

**MINUTES OF SQUASH CENTRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2016, AT THE
WANGANUI SQUASH CLUB, WANGANUI COMMENCING AT 5:00PM**

Meeting opened 5:26pm

Present: Rod Bannister President, Pauline Slovak (Minutes taker), Heather Plank (Rangitikei), Hamish Raleigh and Angela Cook (Foxton), Kent and Paula Darlington, (Tony Sanson and Donna Harold Wanganui), Grant Watts (SPN), Andrea Herbert, Chris Dryland, Dean Mabey (Tararua), Pauline and Len Stachurski Inglewood, Matthew Laurenson, John Laurenson (Ohakune), Ross and Jane Gadsby, Kaye Carter and Brooke Reid and Janice Trevathan (Kawaroa Park), Tom Lumsden (Feilding), Alastair Beverage (Ash Poh), Graham Pope (Rivercity), Jacquie Manners (Ohakea), Emma Burnell, Marilyn Dolan (Levin), Joy Koolen (SPN) Noel Perrett (Patea), Holly Donnelly (SPN), Glenn Blay (Ohakea), Dianne Tasker (Rangitikei), Ainslie Alexander and Brody Kelsner (Patea), Cindy Marsh (Feilding), Sue Laurenson (Ohakune), Kim Mabey and Ross Dinnan (Tararua).

Ohakune members arrived 5:32 and Tararua members arrived 5:45.

Apologies: James Watts, Geoff Owen, Lois Mills, Kelly Faint, Sally Stantiall, Allen Bee, Taihape, Hawera and Waitara Squash Clubs, Mike Jack, Troy Ramsay, Joss Urbahn. Tararua and Ohakune running late.

Please pass on my congrats to Central Squash for a great year, especially in terms of player development. The programme that continues to bear fruit must be a satisfying result for all concerned and naturally has huge benefits for our game nationally. Signed Graeme Randolph
SNZ Junior Selector

Club Roll Call: Ashhurst Pohongina, Feilding, Foxton, Inglewood, Kawaroa Park, Levin, Ohakune, Ohakea, Patea, SquashGym Palmerston North, Rivercity, Rangitikei, Tararua, Wanganui.

Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from AGM held on 5th December 2015 at Wanganui Squash Club were taken as read and correct. Matters arising - none.

Minutes accepted by Rod Bannister, seconded by Emma Burnell. Carried

Adoption of Annual Report – Received by all present.

All reports to be adopted together except financial report.

Rod Bannister acknowledged all our sponsors especially our major Sponsors, Prince and Inspire Net also all our Trust funders as well as Sport Manawatu, Sport Wanganui, Sport Taranaki and Squash New Zealand. Acknowledgement to all the life members.

Presidents Report – Rod Bannister

Report taken as read.

District Coach report – Sally Stantiall. – Report taken as read.

Performance Directors report – Kent Darlington

Kent presented report. Report received by all.

Kent pointed out new representative gear and the trophies won this year by Central players. Senior girls really going well and over the next few years hopefully they can carry that on.

District Captain/iSquash Administrators report – Marilyn Dolan Report taken as read.

Juniors report – Kelly Faint – Taken as read

Manawatu – Wanganui - Ruapehu Zone report – Sally Stantiall Report received by all and taken as read.

Rod Bannister moved that all those reports be adopted, seconded by Jane Gadsby, carried.

Finance Report and Statement of Accounts – Dianne Tasker

Dianne Tasker presented report.

I took over from Rob in May of this year, some very big shoes to fill! This has been a learning curve for me but we have managed to get through the year.

I am pleased to report a profit of \$5,311 with affiliation fees and grants and donations again our main forms of income. Grants were received from Pub Charity, NZ Racing Board, Mainland Foundation, COGS, ECCT, NZCT, Infinity Foundation and Lion Foundation, we thank them for their continued support.

Income is down 8,000 on last year due to affiliation fees being less – maybe something we need to work on with clubs in 2017 to help increase their memberships. Funding and sponsorships are also down on last year. Expenditure is down \$9,500 on last year. We spent less on coaching this year, a planning meeting set down for early next year will undoubtedly be looking at increasing this in 2017 with a focus on getting more coaching into our clubs. Rep team expenses are down too; this is mainly due to the Masters team paying much of their own way to play in Dunedin.

Funding of \$4,686.30 we received from Sport Taranaki in 2014 for coaching in the Taranaki was never used and had to be returned this year.

We have a \$30,000 term deposit with the BNZ and still hold a \$10,000 debenture with Squashgym.

I would like to thank Rob Brownrigg for his help handing this daunting job over to me and Pauline Slovak for all her help and support (and often pointing me in the right direction!!) this year.

Income down due to affiliation fees being down. National trend. Expenses have dropped also with less coaching taking part this year. At the end of the day we did make a profit, which is good going forward.

Rod Bannister moved 2016 accounts be accepted and 2017 budget adopted. Seconded by Jane Gadsby. Carried

Election of 2017 Board/Committee

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated By</u>	
President	Rod Bannister	Kent Darlington	Accepted.
Treasurer	Dianne Tasker	Kent Darlington	Accepted
Performance Director	Position not filled		
Marketing Director	Position not filled		
Development and participation	Position not filled		
Junior Convenor	Position not filled		
Masters Convenor	Position not filled	Mickayla Kerr to organise	
Players Representative	Kaye Elliott	Sylvia Penny	
District Captain	Marilyn Dolan	Levin SC/Foxton SC	
iSquash Administrator	Marilyn Dolan	Levin SC/Foxton SC	
District Coach	No expressions of interest		
Committee	Mike Jack	Kawaroa Park	
	Emma Burnell	Levin SC	
	Sylvia Penny	Kaye Elliott	
	John Laursen	Rod Bannister	
	Tom Lumsden	Dianne Tasker	

Mickayla Kerr said she is happy to be Masters Manager if there is no Masters convenor.

General Business:

Di asked if Kelly Faint was still interested in being Junior Convenor, Rod advised we have not heard anything from Kelly.

Spoke about positions on committee. Some asked what is entailed and that it would be nice to know. Pauline advised it is on website and sent out with nomination form.

Alastair Beverage – 15% drop in membership across the region. Is that something scary for Central Squash? Is that happening everywhere? Rod spoke to that and said yes and yes. Rod said that it varies from club to club whether they have been proactive in getting members or not. He said that is something they can open up for discussion now.

Alastair Beverage commented – Significant amount of the profit seems to have come from marketing budget not being spent this year. Is there a correlation between marketing and membership drop? Di said a tidy up of the grading list is due to a lot of the drop in numbers. They are simply more accurate now. Di said she is unsure what marketing was done last year as that was before she took over.

Rod said a lot of the year was spent cutting costs and finding money. A year of budgeting like HP budget was stripped to the bare bones. This was due to a carry over of unexpected costs. We walked into something we thought was a lot healthier than it actually was. Next year we hope to have our planning in place early in the year.

Mickayla Kerr spoke about SEM (Senior Equivalent Memberships) and the clubs making money to operate. Dianne Tasker explained SEM. Mickayla said we get more bang for our buck from the district than we do from SNZ and that Masters and lower graded players make up more of each clubs membership than HP players so do we need to put more emphasis on looking after them? In terms of money generation if the district can help clubs with making that profit they should see a good return. How do we create that increase in membership?

Pauline Slovak said the best way to grow numbers was through juniors and squash in schools. Ohakune is a prime example.

Cotton Kelly selected to be Reviewer for 2017.

An honorary Solicitor will be chosen at a later date if required and clubs notified.

Remits – Marilyn Dolan spoke to the remit.

Superchamps Hosting remit

Levin Squash wish to rescind the motion re the criteria for hosting of Superchamps that was passed at a board meeting that states: *that any club who wants to host a grade, must enter and/or pay for 2 team, (1 Men and 1 Ladies).*

We would like to see this changed to: *any club who wants to host a grade must enter a team of that grade.*

Explanation: Reason behind this remit, is that at the present time it disadvantages the smaller clubs who are unable to experience the holding of such an great event by not having both men and ladies of the same grade.

Hosting Super Champs is a great opportunity for clubs to see some good competition.

Jane Gadsby noted it should say to pay if they are unable to play. Dianne Tasker asked if we just make B grade the exception and apply the remit to the other grades. Other opposed this saying it should be the same across the board.

Wording of remit decided as follows: "Any club who wants to host a District Super Champs grade needs to enter and or pay for at least one team in that grade".

Jane Gadsby moved that the amendment be adopted and Paula Darlington Seconded.

Voted 19 for and 1 against.

Moved, seconded by Rod Bannister, no comments, carried.

The President declared the meeting closed at 6.06 pm.

Minutes certified as true and correct by District President

Signed_____ Date_____

Central Squash Awards Winners:

- Player of the year – No nominations received
- Most improved junior player – Brooke Reid (Kawaroa Park)
- Most improved senior player – No nominations received
- Services/player – women masters – Mickayla Kerr (SquashGym)
- Services/player –men masters – Malcolm Pinfold (Ashhurst – Pohangina)
- Personality of the year – Kent Darlington (Wanganui)
- Coach of the year – Grant Watts SquashGym)
- Administrator of the year – Angela Cook (Foxton)
- District club of the year - Ohakune
- Volunteer/contribution to squash – Troy Ramsay (SquashGym)
- Team of the year – SquashGym Mitchell Cup Team consisting of – Danielle Fourie, Mickayla Kerr, Kaitlyn Watts, Holly Donnelly, Courtney Trail and Diya Joukani.
- Referee – no nominations received.