash Hall of Fame last year but passed away earlier in 2011. Life Member Norman Coe supported this recognition.

THE GENERAL MEETING CLOSED AT 12.00pm

Signed Date