

## Central Squash Committee meeting Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015, 10.00am at BNZ Partners, Palmerston North

Meeting opened 10.37am

**Present:** Grant Smith (arrived at 10:48am), Rob Brownrigg, Emma Burnell, Rod Bannister (By phone) John Laurenson, Sally Stantiall, Kent Darlington, Kelly Faint and Pauline Slovak (minute taker).

**Apologies:** Marilyn Dolan, Mike Jack, Kaye Carter and Sylvia Penny

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

Discussed about policy for health and safety. Once we have our policy in place we can provide clubs with a basic template. Discussed spending of the grants for coaching. Rob said accountability done for NZCT. Has now become too late to apply for any rep teams travel other than Masters.

AGM – Caterers - \$35 a head for the meal. DJ. Table and chair hire. Discussed payment options. Kelly suggested selling club tables. Committee decided a table of 10 for \$225 or \$25 a ticket. Central will subsidise the rest of the cost.

Trailer with micro court still to be fixed. Need to get a quote for fixing it first.

*Moved by: Kent Darlington, Seconded by Kelly Faint, and Carried.*

**Matters arising:** None

**Correspondence inwards & outwards** – Awards closing soon so if the committee can think of anyone that should be nominated then contact their club. We need to send the clubs a reminder of all the different dates the awards close.

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

**Administration Report** – Pauline Slovak

132 Sec school students have gone onto my grading list.

District and National Super Champs has been completed with Wanganui winning the C Grade Men's title and SPN winning the B grade men's title.

Website is ready to go I have had a lesson on how to use it and will spend a few weeks getting it up to date before it goes live hopefully mid October. Would like to next year get a form function attached to it so people can fill in forms online and they come through to me. Would be great for surveys, registration, awards entry etc. Anyone in charge of key areas, please have a look and advise of any changes you want made.

Specific pages to just have a small paragraph then link to the news article.

Champion of Champions – We have 11 entries into Nationals with only F women missing. The District event attracted 49 players with Ohakune taking out the trophy once again.

SNZ Forum, Awards and AGM coming up on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Myself, Grant, Mike if he is available and Sally if there is anything relevant to coaching on the agenda.

Finally my contract expires again at the end of October.

**Masters** – Mike Jack

As you can imagine I don't have too much to report regarding Masters. All players are aware of their selection and our entries have been put in. Strongest team we have had in a while. There are 8 teams in the draw.

**Coaching report** – Sally Stantiall

I have been busy planning and applying for the Squash New Zealand Coachforce funding. I have applied for funding to allow us to deliver Junior Club programmes to nearly all of our clubs throughout the district, I have been contacting people and clubs to identify someone keen to be trained in this area. Big Nix and Small Nix programmes will be delivered throughout the district at specific clubs, and training will be provided to teachers who are involved. I have been working with Sport Whanganui and hope to be able to get something happening next term to promote squash in 2016 to several schools. Sport Manawatu has had several changes in staff and I am due to catch up with them next term to work on a Kiwisport application.

I am also planing a trip up to Sport Taranaki after meeting with Kaye to put an application in to them to support kiwi squash at several schools; we are currently looking for someone to run this in the area. Still finding my way as I go! Hopefully am on the right track!

I want to make sure every club has the ability to run a big nix and a small nix early on in the year so Coaching of coaches needs to be completed early in the year.

We have our CoachForce reporting to be completed and Rob to send invoice. Grant to ring Luke and work out how much to invoice them for.

## Finance Report – Rob Brownrigg

Finance Report

Bank Balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015 \$21,246.28

Cheque account \$21,241.76 Cr

Term Deposit \$38,684.35 Cr

\$10,000 Debenture with Squashgym

List of Ages Payables and Receivables attached.

Aged payable \$16,279.48

Aged Receivables \$24,227.43

### Payables

Lovett Lodge – Accommodation for Jnr Nationals in Invercargill in October. 10% deposit of \$441 has been paid with the balance of \$3969.00 due in October. New Junior Accommodation to be paid, they have credit card so no deposit paid. Deposit refund to be chased up from Lovett Lodge.

Insurance renewal. To be checked and paid.

### Receivables

Statements have been sent out for monies owing.

Massey \$60 and Darrell-Jane Taaka uncollectable? Write-off

MacDougalls being disputed.

Money due from Squash NZ for Coachforce funding but just need to finalise how much we invoice them for.

SquashGym PN are in a much better position now and they should stay up to date on payments and start repaying the outstanding fees.

Rob will send reminders out for all outstanding affiliation fees. Grant is going to chase up Massey.

*Rob Brownrigg Moved accounts to be paid, seconded by John Laurenson, Carried.*

## High Performance Report – Kent Darlington

- **Junior Worlds** Since last meeting at Central Open we have had Kaitlyn & Luke return from the Junior World Champs in Holland. In her first Worlds Kaitlyn finished an incredible 21st -24th. Luke in his last Jnr Worlds made the last 16 of the Special Plate.
- **Newbiggin Shield**, One Dayer against Eastern in early August we lost 14 matches to 10. With nine matches going to the fifth set, Squash Central only managed to win three of them and that turned out to be crucial in the end. Men's (Jason van de Walt, Stephen Bennett, Nick Stretton, Corbin Faint, Brandon Keenan, Daniel Foster), Women (Jackie Tapp, Courtney Trail, Rebecca Clifford, Chelsea Aim, Jacinta Harrison, Annaleise Faint) We were weakened by a few of our top players not being there, so it really tested our depth. Some players were found out as far as closing out some big five setters.
- **Wairarapa Cup**, One Dayer against Wellington was supposed to be played on 8th August but we postponed it (clashed with Secondary schools & couldn't field a team), playing it on 26th September at Tawa Squash Club. Team named is Men (Rod Bannister, Jason van der Walt, Stephen Bennett, Corbin Faint, Nick Stretton, Brandon Keenan), Women (Danielle Fourie, Kaitlyn Watts, Rebecca Clifford, Chelsea Aim, Jacinta Harrison, Annaleise Faint) We won 20/4 matches. Dates next year will be at the start of the season. Will get into NZ calendar.
- **Senior Nationals** – Another decent campaign this year in Christchurch. With a number of personal changes to the women's line-up through injury leading up to the event things were going to be tough. As defending Champions we were dealt a huge blow the week before original number one Becky Barnett was forced out with injured due to being involved in a vehicle accident. With the Women's teams event already stronger than last year the team dropped down to last seed (6th). The Men's team was stronger this year and after being seeded last in 2014, this year it they were ranked 5th. The individuals saw some great personal results from the team. With Kashif & Mickayla sitting out the individuals, the team had 7 of 9 playing finals on the last day of individuals. Central had three players shine and finished well above their seeding. **Kaitlyn Watts** backed up last year's outstanding Nationals with another superb effort. Seeded 19th in the Women's Open she beat the 14th seed first up to crack the top 16 in the country for the first time. She lost to eventual finalists Megan Craig in the second round but then continued on winning to get through to the Special plate final. Here she beat NZ Junior Team member Abbie Palmer who played at number 2 in the recent Junior Worlds in Holland. Kaitlyn won 11/9, 11/5, 9/11, 11/9 and finished 9th overall. **Rebecca Clifford** was another who had a very successful tournament as well. Seeded last and 32nd in the Women's Open she lost to top seed Joelle King 3/0 first up. However she then won her next three matches on the trot, beating two A graders on the way for the first time ever. In the plate final she found herself up against fellow teammate, the 18th seeded **Jackie Tapp**, who had lost first round also. Here Clifford lost 11/5, 11/8, 11/3 however still finished an amazing 18th place. The third excellent result was **Corbin Faint** who was in Division One. He was seeded 7th and narrowly lost the semi-final 13/11 in the fifth set. He won in 15/13 in the 4th set to finish an excellent 3rd place. Other Open results: **Danielle Fourie** (7th seed) lost in Classic Plate semi-final to Emma Miller 13/11, 11/5, 13/11. Finished 7th/8th **Jackie Tapp** (seeded 18th) won the Plate final against Rebecca Clifford. Finish 17th **Luke Jones** (seeded

10th) lost in Special Plate semi to Scott Galloway 11/9, 11/5, 5/11, 11/2. Finished 11th/12th **Jason van der Walt** (seeded 26th) won Consolation Plate over Montell Whatarangi 11/7, 10/12, 12/10, and 11/5. Finished 25th Men's Division One results:

**Stephen Bennett** (seeded 4th) won Plate against Sam McCarroll 11/9, 8/11, 9/11, 11/5, 11/5. Finished 9th

**Nick Stretton** (seeded 5th) won Special Plate against Sean O'Connell 11/6, 11/6, 8/11, 11/9. Finished 5th

In the teams event both Central Men's & Women's line-ups did well and improved their own seeding's. Both teams ended up 4th. The Men upset Waikato (4th seeds) first up 3-1. That was pretty much the Men's teams big win as they lost 4-0 to top seeds Wellington and then 3-1 to Auckland the 3rd seeds. The Women's team who had dropped to last seed lost first to the 2nd seeds Bay of Plenty 4-0, but then tipped up 3rd seeds Northland 3/1. They then also lost to Auckland 3-1 for the 3rd/4th playoff.

- **Nationals Raffle** we raised a small amount. Had 120 tickets @ \$5ea = \$600 coming in. Minus \$100 winning note + \$65 for getting them printed. So overall profit is \$435.
- **Youth Commonwealth Games** - Luke has just come back from Samoa, he was knocked out in the quarter finals in the individuals but managed to pick up a bronze medal in the mixed Doubles with Abbie Palmer
- Planning meeting for 2016 for HP we are having on 10 October, myself, Kashif, Grant Watts, Kelly Faint, Sally and Pauline will attend. New format for HP squads will be planned and put into place for 2016. Developing a pathway for them. Based on grading B and above HP senior and C and below development squads.

### Juniors Report – Kelly Faint

The Central Juniors have been extremely busy being involved with Youth Commonwealth games, Regional and National Superchamps, Aims Games, New Zealand Secondary Schools, NZ Secondary Trans-Tasman competition, Senior Nationals, Champion of Champions, Prince Series and also supporting our district in competing in Central tournaments. Hawera Secondary School team to be nominated for Team of Year awards.

**Youth Commonwealth Game Bronze Medalist** - Luke Jones has continued with his great performance with obtaining bronze in the mixed doubles with his fellow NZ Squad member Abbie Palmer.

**Aim Games Bronze Medalist** - Abbie Tankersley and Genevieve Bell Games in Tauranga.

**NZ Secondary School Champions** – Molly Stantiall, Annaleise Faint, Ansley Koolen, Gina Bailey & Paige Stantiall

**NZ Secondary School Trans Tasman Team Selections** - Annaleise Faint (Junior Girls), Jordan Bell (Junior Boys), Courtney Trail (Senior Girls) and Corbin Faint (Reserve –Senior Boys)

We selected the Central Junior National team to travel to Invercargill on the 30 September. The individuals start on the 1 October followed by the team's event on the 5th October.

**Boys Team** - Luke Jones – SquashGym/Tararua Corbin Faint - SquashGym Cameron Foster - SquashGym Allan Bailey - SquashGym Mitchell Wilson - KP Unfortunately due to injury Sam George was not available to represent Central - Mitchell Wilson has taken his place.

**Girls Team** - Kaitlyn Watts - SquashGym Courtney Trail - SquashGym Annaleise Faint - SquashGym Tori Claridge - SquashGym Tia Pauro – Inglewood. Draw out this week.

John Laurenson said would be nice to see Central juniors being compulsory tournament. This needs to be nailed down at the planning meeting. The winner of the Central Juniors Matt Laurenson didn't even get selected for the junior team even though he has beaten several people in it. Even if some of the closely matched players play off for their position.

Good luck to the team and other central players making the trip down to Invercargill.

Kent asked if Kelly could update Facebook while at juniors.

### Rules and refereeing – Mike Jack

On the local refereeing front I am making arrangements to come down to Palm North Squash Gym over the weekend of the Open in November and conduct a District referee seminar. There are two people interested in progressing their District referee badge. Craig Bailey from Squash Gym and Emma Burnell, haven't quite got the agenda organized yet. Hopefully it should last 3 hours, with some practical marking assessments, and perhaps getting the candidates to sit the theory exam.

I plan to travel to Palm Nth Friday night and stay over Saturday, can be available for any Finals refereeing.

Towards the end of the year (Dec) I am heading off to Kuwait to a WSF 2 day refereeing seminar to be held just prior to the World Men's Team championships,- (my NZ scholarship funding will pay for the flights) I intend to stay on and watch the opening games over the weekend, and have also applied to be selected for the event, wont know until end Sept or first couple of weeks in October if I am successful. Fingers crossed. I have been to three PSA tournaments this year plus the National Championships and have had eight successful assessments towards my Regional referee status by Nathan Turnbull and John Small both Australian regional and WSF assessors, but also need to travel to Australia for a couple more.

Good to see we have some people coming through as District Ref plus our top refs progressing.

**MWR Zone** – Sally Stantiall 2015 ISL Interclub all finished, numbers up. Zone meeting tomorrow night and Masters start in a few weeks. Players all seem to appreciate the finals nights and banners and T-shirts, which is what the sponsorship money is going towards. Team numbers are creeping up so it's all going well.

### General Business

2016 Calendar – John Laurenson ran through plan, decisions made on history of event and the distribution of clubs and their participation. Having clubs giving 2 alternative dates is excellent and mean most get one of their preferred dates.

John Laurenson moved that clubs hosting a District Super Champs to field 2 teams and they will be invoiced for the two teams whether they play or not. Seconded by Grant Smith, All agreed.

1-dayers to be added.

Constitutional changes Grant said to change to SC. Committee to look at all of Marilyn's changes and give feedback.

New committee. Grant has approached Mike Jack for President and he has tentatively agreed. Grant is going to ask Sylvia as it helps for the President and Treasurer to be close together. Everyone else will stay on. Rod suggested Grant Wilson (KP) to be approached to come on the committee.

Uniforms next year. If we want to get funding for uniforms we need to apply soon. Grant suggested talking to James Watts from Inspire to maybe help sponsor uniforms. Pauline suggested the players pay for their gear and Central will subsidise it. Grant said Kent and Sally should form a group to plan it.

Andrew Doig has terminal cancer and probably won't make AGM. Grant is hoping to visit him in Taupo over the next week.

Meeting closed 12:36pm

Next meeting TBA

Minutes certified as true and correct

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

### Action List

19.4.15	Policies to be developed and put in place.	Pauline	Before end of year.
27.9.15	Awards dates and reminders to clubs	Pauline	Done
12.7.15	Plan to be put together to rebuild Central Juniors, location, date prizes etc.	Kelly and Sally	Planning to be done at the planning meeting.
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	Sally to get onto applying to Sport Manawatu for funding for this year	Sally	Next term
27.9.15	Rob to check insurance is all correct and pay the renewal.	Rob	ASAP
12.7.15	Kaye to work with Waitara to build Junior programme and train them in Big nics and Small nics.	July/Aug	In progress
12.7.15	Sally to help Kaye with coach training at Waitara and attend 1 session	Sally	In progress
27.9.15	Grant will call Brett and chase up contract	Grant	Mon/Tues
27.9.15	Poster to be sent out to clubs	Pauline	ASAP
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 – then to be stored at Emma Burnells place in Levin
27.9.15	Chase up Stratford overdue affiliation fees	Pauline	Rang Pete Mischefski he said it would be sorted.
27.9.15	Rob to calculate cost of teams including what they have fundraised and grants received.	Rob	Before next meeting.
27.9.15	CoachForce reporting and planning to be put in and invoice to be sent	Sally, Rob and Pauline	Before end of the month