

**Central Squash Committee meeting Sunday 15th June,
10.30am at SquashGym, Palmerston North**

Meeting opened 10.30am

Present: Sally Stantiall, Rob Brownrigg, Jason Fletcher, Rod Bannister, Grant Smith, Sylvia Penny, Mike Jack, Alastair White, John Laurenson, Andrea Herbert, Kelly Faint joined meeting at 10:56am and Pauline Slovak (minute taker).

Apologies: Kaye Elliott, Marilyn Dolan.

Previous Minutes: Ran through action list. All confirmed. Taken as read.

Moved by: Grant Smith, Seconded by: Rob Brownrigg, Carried

Matters arising: Some clubs around the region have received some large grants, which is great. Ohakea is going to rebuild with 2 courts planned.

Correspondence inwards & outwards

Pauline moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, Rob Brownrigg seconded. Carried

Presidents Report – Grant Smith:

It's been a busy time with SNZ a lot of changes with the Levy system; it will be passed at the upcoming Presidents meeting in 3 weeks. We need to think about what we are going to do on a district level. My personal opinion is we just wait and see how it goes. Under the new levy system the little clubs will pay more and the bigger clubs will be better off. Alastair asked if we would vote for it at the presidents meeting. Grant said it would go through no matter what we vote, but yes we will support it as long as they don't include the court license fee. Grant will vote against Court Levy (if this is amongst proposal). It will bring more money through from Commercial centres.

Administration Report – Pauline Slovak

New domain name and email addresses.

A new domain name has been set up for the website www.squashcentral.co.nz for the time being this is being redirected to the current central squash website. Inspire has advised that our current web management system CRM will be retired soon. They will move the new website to a new server with better technology once its ready to launch.

Several email aliases have been set up to go with the new branding and are now up and running they are;

President@squashcentral.co.nz - Grant Smith

admin@squashcentral.co.nz - Pauline Slovak

development@squashcentral.co.nz - Jason Fletcher (coach@centralsquash still goes to Jason as well)

district.capt@squashcentral.co.nz - Marilyn Dolan

coach@squashcentral.co.nz - Kashif Shuja

finance@squashcentral.co.nz - Rob Brownrigg

With the emails being position descriptive they can be easily redirected when people change positions without new addresses having to be published.

Secondary School Grading list

There is now a Central Secondary School club, which will be administered by myself. Any secondary school kids wishing to go on the grading list can be entered into this club at a cost of \$5 each. This money goes directly to SNZ with Central deciding not to add a charge on at this time. It is planned to make it compulsory for all kids playing in district secondary school competitions to be on the grading list and the \$5 charge is to be added to the entry fee.

Funding

We have received \$5,000 for rep team travel from Pub Charity. Attached is an updated funding schedule. We still require another \$5,000 – 10,000 for Coaching and admin wages which we will hopefully receive from either the Lion Foundation or Infinity.

Rep uniforms

A minimum number of uniforms were ordered on 5.5.14 they take about 6-8 weeks so should arrive in the next few weeks.

Uniforms were discussed and it was decided that all teams get their uniforms for free and get to keep them, including Masters. The cost of the uniforms would be partially subsidised by the player's contribution.

Prince Series

With 3 tournaments left in the Prince player's series the numbers registered are 46 but only around 11 people are following the series and have played 2 or more tournaments. The junior Prince is going well however, with 33 juniors having played two or more tournaments. Clubs continue to be slow at getting results back with a few having to be contacted 4-5 times before results being received.

Coaching report – Jason Fletcher

Zone squads have started and have had a couple of sessions. Manawatu has about 12 – 15; Taranaki had 35 on the first day and has dropped a little but still great numbers. Their feedback is they need some help with higher graded players. Wanganui has had low numbers but will keep working on it. Sally said there have been a lot of clashes with the Junior Prince series so once that stops it should be better. Rod said the clubs in Wanganui need to get their juniors training nights in order so there are more juniors to feed into the zone squads. Wanganui Zone is not charging as they don't want to put barriers in place and Rod said he would make a trip to Ohakune to do one training squad.

A few school programmes are going Sally is doing Feilding School. The kids and teacher think it's great. Sally has spoken to Feilding Squash Club and said make sure you do something with it. Have a club night and welcome them make sure there is something to follow on with.

Kaye is doing a school in New Plymouth. Paihiatua ran one and the feedback was good. Now we need to do some work in the Wanganui region and get something going there.

Big nix booklet is taking a long time and seems to have stalled. SNZ needs a push along with it.

I will schedule in some more coaching modules for coach force.

High Performance Report – Kent Darlington

Not much to report but getting into the business time of the rep season. Really after NI Champs we have 4 weeks until Central Open, then 6 weeks until Nationals.

We select the 6 man and 6 women team at the conclusion of the NI champs this weekend at SquashGym for the 1 Dayer against Eastern in Hastings on 28th June. There are a few that are unable to make this date and next year I would be keen to push this Eastern clash back like the Wellington one, closer to Nationals maybe, or at least away from any PSA tourneys.

Kashif has had regular training sessions with HP squad players that are keen & able to attend.

Kashif/myself & selectors will look at those who we will be inviting to attend the Central Open as a squad as we will be using this tournament as our 2nd camp/tourney scenario.

As far as eligibility goes for Nationals to date, all the girls have played 2 opens & just require Central Open, a few of the boys are lagging behind so I'll be talking to them this weekend and remind them.

Wellington has come back to us regarding my idea of putting up a cup for the Central v Wellington clash. They have accepted but won't contribute. No worries there as I'm personally keen to do it along with CS. Pauline has come up with history between the two districts & so will add all results to it. The idea being that whenever we clash with Eastern & Wellington we will have the Newbegin shield & the "???????" Cup up for grabs. If we do get back to the old days of a triangular between the 3 districts then they will still be up for grabs within the competition, along with the triangular trophy. We are still waiting on Eastern to come back & ok the history Pauline has done for the shield, which has a few years missing that we want to update.

Just for committee members so you can see what we are getting up to I have also attached the results from our 1st camp back in March. Kashif, Grant W & myself have added our comments and this just helps me/us plan going forward so we can hopefully create a fantastic camp situation. I had planned to send this to the players (been slack sorry) but will now hold off until just before we head to Central Open & then it can be a bit of discussion while we are there.

Eastern Clash is in 2 weeks time. The team will be named today and uniforms will be needed for a couple of players. Central Open is to be the second camp, in 4 weeks. Going to put them up in accommodation. There are a few that are up there in points but not doing the work so they will be told to pull finger. The Nationals team will be named about 3 weeks before Nationals. Kashif, Luke and Corbin all are going down to Invercargill PSA so they are unavailable for the 1 dayer. Next year we will book the 1 dayer in before tournaments on the calendar.

We will be a little weaker in the men's team for Nationals this year without Luke and Matt but the women's team will be strong..

Finance Report – Rob Brownrigg.

Bank Balances as at 12 June 2014

Cheque account \$16,336.21 Cr

Term Deposits \$17,657.35 Cr

\$36,412.04 Cr (Friends of CS deposit)

List of Ages Payables and Receivables received by all.

Everything pretty much up to date. Paskard item is Kiwi Squash gear we bought a couple of packs for the zones.

Sports Trusts will hopefully pay for these packs.

We have enough to clear all this up with Air NZ not to be paid for another month or so.

Statements to be sent out for monies owing.

Mark Gunning has been spoken to and said he has paid so perhaps this was entered under clothing.

RiverCity is looking into their amount and Trin is looking at sorting that.

SGPN are applying for funding for this amount but need to be chased before they fall behind too much.

Rob Brownrigg Moved accounts be paid, seconded by Rod Bannister, Carried

Juniors Report – Andrea Herbert

Tararua has 34 entries into Central Juniors, it the first time other districts have entered which is great to see. We will play to 11 best of 5 to get the games through on the two courts. The team for the Triangular will be named afterwards.

Date set for Wellington/Eastern/Central 1 dayer is set for 14th September in a Champion of Champion format. We will choose the top junior in each grade for boys and girls to play.

Masters – Mike Jack

No boys except Rod registered at 30th May. Rod and Mike to get on phone and get them registered. Pauline to provide grading list from C grade up.

Taranaki Zone - SylviaInglewood

I attended Inglewood's committee meeting on Monday 9 June. They have 11 on their committee

- The membership currently is about 90 - down on the same time as last year but they are hoping to pull a few new members from the various triathlon evenings they hold on a regular basis.

- On my suggestion a while ago they have increased their visitor fee... from \$4 to \$5!

- Inglewood has 3 or 4 teams going to Super Champs and the club pays the team entry fee.

- Juniors - 11 juniors going to club night.

Inglewood B grade tournament is on 4 - 6 August.

Inglewood wanted to know does CD still do banners for the various winners etc. - I said yes.

Waitara

Currently 41 paid up members

Attended a committee meeting out there - 4 came plus me.

Kaye and I organised an open evening 4- 6pm a few weeks ago - asked them to put an advert in the paper, sent the advert for publication. Never happened. Consequently the only people who turned up were 5 senior members and 4 juniors - who have joined at KP, there being no junior programme at Waitara. Quite frustrating.

Contacted TSB community trust on Waitara's behalf - informed me that Waitara are well overdue for a grant - they just have to apply!

Club night on Friday nights - 2 x players turned up so far.

Senior membership fee is \$245.

Waitara B Grade tourney 26- 28 June - encouraging KP members to play in this.

Will go to next meeting and try to get a firm plan of attack in place.

Grant asked who runs it, Sylvia advised Bridget.

KP

Very busy!

63 juniors registered for Friday night juniors - all of them are joined up as full members. We created an U11 sub.

Central Open now hosting a PSA closed draw

Ladder league still going strongly

6 x elimination teams to Super Champs - we don't pay the teams entries!

Working bee's next 2 x weekends to tidy the club up for CD open.

New deck on the club.

Overall - there are about 35 Taranaki Juniors playing in the Taranaki Junior Interclub - ages ranging from 7 - 12. We did have them into teams at first but now the convenors just make up the teams with whoever turns up - most kids end up having 2 - 3 games which is just what they want, results go on the grading list.

I haven't received anything from Hawera or Stratford as to what's happening in those clubs.

Hawera.

Dannivke said they are going well with good numbers in business house competition.

Tararua Eastern and Central Trust has given Tararua \$35,000 for insulation into the walls to stop wet walls.

Eltham – Mike has been unable to contact them so far.

MWR Zone – Sally Stantiall

Interclub going well premier all finished. The ladies round has finished and we will start the second round in a few weeks. The teams are encouraged to send a low team to play the two new teams (Huntermville and Feilding). The men still have a couple of weeks to go in their first round.

MacDougalls shirts to be sorted by Grant from MacDougall's for finals.

Ruapehu – John Laurenson

Ohakune guys struggle to get to interclub so they are running interclub for Tamranui, Taihape, Waiouru, Raetihi and Ohakune on Tuesday nights. Club nights are good and Raetihi gets good numbers and Ohakune gets about 80 on club nights. Ohakune and Sport Wanganui hosting and running Wanganui zone secondary schools. Numbers are small.

Taihape ticking around nicely they are involved in Interclub. I think the squash club has pulled out of the concept of a sports hub but not sure. Grant asked to confirm it and chase up. Micro court at Johns needs writing off Grant said to see if you can get something for the trailer and we will sell it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Player's series Rod can you start looking into that with start in July.

2015 National Champion of Champions, John said it was devastating for Ohakune to not get COC Nationals. John would like to give feedback to SNZ as a district. Grant suggested John talk to Michael Pittams at SNZ, as they have a panel that make the decision (not Central). Grant advised barriers to Ohakune are potential need for additional courts if 100 + entered and transport from airport was the biggest issue.

Buddy Clubs Reports

Patea – Wanganui are about to start a double competition and have invited Patea to take part. Haven't heard much back from them.

RiverCity

They are going well. They don't like the amount of money they pay for affiliation fees as they are a very social club and these players are not getting anything for their money. It will be interesting to see their response to the new fee system

Ashhurst – not going well they had to cancel tournament. They only have about 20 players actually playing. Alastair is President for past 20 years and is over it but there is no one to step up. Juniors there are a work in progress. The facilities are good and they just need a couple of people driving the place.

Alastair asked about funding application that Central made for online and pay to play systems. Pauline advised they were all declined. Wanganui is looking into a Pay to Play system to catch some more casual members.

Grant suggested Alastair talk to Pennie at SNZ as she has all the information on the system and can give a quote.

Funding Resolution

It was resolved to apply for funding to Southern Trust for Rep team travel expenses not to exceed \$10,000.

Moved by Grant Smith, seconded by Rob Brownrigg. All agreed.

Meeting closed 12.09pm

Next meeting Sunday July 13th, 10:30am at Kawaroa Park Squash Club in conjunction with the Central Open.

Minutes certified as true and correct

Signed _____ Date _____

Action List

15.6.14	Schedule in coaching modules and publicise	Jason/Pauline	June/July
15.6.14	Player series to be organised with start in July	Rod B	June/July
15.6.14	SquashGym needs Buddy to catch up with them.	ROB	Before next meeting.
14.4.14	Apply to Southern Trust for Rep team travel	Pauline	June
15.6.14	Super Champs info to be distributed once entries confirmed	Marilyn/Pauline	June/July
15.6.14	Book accommodation for Champion of Champions 10 -12 people	Pauline	Done, at the only motel in Tawa.
14.4.14	Chase up on funding from Sport Manawatu and Taranaki for Kiwi Squash	Jason	April/May
15.6.14	Review prizes for Prince tournament juniors etc.	Committee	Sept when series complete
15.6.14	MacDougall's shirts to be sourced for IC prizes	Grant	July