

## Central Squash Committee meeting Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016, 10am at SquashGym, Palmerston North

Meeting opened 10:08am

**Present:** Rod Bannister (by phone), Sally Stantiall, Dianne Tasker, Marilyn Dolan, Kelly Faint, John Laurenson, Mike Jack (by phone), Emma Burnell, Kent Darlington (by phone) and Pauline Slovak (minute taker)

**Apologies:** Kaye Carter and Sylvia Penny.

**Previous Minutes:** Received by all.

*Moved by: Marilyn Dolan, Seconded by, Rod Bannister and Carried.*

**Matters arise:** none

**Correspondence inwards & outwards** – Feilding letter about recording required for Squash NZ. Discussed activity reporting. John said clubs should be doing throughout the year. Rod suggested Pauline to thank Feilding for raising concern and we will continue to look into it. Will bring up with Jim from SNZ at PSA meeting in Palmerston North in few weeks.

*Pauline moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, John Laurenson seconded, Carried.*

**Administration Report** – Pauline Slovak

Has been a very hectic month bringing a lot of things together. Contracts for coaching have taken quite a while to get signed off. Still waiting on one, which I hope to have in before meeting. Zone and HP funding is waiting for that contract.

Haven't had decisions from NZCT yet re funding. Uniform funding has been applied for through NZ Racing board. We are yet to finalize a supplier has turned out to be a huge job with no one able to supply what we want which points to the fact we may be unrealistic. Prince has sent through pictures of new gear and it is due to arrive in late June which would be in time for us to use but all the gear is blue and coral, how important are our colours?

Junior Prince series is going well and I have all the prizes (in my lounge). 5 rounds have been with another 10 to go.

Taranaki IC will be invoiced this year for the first time in quite a while. Would suggest we try and find sponsorship for both zones interclub. IC banners ordered.

Super champs posters out and grading list cut off is in only 2 weeks.

A quick note that with being so busy chasing up of clubs is unavoidable but would save me a fair bit of time and effort if Committee could all get back to me in the time required without reminders and being chased up. I realize we all get a lot of emails but I do try and only send what you all really need to know about and also try and give you as much time as possible to get things in. Do you need more time? Having reports in before meeting will also save time at the meeting but will only work if you all take the time to read the reports before the meeting and have any questions on them ready. Does this sound like the best option? Or would you like to go back to everyone giving his or her reports at the meeting and the meeting being 2 -3 hours long? Completely up to you all, for me obviously taking minutes of a 3-hour meeting with nothing to copy and paste (which is what I do with your reports) makes it quite laborious. Food for thought anyway, just a request. It does take quite a bit of prep at my end to pull together a meeting and if it has to be cancelled at the last minute due to RSVP not coming in then its all for not and a waste of everyone else's time as well as mine.

Rod wants to know what everyone thinks about colours of uniforms. No decisive comments.

Kent said we don't need more time to get back to Pauline. We should be doing it as soon as we can and she shouldn't have to chase us up.

**Presidents Report** – Rod Bannister

- Great progress from a funding perspective with Robyn Walford and Pauline working closely together to ensure we are covering off some core costs, that will be outlined by Pauline at our meeting. I know we have worked hard to get this in order for the season and feel confident we will have a more systemised and timely approach for this next season.
- The Wanganui Squash Club has had a modern upgrade of their upstairs lounge area as well as hosting their most successful Open Tourney for many a year seeing some 100 entrants participate in; something that they look to build upon moving forward.
- A great acquisition in Di Tasker coming on board as the Treasurer, I'm rapt to have her on the committee and Di will add extensive commercial and financial experience to our team, welcome Di.
- I did by off chance speak at the prize giving at SquashGym after asked by Ed the Pressie at the Central Doubles on behalf of Central
- I've asked Pauline to look into our committees attendance to our first 2 meetings to see what are the minimum expectations of attendance i.e. 4 out of 6 for the year and how we can at least get a quorum for each meet; we could count telephone attendance as a criteria or option going forward?
- Jim O'Grady the Squash NZ CEO will be meeting with myself and Pauline in June in P Nth, after he meets with Wellington to cover off the SNZ - Squash Central District relationship as they are not holding the District presidents meetings this year due to a variation of factors; we'll report in what comes out of this to the committee.

Not much else comes to mind at this moment apart from Pauline and I communicating regularly around Squash Central matters including a weekly Friday update by email. I could cover off more info however I'm sure other info will be covered off District wise through your Buddy Clubs including events / tourneys that they have held.

Pauline advised that Patea have not completed the disaffiliation process yet, as they have not advised us at all let alone in writing that they are disaffiliation and they also need to clear up any outstanding fees owing. Rod will follow that up with President about where they are at with the disaffiliation.

**Coaching report** – Sally Stantiall - Taken as read by everyone.

I have had a busy couple of months delivering coaching modules around the district. Thank you Kaye for helping out delivering Big Nix up in New Plymouth. Modules have been successfully delivered at the following clubs

Sport Whanganui Module 5 6 people  
 Wanganui Club Small Nix Module 2 7 people  
 Wanganui Club Small Nix Module 2a 7 people  
 Ohakune Club Small Nix Module 2 6 people  
 Ohakune Club Small Nix Module 2a 6 people  
 Ohakune Club Big Nix Module 3 9 people  
 Hunterville Club Small Nix Module 2 3 people  
 Hunterville Club Big Nix Module 3 5 people

Kaye delivered Big Nix Module 3 at KP Club

These clubs all have programmes running for this term, which is a great effort and very pleasing to see. I will continue to keep in touch with these new coaches and go and support them if needed with these club programmes.

The Zone squads are running really well and have been well attended. Thank you Kent for the many hours you spend on these. I am looking forward to being able to get out between these camps and follow up with the players involved at their own clubs. We are in the process of developing the next tier down to cater for our younger members in the district.

I was recently away at the Auckland Junior Open, followed by the NZ Junior Open with a group of Central Children. What great events and it was great to see a mix of Central children at these events, it is a privilege to work with them, and great to see that their hard work and training is helping them to achieve some great results.

I have started work on reporting to Squash New Zealand for this quarter on what is happening across the district.

I have just heard from Sport Manawatu that we have been successful with our application to run school programmes in Foxton and Levin, with the aim to encouraging them to enter teams in the upcoming NZSSSC held in Palmerston North in August. This just needs some of the finer details between myself and the schools involved and we should be good to go.

Sport Whanganui is undergoing the same process and are applying for funding at the moment; I am yet to hear back from them.

It has been great to be involved with the players and clubs around the district, and although I have only reached a small number of them so far I look forward to expanding on this as the season progresses, and the clubs identify what their needs are specifically, so that Central can help them achieve their targets. Which in turn will help all clubs and players grow to reach their full potential in squash!

An exciting time to be involved with Central Squash!

I have been invited to attend the NZ Junior Development Camp in July, and am fortunate that on the following Tuesday there is a follow up 1 day workshop run by Sport NZ on Building Relationships. If possible would Central Squash please be able to help me out with accommodation cost for this? Some is covered by Squash NZ and Sport NZ covers most of the flight costs, so I would be looking at a cost of around \$250 to cover 2 nights accommodation.

I have also been informed by Luke from Squash NZ that this years Connecting Coaches conference will be held in Dunedin on 25/26 November, can we please factor me attending this into the budget somewhere? This was an exciting full on two days last year with some great world class speakers and the workshops were fantastic. It was both an enlightening and inspiring event, well worth attending. Hopefully Squash NZ will be able to help with some of the costs for this also.

Rod asked Sally 25 and 26 November connecting coaches in Dunedin what's the cost. Sally advised not known yet. Kent said we need to keep sending her to these events. Sally will advise once she has confirmed costs.

### Finance Report – Dianne Tasker –

Motion to appoint Dianne Tasker as Treasurer and that Dianne Tasker and Emma Burnell be placed on bank account as signatory, Grant Smith and Rob Brownrigg to be removed from account.

*Moved by John Laurenson, seconded by Kelly Faint. All agreed.*

There is currently \$18,407.78 in the cheque account.

We have \$16,400.00 accounts receivable and \$1,972.70 to be paid today.

They are:

Luke Jones \$200

Kaye Carter \$100

Kent Darlington \$393.40

Sally Stantiall \$1,113.70

Trophy Specialists \$165.60

Also accommodation for Central team vs Waikato paid next week.

Squashgym: we still hold the \$10,000 debenture with them that we got last year, they haven't started repaying debentures yet.

They have received some grant money and cleared up most of their affiliation fees, they still owe \$3,328.38 from last year, which they were given 2 years to pay.

Discussed SquashGym financial position and whether affiliation fees are up to date. Kent said we should keep the clubs up to date. Di said she thinks that is premature. Update at AGM to clubs. We can feed back positive stuff from Ed report to clubs. Di said she wants to meet with Rod and Pauline to sort Pauline's holiday pay and get it recorded.

*Dianne Tasker moved all accounts be paid, seconded by Sally Stantiall, Carried.*

### High Performance Report – Kent Darlington

Beat Eastern in the Newbiggin Shield 17 matches to 7 over in Napier back on 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Just about to confirm team for Waikato one dayer (announced on 22<sup>nd</sup>). Played in Hamilton. Bit disappointed with player availability from HP players. Staying at Bella Vista Hamilton, Cost is \$780 which we can pay online once invoiced

Getting decent amount of turnouts for weekly trainings.

Palmy PSA selection tournament coming up 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June. All Zones have been encouraged to play, all Jnrs & HP players wanting to rep for Nationals have been told to play.

Central Open Squad trip coming up 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Team for Nationals will be named then plus extras so we have a squad of 8 training for the 6 wks leading in Nationals

SC v Wgtn – Still TBC for 13<sup>th</sup> August at SPN, spoke to Willie this week and still no further with it.

National's accommodation – currently sorting with Pauline

### Zone Squads

Going really well. Had 2 camps so far at KP & WG. March & April/May. Next one in June after Palmy PSA. Great attitude from all concerned. Good to work with those juniors outside of Palmy and also with other active B graders whether Snrs or Masters. Good project for our next tier, it's proving its vital as I have used a few players for rep One day lineups already. Need to continue in the future.

### Juniors Report – Kelly Faint

Numbers for Central Juniors down again. At least this time of year we have the stronger players this year and all the kids that are in contention for junior team are here playing. John said juniors up for selection should have to play open as well as their age groups as some people don't get to play off because they are all in separate age groups. Kelly said the U17 is very strong and it's a bit hard on them to play 5 games. John said maybe they should be mixed u19 and U17.

Kent said they should all be playing Central Open as well.

Kelly said she would send invites to several Zone squad juniors to come to Academy training but wanted to make sure they attended Central Juniors as if they are not keen enough to enter this then they should not get invite. The only juniors that advised they couldn't play this weekend were Sam George and Paige Stantiall due to injury and illness.

Kelly said we have to be mindful of ones coming through and that is where U11 and U13 are being looked at.

### MWR Zone – Marilyn Dolan

Have been speaking to Phil Sheard from **Feilding** and he's concerned with info needed by SNZ in their activity report. (Read his letter to the Committee).

He's in the process of cleaning up the grading list, I would recommend that ALL clubs do this as it will save the clubs money on the levies to SNZ. ANYONE on the grading list that is NOT active, REMOVE his or her code. Don't delete, just take their code away.

**Foxton** is now looking good with their new cladding around the top of their building and new signage on the front. Recently held small but successful tournament. Club looking at starting Business House in near future.

**Levin** in the process of upgrading their courts. Second court getting painted at present. Hope to have place looking good for their Open on Queens Birthday Weekend.

**MWR Zone** interclub started this week with 34 teams participating. Zone meeting was great about half the clubs were represented. Kelly advised Joy Koolen is now Womens Club Captain for SPN.

**Buddy club feedback.**

#### **Kents Buddy Club report**

**Wanganui** – Had great Open, 90 entries, ran well, lounge was used but not finished renovations yet. Lounge floors tiles have just been laid. B Grade Queens B'Day weekend coming up. Committee slowly getting its ducks in a row but still lots to sort in behind the scenes. Have sent SC questionnaire to new President Tony Sanson & he said he will take to next meeting.

**Levin** – Introduced myself via email along with the questionnaire as well, will wait reply.

#### **Rods Buddy Clubs**

**Patea:** no longer affiliated despite contact with the President and Squash NZ including the document 'what Central can do for you.' Pauline advised she has sent them the process for disaffiliation, which they have not seen through as yet so officially, and financially they have not disaffiliated. They are required to advise us in writing and clear up any outstanding fees owing in addition to letting all their members know the consequences of disaffiliation.

**Hawera** Have emailed the President twice and spoken to Melville Holmes, I'm playing their Open this weekend so will have a good chat with them when I am there

**Stratford:** Met with Pete Mischefski last week face to face. Club seems to be ticking along well with a strong junior contingent.

John said the 3 he has are humming along well. Rivercity had good tournament. Taihape have been waiting to go in hub but that's not happening so now they will concentrate on bringing club up to standard. Discussed many clubs are looking at wall repairs and a solid supplier would be good to source.

Pauline to contact SNZ get advice. John said Ohakune has no IC teams for MWR as they do their own local one. Juniors are going well with about 40 attendding.

Kelly spoke with Tararua around their tournament. They always want that weekend. Anzac weekend. John said they should have courtesy called not just gone ahead and had it when unscheduled.

Rangitikei – no problems that Matt has bought up.

#### **General Business**

1. Rep teams travel – Masters team, will we send one? Rod said he has spoken to a few possible players, Rod asked do we send a team or do we go around individual players to see who they want to send. Sally suggested flick an email out to masters players and see who is keen. Mike said yes the guys are very hard to get a team together. Discussion about getting interest. John said we should try and support it and Masters are more capable to pay their own way. Mike said we should redo the wine sales. John said also since we are hosts next year we should make big effort.
2. Hall of Fame – Wanganui to be approach to display once renovation finished. Wanganui not keen so we need to find somewhere else. Kent suggested showing Wanganui President them at next AGM. The lounge will be finished by then and they will have a better idea of design.
3. 2017 National Events – Masters and North Islands. – host needed by 27<sup>th</sup> May. SquashGym would like both events but prefer NZ Masters, Ohakune, Wanganui and KP would all like NZ Masters but need to confirm with clubs at this time.
4. Sally said if clubs can't organize themselves to ask for the event after 2 emails then they aren't capable of running them.
5. Uniforms update. Pauline advised about some options. Kelly thinks we should keep going with BLK. John and Kelly like Prince. Kelly will talk to Screenprint Services. Pauline to keep looking for options and waiting for funding. Kent

said he can goto Nationals as is he has enough gear. Pauline suggested we don't refit all teams just Juniors or Masters.

6. Coach force – need to make sure we are invoicing for materials \$20 per module to cover the costs we pay to SNZ for Manuals etc. Sally has sent list of clubs to be invoiced.
7. Central Open accommodation costs Max \$1720 Prob \$100 odd less for 18 people. Kelly asked why we are paying for Teresa. Kent said we are trying to get here to Central Open and nationals. Because we don't have funding in we will pay half. Sally moved that Central pay half and the players pay half. Group of players to decide if they pay for Teresa to go with them.
8. U11 – U15 Central Camps – Sally/Kent to update (we have handpicked a couple of dates 26<sup>th</sup> June & 4<sup>th</sup> September, run at WG, originally looking at top 2 in each age group. However Sally's TDC Camps is going to take care of that top 2. So Sally will see who is at the Central Juniors, if there is a number of juniors underneath the top 2 in each age group then we will do it for them, if not then the TDC Camps is really taking care of this and do we need to do 2 more Central camps, involving the same kids again, another thing we have to sort, (No is probably the answer)
9. Snr Triangular 2017? – Suggestion by Kent (Just putting it out there. I haven't said anything to Eastern or Wellington but will put the idea to them at nationals. I wonder if we could go back to the old days & play it again, have it at the start of the season (April maybe?). My reasons is our 3 One dayers are becoming a mission to sort. It is better to have them at the start of the season as I'm finding as the years go on, getting later in the year doesn't help as HP players are wanting rests & are unavailable. I still need a good chunk of my teams made up of the top players to succeed. A triangular would take care of Eastern & Wgtn, just leave a clash against Waikato to sort (which we need to get earlier on next years calendar as apposed to this years). Issue is of course Costs! (Motel for the weekend as players play 4 matches to accommodate 6 men + 6 women & managers) and if Wgtn could/would field a team. Anyway interested in Committees thoughts & whether I float the idea or not)  
Yes committee thinks good idea. Kent to speak to Eastern and Wellington.  
Pauline suggested if Wgtn not keen can we do it with Eastern and Waikato?
10. Zone visits in-between camps by Sally – idea was to get Sally out to the clubs for the Zone players to do 1hr session with them in between each camp subject to funding. Looking at it I would need her to go to Ohakune, KP & PN. WG is ok as I'm hitting weekly with the players. We have 3 camps left, can I get her to do maybe 2, definitely at least 1 before we finish up for the year (September). SC would need to cover cost as funding not in yet. Thoughts?  
Rod wants more discussion around finances before we do this. With funds needing to be rebuilt we can't do this kind of extra stuff. Rod and Di to discuss finances at Zone hitting on Tuesday and make decision.

Discussed coaching rate If not on contract the rate is as per the claim forms. If you are on a contract that contract supersedes the claim form rates. Sally \$30 per hour except for CoachForce stuff. Grant Watts and Kent Darlington \$30 per hour. Kaye Elliott as per claim form rates \$40 per hour, as she is deliverer of modules.

Meeting closed 11.25pm

Next meeting Kawarua Park Saturday 2 July 9am breakfast meeting at club.

Minutes certified as true and correct

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

**Action List**

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| 21.5.16 | Emails to be sent out to invite several zone juniors to academy training   | Kelly         | By end of May       |
| 25.3.16 | We still need to invest money into TSB   | New Treasurer | ASAP                |
| 21.5.16 | Masters players to be contacted to gauge interest for Nationals  | Rod           | ASAP                |
| 21.5.16 | Kent to approach Wgtn and Eastern about Triangular   | Kent          | Before next meeting |
| 25.3.16 | Detailed report to be given or what activity, progress and results have been achieved in coaching around the district. | Sally         | Every meeting       |
| 25.3.16 | 2 camps per year to be organised for U13 and U15   | Sally         | When possible       |
| 21.5.16 | Kelly to check with Screenprint Services for uniforms  |               |                     |
| 25.3.16 | Ashurst to be contacted about how we can help with coaches   | Sally         | ASAP                |

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| 21.5.16 | Letter to Feilding in response to their questions  | <b>Pauline</b>    | ASAP                        |
| 21.5.16 | Follow up with patea about disaffiliation  | <b>Rod</b>        | ASAP                        |
| 21.5.16 | National hosts for 2017 to be found  | <b>Committee</b>  | Before 26 <sup>th</sup> May |
| 21.5.16 | Discussion over financials and whether to fund 2 extra coaching clinics for zone players | <b>Rod and Di</b> | 24 <sup>th</sup> May        |
|         | Di and Kelly have put apologies in for next meeting.sc                                   |                   |                             |