



**Minutes of the Squash NZ
AGM 2012
Jet Park Hotel and Conference Centre, Auckland
Saturday 1 December 2012, 9.00am**

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

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
Neven Barbour
Don Cotter
Michael Sumpter
Murray Day

District Presidents

Ash Brownrigg
Tim Marshall
Leah Goodhew
Grant Smith
Neil McDonald
Doug Smart
Mickayla Kerr
Stephen O'Toole

District Staff

Fleur Townsend
Karina Ormsby
Robbie Wyatt
Pauline Slovak
Sharon Crawford
Philip Vodanovich
Bruce Thirkell

SNZ Directors

Wayne Seebeck
Chris Buckland

SNZ Selectors

Aileen Buscke
Nicky Dunlop
Michel Galloway

Other Observers

Gerard DeCourcy
Rob Walker
Michael Taylor

District Board Members

Nicol Bekker
Jason Fletcher
Kate von Biel
Linda Kenny
Tony Harrison
Jo Noonan
Murray Sutherland
Gail Bingham

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Bill & Ann Murphy, Stuart Camp, Wayne Wills, Norm Coe, Ross Norman, Ernie Dumper, Russell Brocks, Andrew Eade, Dean Remihana, Paul Brown, Wayne Adsett.

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Tony Alexander

Seconded: Wayne Werder

CARRIED

VOTING DELEGATES CONFIRMATION

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

Result:

Southland	3	No Delegate*	Northland	3	Leah Goodhew
Midlands	3	Doug Smart	Canterbury	3	Proxy – Tony Harrison
Auckland	7	Tim Marshall	Central	3	Grant Smith
Bay of Plenty	3	Ash Brownrigg	Eastern	3	Proxy - Murray Sutherland
Waikato	4	Stephen O’Toole	Wellington	4	Mickayla Kerr
Otago	3	Neil McDonald			

***Note:** Squash Southland had no voting delegate and no proxy votes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

MOTION: That the minutes of the 2011’s AGM be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Philip Vodanovich **Seconded:** Karina Ormsby **CARRIED**
There were no other matters arising.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Neil McAra presented his report for 2011/2012.

MOTION: That the Chair’s Report be adopted.

Moved: Leah Goodhew **Seconded:** Wayne Werder **CARRIED**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE’S REPORT

Jim O’Grady presented his report for 2011/2012.

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

Moved: Tony Harrison **Seconded:** Philip Vodanovich **CARRIED**

FINANCE REPORT

Neil McAra spoke to Squash NZ’s financial performance in 2011/2012.

Discussion points included:

- Noted the cash in advance was funding from Sport NZ and HPSNZ for October – December 2012.
- The National Squash Centre loan was for \$293,073.
- Regional development expenditure included staff salaries.

MOTION: That the Finance Report be adopted.

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

BUDGET

Neil McAra presented the budget for in 2012/2013, which had been circulated in advance.

The Squash in Schools programme budget was \$50,000 of which \$10,000 was confirmed and the balance would require funding from grants. If grant funding was unsuccessful the board could decide to use reserves. The High Performance budget reflected three international events in the new financial year.

MOTION: That Squash New Zealand collects \$450,000 plus GST in affiliation levies for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Moved: Butch Gifford **Seconded:** Philip Vodanovich **CARRIED**

REMITTS

After discussion the three remits submitted by Squash Wellington were withdrawn and moved to the general business session after the annual general meeting.

1. Constitutional Change – Rule 14.5

Existing Rule.

14.5 Elected Board members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for election to the Board shall be forwarded in writing to the Chief Executive no later than 40 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting and 30 days' notice of such nominations shall be given to all members. In the event of their being insufficient or no nominations for the positions, nominations from the floor shall be accepted by the meeting, but provided any person whose nomination has been submitted in writing for any of the elected Board positions shall automatically be elected to that position. Nominations for election to the Board shall only come from Member Districts and any District can nominate candidates from anywhere in New Zealand. Nominees must be a financial or life member of a member club.

Proposed Change.

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Doug Smart commented that the vetting process for nominations from the floor or late nominations did not allow enough scrutiny of a candidate's suitability for the role.

MOTION: That the proposed change be adopted.

Moved: Tony Alexander

Seconded: Tony Harrison

CARRIED

2. Constitutional Change – Rule 5.2.3

Existing Rule.

5.2.3 Persons or organisations wishing to join the Association as an Associate Member shall make written application to the Chief Executive and all such applications shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

The annual subscription for Associate Membership shall be fixed in Annual or Special General Meeting of the Association as provided for in Rule 6.1.1.

Schools up to and including secondary school level, and owning or operating their own squash courts, or schools up to and including secondary school level that do not own or operate their own courts and whose pupils do not have access to the squash courts of an affiliated member club of Squash New Zealand, may apply to join the Association as an Associate Member and shall pay an annual subscription equal to 50% of the normal Associate Membership fee.

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SQUASH NEW ZEALAND AWARDS 2011-2012

Personality of the Year	Butch Gifford
Club of the Year	Devoy Squash and Fitness Centre
Volunteer of the Year	Deb Boyd-Collins
New Coach of the Year	Stuart Fraser
District Performance Coach of the Year	Carol Owens
Club School Coach of the Year	Murray Sutherland
Chairman's Award	Tauranga Squash Club Relocation Committee
Derek Cooke Memorial Trophy for Refereeing	Glenn Carson

WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION REPORT

Gerard DeCourcy provided an update from the World Squash Federation annual general meeting and conference.

- The focus for WSF is currently on the Olympic bid with a decision in September 2013
- Trials are being conducted using different coloured glass floors and using video replays
- Glass courts with doors located on the side for better viewing from behind
- iPhone applications for the three referee system
- 2013 WSF AGM will be held in Christchurch
- The inclusion and development of Racketball is not a priority for WSF

SQUASH NZ DIRECTORS, SELECTORS

Squash NZ Chief Executive Jim O'Grady acknowledged the work of Chris Buckland, Referee's Director and Wayne Seebeck, Masters Director. He also thanked senior selectors Michel Galloway and Willie Bicknell and junior selectors Nicky Dunlop and Aileen Buscke.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Michael Pittams, Squash Director, gave an update on national events and the calendar. He explained some of the issues surrounding scheduling events on the national calendar and the effect international events such as the Australian Open can have on our national events.

The inaugural Champion of Champions event had proved to be very successful with players and districts expressing strong support for the event in 2013.

There was strong support for the mandatory attendance of all contracted players in the SNZ HP programme at the national team's event. Most districts felt that the player contracts should include a clause making it compulsory for players to be in the team's event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Double Dot Ball –Squash Wellington

Where a B grade player and lower graded player of C1 or below meet, the higher graded player chooses the ball. This is in line with the higher seeded player having the advantage.

There was general support for this proposal and the board would recommend changes to event policies where applicable.

Eyewear – Squash Wellington

All juniors (Under 19 players and below) competing in ALL Junior events must wear eyewear. SNZ recommends the use of protective eyewear by all players.

There was considerable discussion on this proposal and recognition that in NZ players are covered by ACC. Some felt that any decision should be based on age and ability and a number felt that it was a deterrent to kids taking up the game. Most districts indicated they had a policy regarding juniors wearing eyewear in their regional and club events. Chris Buckland felt that juniors should wear protective eyewear in all events.

Eyewear was mandatory for ALL WSF Junior events and ALL SNZ Junior National events.

The SNZ board will consider the recommendation and gather information from each district on their respective policies.

Superchamps - Squash Wellington

Super champ qualification date should change to 1 May (rather than 15 June).

The purpose of this change is to allow teams more time for training and fundraising prior to the regional play-offs. It will also allow less time for players to drop points by losing matches purposely to qualify in the lower grade. The seeding date for the regional play-offs should be changed to 2 weeks prior to the start of the event. NB This may happen due to the earlier hosting of district Super champs. This was discussed at Council of a clubs meeting before the new dates were published.

There was general support that an earlier cut-off date for Superchamps eligibility would be acceptable. No major concerns were raised about a change of date and most felt that it would better suit clubs and players. The board would recommend the inclusion of this change for future events.

B Grade – PAR 11

A change to PAR 11 from PAR 15 for Superchamps and Champion of Champions was discussed.

There was majority support for this change and the board would recommend the inclusion of this change in future events.

THE GENERAL MEETING CLOSED AT 10.45am

Signed Date