

MINUTES OF THE TARANAKI ZONE SQUASH COMMITTEE HELD AT THE ELTHAM SQUASH CLUB ON 11TH MARCH, 2015 AT 7.30P.M.

PRESENT: Jeff Ansell, Pauline Stachurski, Gail Gribble, Craig Bright, Pete Mischefski, Peter Filbee, Cheryl Honeyfield, Blair Briscoe, Nick Stretton, Jenni White

APOLOGIES: Jo Percy, Janet Andrews. There was no representative from either Patea or Waitara Squash.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Taken as Read

JEFF/BLAIR

MATTERS ARISING: Peter Filbee questioned wording in the General Business paragraph “with the proviso it was agreed to by the Zone Committee and Central Squash” unquote. He felt the Zone Committee was not mentioned at that meeting. Minutes amended to reflect this **PETER F/PETE**

Peter Filbee then took the opportunity to present again his proposal for Interclub changes such as 3 men teams, no supper and earlier start times, which he felt would rejuvenate the declining numbers and uneven competition between players of different standards, which has been a feature of some of the previous seasons games. This proposal was tabled at the November 2014 meeting and agreed to by those attending that meeting. However it was strongly felt by a majority of other Clubs that this was counterproductive to the spirit of Interclub and it was decided at the February meeting, conducted after the AGM, to take the opportunity to revisit this decision at the March meeting. It was felt that the previous proposal would not address the falling number of players, that supper had to be provided by clubs as a condition of their bar licence and that start times could be arranged between the various clubs on the night. There was also discussion over the effects of the social side of the previously proposed changes in that with only 3 players, there would be delays inbetween games as players marking and refereeing would have to get ready after each game was played, thus not saving any time, and also many felt it was important to be able to watch and support team members as they played their game.

It should be noted the decision of Taranaki having 3 man teams was accepted by Central Squash, with some reluctance, and on the proviso that all teams competing in Zone competitions at the end of the season would consist of 4 players as per usual.

Peter F also questioned the changes to how the Zone was to be run and whether it was necessary to set up a Committee as had been suggested at our last meeting. It was explained that smaller clubs struggle to have the members or experience, to put together the draws etc , therefore the previous system of each club taking 2 year turns at running the Zone affairs, forced people into unwanted positions, with no guidance on what to do or when to do it, thereby creating inefficiency and mistakes in protocol as has been seen lately.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT : Jeff Ansell

PETE/PETER F

SECRETARY : Gail Gribble

BLAIR/PETE

TREASURER : Pete Mischefski

JENNI/CRAIG

COMMITTEE : Representatives of the Clubs

DRAW CONVENORS : Jeff , Jenni and Pete.

GAIL/PAULINE

TREASURERS REPORT: No change to bank balance of \$1056.09 - no money received in the last couple of years from Central, Gail to email Pauline Slovak to check if this has been discontinued. PETE/GAIL

GENERAL BUSINESS

INTERCLUB: It was decided it was too late to organise an Autumn Interclub round this year. Winter Interclub to start 14th/15th April, 2015. 4 man teams, supper to be provided, official start time: 7.00pm. Competition to run roughly 16 weeks, depending on number of teams entered. It was felt that the Spring Competition could be started earlier, following this, to cater for those who want to keep playing before the Champion of Champs etc in September although many members are busy with calving and would not want to play at that time of the year. Jenni to send out info and posters to all clubs. Closing date for entries, Friday, 27th March, 2015. Player info to include name, grade and correct contact numbers.

Disputes Committee to consist of same members as Draw Convenors

Jeff Ansell to be our Zone representative on Central Squash Committee

PETE/BLAIR

There was discussion on maintaining contact with Patea and Waitara clubs. Jeff to contact these clubs to confirm details are correct and to pass on information. Jeff felt it would be a good thing for clubs to prepare a report to be taken down to Central meetings to keep in touch with what each one is doing.

It was requested a sympathy card from the Taranaki Zone be sent to the family of Mid Rocard who passed away recently. Pete to organise.

A copy of the Zone meetings needs to be sent to Central Squash each time. Gail to do.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 14th May, 2015 at 7.30. TET, Stratford – to be confirmed

MEETING CLOSED: 9.16P.M.