

**Squash Central Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24th June 2017,  
10:30am at SquashGym Palmerston North.**

Meeting opened 10:32 am

**Present:** Rod Bannister, Tom Lumsden, Pauline Slovak (minute taker), Emma Burnell, Marilyn Dolan, Dianne Tasker, Kelly Faint and John Laurenson.

**Apologies:** Mike Jack, Kaye Carter.

**Previous Minutes:** Received by all. Marilyn said thank you for the gift and well wishes.

Emma thanked Kelly for helping with Central Juniors draws.

Ran through action list.

Rod discussed some of the changes that are being discussed at Presidents meeting about the current modal being turned upside down and clubs deciding what the districts and SNZ do and focus on. Kaye is attending on our behalf and will report back.

*Moved by: Rod Bannister, Seconded by, Emma Burnell and Carried.*

**Matters arise:** None

**Correspondence inwards & outwards** – Discussed the junior Nationals flights as the deposit has to be paid by Monday or the booking is cancelled. Decided to pay the deposit even though it becomes retrospective from a funding standpoint

*Pauline Slovak moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, Emma Burnell seconded, Carried.*

**Administration Report** – Received by all.

We have received some good funding to cover Kaye, Grant, Teresa and myself for coaching fees and wages.

All Rep team funding is away to NZCT and Pub Charity.

Junior Prince series is going well 6 weeks left to go. Will be interesting to see if people think it's too long this time.

Super Champs coming up soon 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. Banners have been ordered. We still haven't received any balls from SNZ I think they are having agreement issues with Dunlop new owners perhaps.

I will need to buy some balls for Super Champs.

Uniforms all printed and should arrive on courier any day now. We should be stocked for this year and next.

COC Accommodation – John? Would be great to make Masters and COC a priority and really support a top team since we are hosting these National events.

Teresa and which Nationals to send her too. We have full funding for her but need to cover the cost of her travel and accom.

Di suggested we send her a couple days later and get her to charge us for her accommodation. Decided we would talk to her to go a couple days later to the Junior Nats and invoice for accommodation within her bill.

Di and Kelly will talk to Teresa get all included into invoice.

**Presidents Report** – Rod Bannister Received by all.

**Prince Series** - An observation more than a report from my end. I've followed the Series around due to my 9 year old playing & a bunch of Whanganui Juniors, who's program is growing and thriving.

The Series is a fantastic initiative and gets kids learning about scoring, reffing, playing matches, team work, meeting new people and sportsmanship + gets the parents involved.

For the Whanganui Juniors it gives them a goal at a very young age to play a tournament and fits in very well with our coaching plan for them.

**Buddy Clubs** - Hawera: Liaise mainly directly with Melville Holmes and they seem to be happy with their state of play to date. They ran a very good Open event with 4 'A' graders in the Men's Open and 90 all up played. They put their 'A' graders up for free at an accommodation provider that supported them; great initiative and good way to attract better players by the looks.

Stratford: Spoken to Peter Mischefski; he's back in the fold and playing an active part again so they should be easier to communicate with. He's back involved with Juniors and I've seen him at a few Prince Events. I'm expecting them to have their Open Tourney back up and running.

**District Coach** - No official appointment to date and I propose we do not make one this season as timelines are moving on. Pauline has been managing some general stuff communicating with the likes of Kaye to arrange the Central Club coaching days. I have communicated with a few about coordinating this and also spoken to SNZ about what quals the District Coach should have to run all workshops at Club, Nix and Junior level that were recognised through Squash NZ.

With time being of the essence I propose that I take on the duties as 'interim District Coach' for the rest of the season. My achilles is on the mend and over the last week I have book private clinics at: Taihape, Ohakune, Hawera and Raetihi with the plan to do 3 week cycles of visits up until at least the end of October; there's definitely a big demand for good coaching in the

District and I have always been of the mind that someone could build a viable business in unison with the DC role so I want to test the theory and my current role allows significant flexibility. I will also be delivering coaching services at several other clubs I've been talking to - On top of this we are starting to see the fruits of our Whanganui Junior Program with half a dozen of our kids in the top 10 rankings. I'm also getting around a lot of the Clubs this season with the Prince Junior Series.

Once the season is completed I / we would review a plan going forward and I plan to work closely with Sport Whanganui to look at how we could get more funding to sustain more hours for a District Coach, this was discussed at the recent SNZ forum at Whanganui Squash Club.

I would coordinate the coaching at Clubs initiative with Kaye and Fletch and going forward I plan to attend any SNZ coaching workshops as well as complete any formal quals they require to deliver modules throughout our District, as well as liaise with Grant Watts around the delivery of our Elite Squad coaching & anything else in this area where I could / can add value. I would plan to build a 'coaching of coaches' district conference and be the link between us and the Regional Sports Trusts from a coaching perspective as well as Squash NZ.....

I would report in monthly to the committee of outcomes and activity as well as liaise closely with Pauline to ensure that what I'm delivering ties in with funding strategy.

### **Finance Report – Dianne Tasker – Received by all.**

Attached Accounts payable report.

Accounts receivable, nothing to worry about - Foxton has had a reminder.

I have also attached the affiliation fees received this year.

There is 60K in the bank, I will have the TSB forms for Pauline, Emma and me to sign etc and get authorization at the meeting to invest some of this with TSB. We should also look at investing somewhere else, I will do some research into this.

The funding is starting to come in (well done Pauline), but of course this has to go out too!

We need to invest some money into TSB discussed and decided to invest for 2 years at 4% \$10,000 . We will also invest another \$15,000 into a BNZ Term Deposit for 3 months. The other TD is maturing on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

A lot of Individuals have not paid their HP fees, but Di said she has not sent reminders as not sure if they are getting value for money without a Coach and plan. Pauline said we really need to sit down with Grant Watts and come up with a plan leading into Nationals. How we will support those playing for us at Senior Nats and make sure they are getting value for money.

*Di moved the accounts be paid and Term deposits taken out, Seconded by Rod Bannister and all agreed.*

### **Juniors Report – Kelly Faint**

Sent out email to top 7 players on our grading list for Nationals availability as a couple haven't been playing it was a courtesy so we will see who comes back as available. Another 8 weeks until team named top 5 go to Nats. Jason Fletcher and Grant Watts are selectors along with myself. Talked about funding that players get. Kelly wants some stricter guidelines about playing for district if you want financial support. Kelly said she was a little disappointed with some players not playing our fixtures. If players want financial support from Central then they need to represent us.

Kelly has been asked to manage Secondary Schools in Australia. Kelly said it would be great for more teams to be entered into it. SNZ is going to manage it a lot more instead of the Secondary School association, which will make a big difference. Squashgym Palmerston North is hosting secondary schools next year. Emma asked about a player being able to play if the school doesn't have a team. SNZ may put a dispensation in so that individuals can form a team. John said it has to be for a school that wouldn't have a team normally not a school poaching a top player to strengthen their team.

Kelly said she would be having discussions with Sam Crawford from SNZ about it as he is leaving SNZ soon.

Junior training at SPN with Nick Mita - spoke about opening up for juniors around the district and for the district to pay or a few extra hours. Kelly has two dates in mind and will work out the best and invite Juniors from the whole district to attend.

Couple of hours paid for with Nick. All agreed.

Pauline said she had been speaking to Melville Holmes who wants to know what's on offer for his kids from the district coaching and participation wise as the TDC SNZ was doing last year has stopped.

Kelly said she is trying to get the better juniors to give back to the younger ones through training.

John said with their club in Ohakune the highest need would be getting someone to go there and help train the people taking the juniors. Currently the kids that were under Matt Laurenson who has left Ohakune are trying to run it. Sally got up there once. Pauline advised that Ohakune is one of the clubs that got a free coaching weekend and Coachforce so they could run a small and big nix then. John said it's a pity it didn't happen earlier.

### Elite Squads – Pauline

I obviously have not been doing a Kent standard job of it but have sent the players reminders about upcoming events that are selection tournament and representative events. Our team is pretty scarce this year and will probably be made up a lot by Juniors. Whether Junior or seniors or whatever level there will be people keen to be in the team and the question is what are we going to offer them? We need a plan going forward as the Central Open is a selection tournament and usually we name the team after the event. Senior Nats are 17 – 20<sup>th</sup> Aug and usually we have a 6-week training programme leading up to Nationals.

Rod said he is happy to help with the lead up to Nats and will have a talk to Grant Watts about what his thoughts are.

Kelly said she thinks Grant already has a plan. Rod advised he would talk to Grant directly and offer his assistance.

Rod asked what's the objective what shall we do?

Kelly mentioned Grant spoke about Tamsyn but Di advised Tamsyn had said she is not playing until Masters.

### Masters – Pauline

Mileage and accommodation for district Masters. Have had conversation with Melville and have emailed all the info I have as well as the top 5 in each age group from around the district. He is keen to attend District Masters and wanted to know if Central covers the accom and travel?

Kelly asked about a financial contribution for Kaitlyn Watts to go to the Worlds in Tauranga. Pauline advised yes the amounts are listed out on the back of the HP programme booklet. Players request it in writing. Di asked if we have sent her congratulations, no but Pauline will do in next week.

Marilyn and Di asked if Malville is needed at Dannevirke, We mostly need him to organize the team and attend the Nationals. Pauline said it's reasonable for him to request as he is only going, as the Masters convenor. Unfortunately the Central Masters is a bit of a non-event of 20 – 30 entries and usually selection is mostly done by calling people.

John said he could understand Melville thinks he should be there since it's the only selection tournament for Masters.

Di suggested we offer him to car pool with Di who is playing and we will give a contribution of \$100 towards any accommodation and travel costs. Pauline will advise that its not compulsory for him to go.

### MWR and District Captain report – Marilyn Dolan

Interclub half way through and going well. Ref night at Feilding went really well and some oldies found out some new rules.

Dannevirke decided they would run their own rules night. Taihape rules night went well Di ran that.

Di found the presentation that Mike uses a bit complicated for beginners. The old video is a little better you can stop and discuss and then get them to fill in the Club ref exam.

Wanganui and Rivercity rules night to be done still.

### General Business

Buddy Feedback

Patea have their AGM tomorrow.

Feilding had their 50<sup>th</sup> really good night about 60 attended.

Ohakea reopened; publicity in future needs to go through Management. Marilyn has asked if they want to host play off finals night. They are getting renewed interest since the venue reopened.

Raetihi - have a leagues night, which is getting about 60 people pity they are unaffiliated. They have just got a bar license again.

Hunterville – Di said she had Sam Horricks call and ask how affiliation fees work. Di said even after she explains it to people they still don't understand it. Rod suggested we put an explanation in our next newsletter and FB page. Di said SNZ have just advised all the clubs.

Taihape are going well.

Rivercity – John hasn't had a chance to talk to them lately but will be playing their tournament this weekend.

Foxton are talking about disaffiliation as they are having trouble getting their bar license. They will keep pushing Marilyn said and they have fantastic tournaments. Marilyn told them without affiliation they can't do tournaments and interclub so they may as well shut the doors but they are too good a facility to do that.

Discussed HP manager. Rod said he thinks the Elite managers role can just tie in with his discussion with Grant Watts to talk around plan for Elite squad.

Kelly said Shelly Kitching is doing a good structure. Plan dates at start of year and advise players. Coaches supplied players just have to get themselves there this puts the responsibility onto the players.

Rod said he would talk to Shelly Kitching about her format.

Di suggested approaching Maurius Fourie.

Junior and Senior Nationals we need another coach to supplement Grant Watts. Kent said it is flat out with 2 coaches so 1 is not an option. Rod said Nick is excellent in this type of Consultant capacity with the elite seniors and Juniors.

Kelly has tentatively spoken to Nick Mita who is also coaching half the kids. Spoke about coaching for Nick to go to Junior Nats. \$800 plus accom and flights. All agreed. Kelly will speak to Nick to confirm and advise.

Rod spoke about coaching district wide outside of Elite. Rod said we still need to look at the district coaching which has been left. Who is going to do the coaching conferences, organise coach force, plan and facilitate coaching etc, there is a whole district not being serviced outside of the HP players.

John said and this is why we have clubs asking "what do we get for our affiliation"? Rod said our whole district is unserved. He is doing private coaching in clubs and sees the need. John said clubs are looking after themselves with coaching doing it for free and wondering what the district is doing for them.

Di said and that is where we need a district coach. Is it too late in the season to be thinking about it now though? Are we discussing it now for next year? Rod said there is loads of kids down low like top Junior Prince players that could be put into a lower junior zone type system as opposed to them floating off to other things after the Junior Prince finishes in August. Palmerston North does a great job for their juniors but everywhere else there has been no one out there facilitating or making offerings to these kids. Di said that is just what the district coach needs to do but it has not happened for whatever reason we advertised the role with no success. Pauline said we got two apply one that lives in Whangarei and won't move for 10 hours and the other one who only wants to work with HP players. Di said Victor might look at the District Coach role next year. Everyone agreed Victor would be good perhaps next year if keen to get his qualifications up. He would be ideal for that lower level. Rod said the lower level is 95% of our members its our key market and we forget the masses out there that want to be educated and get better.

Spoke about Club coaching to be completed. Kaye is doing Inglewood, KP and Patea. Rod has organised Wanganui with Fletch. Pauline advised Rod, Fletch needs to liaise with Levin and Ohakune to set club coaching dates.

Kelly asked about funding for these coaching days. Di advised there is a coaching budget. Pauline advised we do not rely 100% on funding for the coaching. Kaye and the Taranaki clubs coaching is covered by funding, the coachForce modules each club will have is covered by SNZ funding and the 3 coaching sessions at Levin, Ohakune and Wanganui will come from the coaching budget.

Should we join Open with Masters. With only 60 entries at the open and an expected 20 -30 at masters should we join them to make a better/bigger field. Di said the numbers were down due to the PSA 2 weeks ago at SquashGym people can only travel and play so many tournaments. Kelly said she thinks the masters like going away and just playing masters. Di suggested 1 club take it on and own that event for years. She played Tawa last week and they did it really well and have done for years. Central has not run a good masters tournament. A club needs to take ownership and do it every year. We could then give them the Central Masters every year. Pauline said would that cause issues with other clubs wanting to host since we try and rotate the events around the district. John advised hardly anyone ever wants Central Masters.

For now its decided not to join the events. Pauline asked do we think we as a district should be doing more towards our district events. How important are they? Years ago we discussed how Central Juniors was fading and Sally was going to make a plan to rebuild it, but nothing happened. Rod said times are changing Premier interclub has disappeared. Di said she and many others are over interclub with travel and late nights for often a mismatched game. Marilyn said and yet the numbers have not dropped much if at all.

Pauline said the calendar is due to go out to the clubs is there anything that needs adding and or changing? John said do we have anything from SNZ yet? John said the more info the clubs can give the better. Rod asked do we think tournament numbers are dropping? Palmy open only had 4 in the open but Hawera had 90 play theirs. John said there is only 64 playing Central Open any club could host that. Kelly said Corbin had mentioned that it is disappointing that KP has not supported the tournament this year as SquashGym players have travelled up there the last few years. Rod asked so how do we get players back into our opens? John said many were here 2 weeks ago for the PSA there is only so much money and travel people can put towards tournaments.

The calendar is so full should clubs have fewer tournaments.

Meeting closed: 11:46 am

**Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Aug Junior Prince final Wanganui.**

Kelly has put in her apologies as running Secondary Schools and Emma will have calves on the ground.

Minutes certified as true and correct

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Action List**

24.6.17	Talk to Teresa about attending all Nats with Flights and accom included into her bill	<b>Kelly and Di</b>	ASAP
24.6.17	Send congrats letter to Kaitlyn	<b>Pauline</b>	Done
18.5.17	Set up Rules and Ref night at Wanganui/Rivercity	<b>Rod and Di</b>	ASAP
24.6.17	Complete TSB form to open account	<b>Pauline</b>	ASAP
25.3.17	Invest money into TSB	<b>Di/Pauline</b>	In progress
24.6.17	Talk to Grant Watts about the lead up to Nationals plan for the seniors and see what is required from Central	<b>Rod</b>	ASAP
ongoing	We still need someone to manage Elite squad	<b>Committee</b>	Urgently
24.6.17	Organise Nick Mita for Junior training and invite juniors from around district any level to attend a few hours with him.	<b>Kelly</b>	As required
24.6.17	Pauline to advise Melville of \$100 contribution for Masters.	<b>Pauline</b>	ASAP
24.6.17	Speak to Shelly Kitching about coaching programme format	<b>Rod</b>	ASAP
24.6.17	Offer Nick position as coach to Junior Nats as per discussed costs	<b>Kelly</b>	ASAP
24.6.17	Speak to Maurius Fourie about HP management role	<b>Rod</b>	Done, too hard with shift work