

**Central Squash Committee meeting Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2015,  
10.30am at Kawaroa Park**

Meeting opened 10.31am

**Present:** Grant Smith, Mike Jack, Kaye Carter, Sylvia Penny, Sally Stantiall, Kent Darlington, Kelly Faint and Pauline Slovak (minute taker).

**Apologies:** Marilyn Dolan, Rob Brownrigg, Emma Burnell, Rod Bannister and John Laurenson.

**Previous Minutes:** Ran through action list.

*Moved by: Grant Smith, Seconded by Mike Jack, and Carried.*

**Matters arising:**

Pauline to get some policy from Sport NZ especially around the Health and safety.

Sally still trying to get Kiwi Sport, Coachforce and Kiwi Squash tidied up from handover.

Confirmed Sylvia and Sally to go with Luke to Sport Taranaki.

Spoke about the Central Juniors- only about 6 players from out of town supported it. It was 1 of 4 selection tournaments and the players only had to choose two. Kelly said it should be more central as getting to Ohakune put most off. It should be around Marton or Wanganui but we have to have it Central for all players not just SquashGym. Kent suggested making it one of the 2 selection tournaments and making it compulsory. Grant said it would be a shame for it to fold we need to put some emphasis into it. Kelly suggested we change the date it was in a period when they were all playing a bunch of tournaments.

Grant said we need to put some prestige into the tournament to get the entries. Kelly said we need to put some prizes in and look at the date. Perhaps Central can budget 500 -1,000 for prize money next year.

Kelly said date in May for Central Juniors would be a better suit. Kelly said the juniors are either coming from KP or SquashGym so it needs to be centralised for those two locations. Kent and Mike said yes Wanganui is the ideal place or alternatively at another club nearby. Grant asked Kelly and Sally to come up with a package to build this event back up.

Jubilee to be organised by Grant, Pauline, Sylvia and Kent.

Constitution changes to be drafted for Jubilee with name changing from Central Squash to Squash Central.

Priority to get website content sorted.

Taranaki Zone to come under Squash Central, Pauline to advise Taranaki Zone that Interclub come under the district as from 2016 and draws and planning to be done by a zone committee.

**Correspondence inwards & outwards**

2 funding applications accepted. All Super Champs entries received numbers up significantly, especially in the F and E grades. Calendar form for 2016 sent out.

*Pauline moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, Grant Smith seconded, Carried.*

**Presidents Report** – Grant Smith

I went to SNZ mid-year Presidents meeting and SNZ are going through their own funding circles at the moment that are quite outcome driven and they are looking at comments from us.

Numbers are up around the country. Mostly due to Secondary Schools grading lists.

Letter of congratulations to Kashif for being selected as NZ Team Manager.

High Performance budget for Squash NZ has reduced considerably. HP hubs being introduced in Auckland, Cambridge, Palmerston North and Christchurch. This will reduce travel costs of bringing players to Auckland all the time. Central players in the SNZ HP programmes are Luke Jones, Kaitlyn Watts, Danielle Fourie and Rebecca Barnett.

Luke Morriss is the new guy who has taken over from Penny at Squash NZ. He was really good and said Sport NZ says Squash is known for being organised and takes care of itself. He is coming down and meeting with the 3 sports trusts and us later this month. We have a good relationship with the sports trusts in our district.

Wellington numbers have dropped dramatically. Other districts are doing well and Auckland is doing great especially with the Secondary Schools. We have got to invest in our junior programmes even if we over invest, as they are our future.

**Administration Report** – Pauline Slovak

Website Update due to be released 27th July, need content to GSA by Tuesday, should have link to see old website in next day or two

Super Champs information is all out. Master poster junior Prince final poster out. Prince prizes all sorted and on hand. Master trophies sorted.

Secondary Schools we have about 80 kids to go on this list and will invoice sport Manawatu \$5 for each of them which we pass onto SNZ.

Newsletter - Hope to produce a newsletter late July so we can include Super Champs and Open results, please get any inclusions to me in the next two weeks.

Grant asked that Newsletters to go to Sports Trust as well when we send them out.

District dates to be set. Juniors maybe going to Wanganui, Central to do the Draws. Kent to approach Wanganui to see if they want to host it.

Grant asked if KP want the Central Open again. Sylvia and Mike said yes. Grant said maybe we could support them more with the money. We need to have approx. \$5,000 to attract the top players.

#### **Masters – Mike Jack**

We have a team taking shape. Mike is going on leave to go overseas but he will contact a few people and try and sort availability before he goes on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Hopefully Tamsyn might play Individuals. Mickayla and Rod may be made to play for district if they want to be in NZ team, which will be good. For next year Grant suggested approaching Inglewood to host Masters.

There will be a men's 60+ division for first time this year.

#### **Coaching report – Sally Stantiall**

Peter Amott, Kaye Carter and myself all attended the Squash New Zealand Coaching Conference in Auckland recently. A fabulous opportunity to learn from some top coaches and discuss the new coaching framework. I have had a busy month, working at this stage on catching up with reporting to finalize some grants, and therefore start applying for new ones. I have met with both Sport Manawatu and Wanganui, and have formed a strong link and look forward to working with them, as their input will be invaluable. I am staying in New Plymouth and will meet with Sport Taranaki tomorrow. I am contacting all the clubs to ask them what they feel they would like Central to offer them within the coaching framework, and will work on making a plan with this information going forward. I have had a successful term in running KiwiSquash programmes in Feilding and Marton, and am now looking to approach some schools in Palmerston and Wanganui for the following terms. Many thanks to Pauline and Rob for the help I have received in settling into the role and for the information they have helped to find. Luke Morris from Squash New Zealand is due here later this month and has meetings in place with us to discuss some new coaching modules amongst other squash happenings. A busy and exciting start!

We need some more people to deliver some programmes. Grant said try and get Pete Arnett. Pete Mischeifski should be doing it as well.

#### **Finance Report – Rob Brownrigg**

Bank Balances as at 9<sup>th</sup> July

Cheque account \$33,509.74

Term Deposits \$37,917.69

Debenture SPN \$10,000.00

TSB has not been done yet, we are going to invest \$10,000 into TSB. SquashGym \$10,000 debenture paid.

Chase up Junior deposit has been repaid. Stratford to be chased up about overdue affiliation fees. Sally asked about whether we can charge a school for KiwiSquash, Grant said yes.

While our accounts are looking very healthy at the moment we still have around \$30,000 to go out for rep team travel.

*Grant Smith Moved accounts be paid, seconded by Mike Jack, Carried.*

#### **High Performance Report – Kent Darlington**

- Kaitlyn, Luke off too Junior World Champs in Holland
- Had NI Champs, which was a selection tournament for Nationals, couple didn't get in draw that should have.
- Luke moved to A1 now
- Kashif appointed NZ Team Coach
- Rep fixtures coming up: v Eastern 1st August at Squashgym, v Wellington 8th August in Wgtn, both districts have asked we match their teams and not put top teams in. Wellington is struggling with numbers.
- NZ Nationals 21st – 25th August at Chch Football Club.
- This tournament (CD Open) we are to name Nationals the one-dayer teams will be named later. We will name 16 for Nationals to do the training. We would like to take the non-travelling reserves this year. Central to pay entry fee and players to pay rest. Kelly asked if you would name them in the team? Yes they are named as reserve.
- Nationals – we have good depth in Women's availability & hopefully will be able to back up last years win with another solid seeding. The Men's lineup will be stronger than last year, top 2 A1's. Bit of a battle between players for the last 2 spots
- Eastern & Wellington One Day teams – I have been in contact with both districts and they are down on firepower. They have asked me to see if we can match up & not play our top line ups as we have done in the past. We will delay our line-ups until I receive both Eastern & Wgtns teams.
- HP Fee Payments – Only have 3 left, Daniel & Cameron Foster, Jason Baty. David Greer paid up. He decided to pull out of the HP squad when we sat down with him at the Palmy tournament.
- Lotto bonus ball fundraiser I was looking at doing struggling to do - Grant said hand it off to men's and women's captains to do.

- Looking ahead after this tournament as a HP squad this will be the last time I have the whole group together. Things will change next year, as I need Senior Zone squads to be set up which will involve hopefully all of our players. The HP side of things will be turning into top 8 men & women that Grant W, Kashif & myself can focus on. We will need to have a planning meeting around October (like we did last year) & plan next year with the likes of Kashif, Grant Watts, Kelly, Kent and Sally.
- Mickayla Kerr – She will probably be named for NZ masters and that will use all her time and leave. She may play for us for teams. She would have to fly in Monday morning and fly back Tuesday night. This will push Vanessa out though and that's why we want to take her as reserve.

### **Juniors Report – Kelly Faint**

Last selection tournament next week is NI juniors and I have had a talk with Grant Watts about selection. We will name our team the Wednesday after NI Juniors. Gina Bailey is injured so she maybe out of team. Kelly said she thinks we shouldn't take an injured player. Sally said she hasn't played any selection tournaments either. Grant Watts still thinks we should take her. Secondary schools we have 33 boys and 20 girls teams entered. Palmerston North Girls are looking strong. With the juniors Kashif has been doing a lot of training and we even have a couple BOP boys coming down. Central Juniors Sally and Kelly will work out a date. Grant said work out a package and bring it back to the board and we will try and rebuild this Central Juniors. Kelly said when SPN parents have said to her they don't want to travel she told them the support is repaid by Central when the kids get into National teams.

### **Rules and refereeing – Mike Jack**

Rules and Refereeing Report - Referee night at Stratford was a bit of a non- event 3 adults 4 juniors. Best question of the night came from a 10 yr. old! The club ref exam is going to be developed so that it can be completely online and it will make it really easy for us to push the exam to players.

Rules and refereeing evenings - 3 at KP 1 at Stratford. Di has done one at Taihape and Rangitikei.

Di Tasker is running a few refereeing evenings and is happy to do them around MWR.

There will be an online ref test being developed so it will be a lot easier next year.

### **Taranaki Zone - Sylvia**

Tournament is ticking along well this weekend.

KP – Central Open being held this weekend with 118 entries. Good draws in the top divisions – 16 draws for men's and women's opens.

6 x SuperChamp teams entered in the CD S/Champs – unfortunately none from men's D, E & F grade and women's F grades. We couldn't get anyone to take charge and coach/manage these grades. This is something for us to work on for next year.

Is there an opportunity for Junior grades to have a SuperChamp equivalent? Or is this in the not really viable, appropriate/too hard basket?

Membership steady this year – 60 juniors attending the Friday night programme.

KP is fortunate in being able to hire the lounge facility for weddings/functions and Xmas events. We have 8 weddings booked in Jan/Feb 2016 along with our usual Xmas bookings.

Lots of repairs & maintenance happening this year – some of it not budgeted for!

### Waitara

After nearly declaring their club redundant - an AGM was held which I attended along with Gael Win – our KP president, ( last AGM was 2013) and a new committee was formed.

Since then they have:

- Gained 54 members in total
- Received a grant from Methanex to cover cost of the KlwiSquash equipment
- Started a junior programme on Sunday afternoons.
- Offered a GrabOne deal – with 6 people joining under that
- Obtained tin sponsorship for a court tin.
- Run a great article in the local Midweek newspaper.

So, things are looking up there – they need some more training for the junior coaches though. We need to ascertain whether Kaye Carter can be paid through Central to facilitate the Small & Big Nix programmes at Waitara.

12 – 16 kids and they want some training for big and small nics, Kaye to go out there a couple of times and train them up to deliver their own programme. We have all the funding waiting. Grant said do a lot with them you can have a budget of \$500. Sally to come up for 1 training session with them.

### Inglewood

Always a busy club – membership is nearly 100

56 entries at their B Grade tournament – with good sponsorship and good junior divisions.

Triathlon nights are popular with 6 week competitions. These nights consist of teams made up on the night and playing squash, cards and darts.

A lot of credit to the stalwarts at Inglewood – the Stachurskis, Janet Andrews and Jeff Ansell. They do an amazing job.

No information received from any other Taranaki Clubs.

Success story is Waitara!

### MWR Zone – Marilyn Dolan and Sally Stantiall

The zone has been quiet lately. I am working on contacting all the clubs to make sure all of their interclub players are sitting the referee exam. Several clubs have taken up the offer to have someone go in and run a rule and ref night followed by taking the exam. Interclub has been going well; luckily Marilyn included a few break/catch up weeks in between round, as a few teams need them, due mainly to the weather and teams not being able to travel.

Host clubs dinner and sponsor shirts as last year. Discussed about women playing men for interclub and Marilyn has made a rule that only B and above can play in men's interclub.

Grant said Sally should look at succession for her role as MWR President.

Sylvia said she was going to look at getting someone at Sport Taranaki to take over draws of Taranaki Interclub. Funding would have to come through Sport Taranaki and TSB.

### General Business

Grant said in Taranaki we should get the Secondary schools going and get Interclub being run by Sport Taranaki.

Kent to make planning meeting date. Kent to ask Wanganui if they can host Central juniors.

Champion of Champions is being held in Hawera this year so probably want to look at Wanganui or Rangitikei for hosting next year due to Central location.

Jubilee - Good exhibition match, dinner, Awards. Sub committee to help run that. Grant to help with Pauline, Kent and Sylvia.

Grant suggested getting caterers in and tables set up. Suggested we ask members if your coming as delegate it's free and others have to pay a little. Dave Campbell was suggested by Kent as a good contact person at the Wanganui club.

I pager out about what we are doing with Jubilee celebration.

Pauline to circulate key dates for calendar to team managers and Grant, they are to respond get to her with preferred dates tomorrow.

1 days for 2016 Eastern host, Waikato host and Wellington here these will need to go into calendar but need to discuss dates with the other district. Kent to liaise with other district HP directors and come back to John Laurensen with dates and venues.

Trailer in Wanganui is damaged and needs repairing. It is still worth a lot of money and we still need to look after it and get it in use.

Other courts - Pete has one in Stratford, SquashGym has one and Sport Wanganui has the other inflatable.

Sport Manawatu – do they have anywhere to store it? Mike asked if we should sell it. Grant said no we should hold onto at least 1 Perspex court.

Hunterville fundraising ball went well raising around \$9,000 for the club.

Meeting closed 12:14pm

Next meeting Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at BNZ Palmerston North

Minutes certified as true and correct

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Action List

19.4.15	Policies to be developed and put in place.	Committee	Before end of year.
7.6.15	Coaching funding to be spent, plan needs to be put in place.	Sally, Rob and Pauline to liaise	done
12.7.15	Luke, Kashif and Kaitlyn to be sent congratulations letter	Pauline	ASAP
12.7.15	Pauline to ask Inglewood if they will host Central Masters in 2016	Pauline	Wanganui approached by Rod and agreed to host it.
12.7.15	Plan to be put together to rebuild Central Juniors, location, date prizes etc.	Kelly and Sally	Before next meeting. Date needed by end of July.
19.4.15	Draft change Central Squash to Squash Central in the constitution to be passed at the next AGM	Pauline	Before AGM remits are sent out.
7.6.15	Grant to be advised as soon as accountability is done for NZCT so we can reapply to them for the Rep teams. Grant will ring the Trustees.	Rob	ASAP

7.6.15	Sally to get onto applying to Sport Manawatu for funding for this year	Sally	ASAP
7.6.15	Make date for planning meeting in October some time after all rep teams are back	Kent	After back from Nationals
12.7.15	Kaye to work with Waitara to build Junior programme and train them in Big nics and Small nics.	July/Aug	
12.7.15	Sally to help Kaye with coach training at Waitara and attend 1 session	Sally	July/Aug
12.7.15	Keep Brett in loop about what's happening with MWR Interclub and what sponsorship money is being spent on.	Sally	Aug
12.7.15	1 pager out about what's happening with Jubilee	Pauline	ASAP when plan in place
12.7.15	Micro court sitting at Wanganui Squash Club to be repaired and stored in Palmerston North. Need to try and find somewhere to store it.	Pauline	ASAP – need storage location?
12.7.15	Chase up Stratford overdue affiliation fees	Rob	ASAP
12.7.15	Rep teams to do fundraising to help towards costs.	Kent, Kelly and Mike	Before leaving for Nationals.
12.7.15	Coaching of bib and small nics to be facilitated at Waitara, buget \$500 to help them as much as possible.	Kaye	July/Aug