

**Central Squash Committee meeting Sunday 19th April 2015,
10.00am at BNZ, Wanganui.**

Meeting opened 10.00am

Present: Grant Smith, Sylvia Penny (phone), Mike Jack (phone), Marilyn Dolan, Jason Fletcher, Rob Brownrigg, John Laurenson, Rod Bannister and Pauline Slovak (minute taker).

Apologies: Sally Stantiall, Kaye Carter, Emma Burnell and Kelly Faint.

Previous Minutes: Ran through action list from previous minutes. We have completed all but the policies which will remain and be looked at by committee. Senior Prince Series has been scrapped.

Matters arising: Nothing

Moved by: Grant Smith, Seconded by Rod Brownrigg, and Carried.

Correspondence inwards & outwards

Discussed Junior Prince series and which grades are eligible. John said due to changes in the grading list it is no longer a beginner event, which is good. Jason Fletcher said Wellington do 900 points and below which allows more girls into the competition. Will discuss with Wellington about how they found it and make a plan for 2016 series.

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

Presidents Report – Grant Smith

Not a lot to report as have been a bit MIA. Grant will continue until the end of the year but cannot go into 2016. We need to start tapping shoulders to get some interest. We have a good team heading Squash Central at present with a good spread in Taranaki, Wanganui and Manawatu Zone all going in the same direction. Grant asked Mike Jack maybe he could look at stepping into the role. Just keep it in mind that we need a plan heading forward.

Administration Report – Pauline Slovak

- HP Booklet and Programme out.
- Junior one under development just needs signing off from Kelly Faint.
- Uniforms sample and prices, options to be discussed.
- Senior and junior Nationals accommodation booked, most quotes in for all, funding resolutions for The Lion Foundation, Southern Trust, Mainland to help cover travel costs need to be passed. Other trusts have given us money for the Community Development programme. Grant said lets get that money spent on coaching and then get accountability in so we can reapply to some of them.
- Website progress – on hold, do we go ahead?
- Require hosts for 2016 Doubles and D Grade Super Champs, have requested interest from clubs.

Coaching report – Jason Fletcher

Jason looking to stand down from committee, funding in, if we look to split area into 3 regions for coaching with someone in each to manage the coaching in the areas. John said he would like to see Ruapehu be recognized and possibly someone like Joseph Watts to get some funds for coaching in Ohakune area.

Grant said we need to find someone in Wanganui and Ruapehu. Grant suggested Sally to co-ordinate Manuwatu, Wanganui and Ruapehu area. Jason asked Sylvia if Kawaroa Park would head the coaching for Taranaki. Sylvia said for Jason to flick an email through and she will put it to the meeting tomorrow night. Fletch to set it up and get the three positions in place. Grant advised that the communication with the schools is key we have about \$10,000 to spend on Squash in Schools and another \$5,000 for coaching the zone Squads.

Firstly we need to find someone to deliver it during school hours, and then a club to back it up with the Junior hours. Grant suggested Sally to co-ordinate it and then it becomes a part time role for her. Jason to make an approach to Sally and if she can carry out some of the work herself in Manawatu and Wanganui.

Mike Jack said it will be good to approach someone and be able to say there is financial support for them.

Grant advised Jason he will need to tidy it all up and do a hand over with Taranaki and the person to step into the role there.

Finance Report – Rob Brownrigg

Bank Balances as at 17th April 2015

Cheque account \$36,533.93

Term Deposits \$37,917.69 Cr

Small amounts out in February are for HP Camp, discussed some claims made for the one dayer to Eastern about two cars coming from NP and they claimed different amounts. We need to get some clarity around it. Grant said we need to have a policy in place for these travel claims. Kent said we need to have something noted in the HP booklets. Grant said we really need a policy in place for travel and car pooling.

Aged receivables, MacDougalls is in there because they had missed an invoice, we have resent it so hopefully that will get paid shortly. SquashGym paid about \$3,500 in Feb but they still owe a little over \$6,000, Stratford is last years affiliation fees so we will send a reminder about that. Wanganui is an error as they paid in advance, this will be corrected.

End of last year we ran out of money in the Cheque account and had to break one of the term deposits. Rob suggests mnow we are in a better position we put more into term deposit perhaps with TSB bank. All agreed to deposit \$10,000 with TSB. This will allow us in a few years to apply for funding through them .

John asked if we need to approve the Budget for 2015. Grant said we can pass that at next meeting. Pauline to send the committee a copy.

Rob Brownrigg Moved accounts be paid, seconded by Grant Smith, Carried.

High Performance Report – Kent Darlington

HP Booklet out, gets rules and expectations out in black and white for all. It's available on line and hard copies were given to all at HP camp. This will eliminate and confusion or discussion over any grey areas. I need to catch up with Kashif as some down in Palmerston North are not doing the training that has been set for them.

Also we have produced a senior Rep programme for the year. This programme shows the teams selection criteria and dates. The selectors this year are Kaye Carter and Grant Watts with Kashif and I giving input.

We had 29 at HP camp at the start of the year which was a big increase in numbers compared to the 12 we had last year. We have developed a Taranaki group and are using the net to post on FaceBook and run programmes from Kashif, Kaye directs them up in New Plymouth. The Taranaki group are showing some good results with Nick Stretton as a good example taking out Ben Calvert in Palmerston North recently showing that Ben hasn't been doing the work and Nick has, as well as travelling around playing.

HP group will meet up at KP for the Waikato 1 dayer and will pick team on 3rd May for that challenge. It will be a development clash with more coming from Taranaki than usual. Have spoke to Waikato and home teams are to match the travelling teams players to make it competitive. We are looking at travelling up on Friday night and kick off early Saturday morning and we will just ballot the players. Grant said it should only be hosted in KP or Ohakune and have advised Waikato that they need to do same and not have Central travelling to Hamilton it needs to be played in Southern Waikato and Northern Central only.

After that we will meet up at the compulsory PSA in Palmerston North and then Central Open in KP. We use the Central Open as squad trip and have everyone stay for 2 nights up there and do it as a camp. Taranaki people may have their PSA accommodation paid for instead of CS Open. Grant said lets see the budget first.

We will name Nationals team after Central Open and the 5 + 3 extra men and Women will be named and there is a 6 week block to come along and do the training leading up to Nationals for those 16 players. It gives us a back up if any of the first 5 go down and also it keeps the selected players honest.

Juniors Report – Nothing to report.

Masters – Mike Jack

No selectors at present, Sheryl Curtis dosen't want to be a selector. Rod Bannister said it wasn't labourious as Mike did such a good job and sent the selectors all the information. Mike said it was more a thing of ringing people to get them to play. Central Masters this year is hosted by Feilding and Mike will be overseas for that. Mike asked Fletch if he could get to Feilding to select a team. Fletch said yes he will be able to do something. Mike will flick an email out and find out about who is interested in the age groups. Kent said Paula and him wished to play this year. Kent said he spoke to Tamsyn Leevy up in New Plymouth over the weekend about playing but she is a bit too tied up with family at present. Jason Baty is also up in New Plymouth and he is playing in the HP group. Contribution for Masters this year is \$175 for the year.

Taranaki Zone - Sylvia

Nothing received from other clubs, KP going really well with 340 members just before Xmas we had a grab one deal and sold over 50 of them. That was very worthwhile. They got Oct – March for \$69 and KP got about dozen new members.

Inglewood is busy and they are going well with Triathalons. Waitara is the concern and may fold this year according to Alan Johnson who does everything out there, they have not had a committee meeting since October 2014. TSB community trust grant available to them but there's no one there doing anything. Grant asked if Sylvia could take Sport Taranaki with her to meet with the club. Grant said Sport Taranaki are putting a bit of money into the area of Waitara and they will be disappointed to hear that. Members are joining at KP and Inglewood as nothing is happening at the Waitara club. They have a tournament in August. Marilyn asked about Patea tournament being cancelled? No news.

MWR Zone – Marilyn Dolan

Raetihi looking at re- affiliation. Jo has contacted us about re-affiliation, information has been sent from us and SNZ. Pauline to follow up with them in a few weeks. We will not charge them affiliation for 2015.

Marilyn said the other problem club is Ashhurst who are struggling. Grant said he has spoken to Alastair and has offered them assistance via sending Jason/Sally there to get the school in there. Nick Reid is at the big school there. We need to do some work in there. Marilyn said they didn't realize they could host Super Champs. Grant said they don't come to anything and miss out on a lot of information because of that. John said hosting Super Champs clubs need to be prepared to put a team in if they want to host one. A lot of clubs forget that and don't help their hosting chances.

Interclub entries close this Friday for MWR.

Waiouru has a little group of players as they have two courts. Ohakune ran an interclub with Waiouru, Ohakune and Raetihi, Taumarunui and Taihape. It runs every fortnight. Turangi is not affiliated but they run a club night every week. Juniors at Ohakune club are going well with the higher performance ones working with Matthew Laurensen and the little ones starting up soon.

General Business

Central Doubles – Chase up and ask for report from Peter Mischefski.

Uniforms – Pauline showed the committee the sample. Grant advised it needed to be a bit flashier. Grant said we need to be careful to not go backwards. Grant advised trying Lenco in Auckland. Ask Jason Burton Brown about them as he uses them. Kent asked what shall we do this year for uniforms. Kent said we could beg and borrow for the year. We are to get something planned for this year. Mike Jack suggested asking Sam Crawford.

Funding Resolution

Grant Smith moved that we make a funding application to apply for financial assistance with the cost of Representative Teams travel to Senior, Junior and Masters Nationals to Southern Trust, Mainland Foundation and The Lion Foundation not to exceed \$10,000.

We also will apply to Community Organisation Grants Scheme for \$3,000 to help cover the cost of Administrator salary.

Moved by Grant Smith and seconded by Rob Brownrigg, carried.

Grant asked if Rob could clean up the funding accountability so we can reapply to Infinity Foundation and NZCT for teams travel ASAP.

Sponsors

Grant asked that with our sponsors could we please send out letters to each thanking them for their support in the past and going forward Rod to help manage the sponsors.

Prince (SGS) – contracted for Junior Prince until end 2016.

MacDougalls – contracted for MWR Interclub until June 2016.

Inspire – contract coming from Jason Fletcher for review.

Website

We have a draft out for website and it has been budgeted for with \$6,000 for new website and district marketing. GSA has quoted \$4000 + gst for everything and another through Squash New Zealand who quoted \$4,600 with extras not costed.

Draft to be sent around committee for feedback and then to proceed.

Marilyn asked if we could stick with one name? Either Squash Central or Central Squash. Grant advised we are moving towards Squash Central but just like any name change it takes a while to catch on and become consistently used. We need to update the constitution to reflect the new name.

Discussed **Left Handed grading** for Chris Fong. Has been delayed in getting a result but he now has his LH grading.

Champion of Champions Districts tournament is in 11- 13th Sept and 1st Sept is the grading list cut off. National COC is in Palmerston North on the 30th Sept – 1st November. Clubs will need to host their Club Champs in the first week of September or alternatively in late Aug but ensure their representative players going to districts are still in the correct grade as at 1st September.

Trailer in Ohakune to be sold at anything around \$100.

Rules and refereeing going down hill around the district. Marilyn said we need to do some Rules and refereeing evenings. District referee process is being eased up and Emma Burnell is keen to do it. Emma has passed her Club one fine. We should make everyone playing Interclub sit the club referee test. John said doing the paper test is not the best way to learn to ref. There is some excellent squash on tv and you can get some great insight. PSA website has "The call" explained with videos.

Everyone who plays interclub needs to sit Club referee test. Firstly ask them to sit it then hold rules refereeing evenings. Rules and refereeing evening to be organised in each area. Email to be sent saying everyone playing Interclub has to sit Club Refereeing test and we will be holding Rules and refereeing evenings in each area prior to Super Champs.

Next year senior zone squads. Kent wants HP squad only and the rest are in zone squads and they need to be taken control of by people. Kent said it's too big for him to run properly. We will need to get something in place for next year for the 2 zones. This is something that needs to be included into the induction of the new District Coach.

District Coach role, discussed who can we get to step up, people need to realise its more admin, planning and delegation than actual coaching.

Discussed Kashif's contract, which has been retyped and should be reviewed each year. Kashif has a copy emailed to him.

Talked about AGM and Awards. We are bringing our awards nominations early but awards will still be presented at AGM. This is so the Coach and club of the year can be entered into Squash NZ awards.

SquashGym Palmerston North – Is technically insolvent a motion was put up as whether to either enter liquidation or ask for debentures. There is another meeting tomorrow night the 20th April to see if we can try and get the funds raised. \$350,000 is what's needed. Club has about \$800,000 of debt. \$350,000 will clear bank debt and clear trade creditors. They have raised \$250,000 there will be a vote tomorrow night as to what to do tomorrow. Rod asked if \$250,000 is enough? Grant suggested that maybe Clubs put in some money as non-interest bearing debentures.

Central needs to do something, SquashGym owe Squash Central \$6,500 and on top of that perhaps we put another 10,000 in as debenture. Members of SPN are looking at 7 -10 years to pay debentures back. Jim from SNZ has offered to help and affiliation to them is \$12,000 per year. Grant will be making a call to SNZ about helping out.

Rob Walker has been in there and has come up with a complete new plan for the club.

We need to go back to clubs and ask for feedback and ask for a vote of Squash Central putting \$10,000 into debenture.

Jason Fletcher and Rob Brownrigg explained SquashGym current situation to committee.

John Launson moved that Squash Central put \$10,000 into SquashGym secured debenture scheme on the proviso that member clubs are advised and asked for comment. We require member clubs to respond by Sunday 26th April 2015. Majority decision rules.

If other clubs or individuals wish to support SquashGym all correspondence is confidential please contact Jason Burton Brown.

John Launson moved, seconded by Mike Jack, carried unanimous.

Meeting closed 1:12pm

Next meeting Sunday 7th June 2015, 10:30am at SquashGym 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.
19.4.15	New district coach to be put in place and hand off done.	Jason	ASAP
19.4.15	Budget to be resent to committee and passed at next meeting	Pauline	Before next meeting
19.4.15	Sylvia to go and have a chat with Waitara with a few others see if we can get some things happening there.	Sylvia	ASAP
19.4.15	Follow up with Raetihi about re affiliation	Pauline	In a few weeks.
19.4.15	Inspire contract to be sent through to Pauline to keep on record and update as required.	Jason	ASAP
19.4.15	Pauline and Rod to draft letter to sponsors	Pauline Rod	ASAP once inspire contract received and MacDougalls payment made.
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.
19.4.15	Email to set up Rules and refereeing evenings	Pauline	Before Interclub starts.