

Squash Central Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th August 2017, 7.30pm via skype.

Meeting opened 7:35pm

Present: Rod Bannister, Tom Lumsden, Pauline Slovak (minute taker), Marilyn Dolan, Dianne Tasker, Kelly Faint, Mike Jack, Kaye Carter.

Apologies: Emma Burnell and John Laurenson

Previous Minutes: Received by all.

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

Matters arise: None

Correspondence inwards & outwards –

Spoke about SNZ CoachForce materials package which got damaged after being left in Pauline's driveway. Rod to speak to Luke and say we will pay for second package and not first.

Pauline Slovak moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, Mike Jack seconded, Carried.

Administration Report – Received by all.

Have been crazy busy, sorry if you are getting a few short worded emails from me. Nationals are all set and Teresa is happy attending all 3 and the cost of her accommodation will come under funding. We are still awaiting NZCT funding for Nats, I'm hoping it is around the \$8,000 mark but you never know.

Junior Prince is about to end has been another great success and we need to look at contract soon after.

AGM and Awards date set for 9th Dec so pop that in your calendar. I will send out all the info and make a poster soon.

Newsletter – this has been a struggle I have it mostly ready but just haven't had time to finish it sorry now I wonder with all the big things happening should I wait and add them in like Sec Schools and Junior Prince and Super champs or do I lay them over into the next one in a month or two?

Club coaching and Coach Force modules are underway some complete and other scheduled. Many of them seemed a little confused about what they were getting, thought I had made it clear but obviously the message didn't get through to all.

Calendar forms have gone out to clubs and are due back later this month. Super Champs winners packs organised a little different this year as all National entries online. No doubt there will be a few hiccups but hopefully SNZ will be a bit understanding.

No takers for meeting next week many busy with Interclub finals so after speaking to Rod we propose Monday 14th Aug after Super Champs weekend via Skype at 7:30pm.

Buddy club feedback – went to second follow up meeting at Wanganui Squash Club. Was quite a long meeting with many items but overall good. They have issues or perceived security issues with bar. I think its mostly honest human error. Not everyone is a trained bar person.

Decided this was a good time to re-attend as they were doing their calendar form and getting organised for Prince final. Their junior prog is continuing to go well. Would like to see them do something more to increase membership other than Biz house. They have opted for a couple of District events but only want 1 as not many helpers. Paula Darlington is doing a lot think if she doesn't get help soon it will result in burn out. Imagine same in many clubs the many hands light work seems to be getting lost. The changing face of volunteerism I guess.

Spoke about awards and AGM poster etc. Di said we need to limit the time the awards take.

Masters – Di said Melville has talked to most players and has picked a team. He will send an email tonight. Di said he seems pretty well organised. Not sure how Central Master will go. Rod mentioned that Wellington is not sending a team. Cost for player contribution - \$60 for uniform, \$100 contribution for travel.

Presidents Report – Rod Bannister Received by all.

- Club Buddy report; from visits to several clubs around the District all seems to be going well
- Making contact with Graeme Pope at River City to discuss the issue they have with paying an entry fee for the B grade superchamps when they have not entered a team
- Speaking with Pauline 4/5 times a week discussing squash business in general when it arises and signing off on necessary paperwork when required.

District Coach – Rod Bannister

District Coach – Plan July to October 2017

Synopsis: Overall plan is to let all Clubs know in the District that we have a DC in place for a set amount of time & to get them out to offer help / support to all Clubs in a coaching capacity highlighting the following 3 key focus areas.

Coaching Conference:

Set a date for a full days District coaching conference in order to formally pull together our coaches no matter what level. Focus will be on sharing coaching philosophies, establish what each are doing with their own coaching around the District, what support & help they need going forward, collaborate & share ideas with all present, capture contact so we have a coaching process going forward, what they see as key areas of focus over the next 12 months i.e. professional development, club programs, mix the day up with some on court practical work that we have identified throughout the day, start to build a network of coaches that can share ideas and resources in to the future.

Work in with the likes of Kaye & Fletch regarding the agenda for the conference.

Contact Clubs with a date in mind and inform them of this service.

Club Programs

DC to make himself available as a resource to all Squash Central Clubs to set a date to come in and observe current club programs to ascertain where they need help, support and input i.e. juniors, club nights.

As above, contact Clubs to inform them of this service.

Talent ID

MWR Zone Squad: Look at its current model & how we can improve upon what we have i.e. do we look at bringing the likes of the Prince level Series players into the fray introducing them to the basics of squad training & day camps?

Establish and identify / invite players that have a real keen appetite for the game that could move into a District level into the future but have not been picked up in the 'system' thus far i.e. a 'C' grader in their early 20's that is mad keen on the game, improved significantly and is wanting to be part of a zone squad with the aim of improving, being introduced to zone squads, that are self-motivated and wanting to move through the grades.

District Coach Reporting

Set up invites to all Clubs with guidelines and conduct 2/3 camps before the middle of October.

- Set up a DC plan for the contract term & sent to John Laurenson
- Coordinated and ran in conjunction with Grant Watts both Senior Squad Camps at Squash Gym on the 2nd and 30th of July including: planning of both sessions - overseeing in general all planning leading into senior teams event in August in close communication with Grant Watts
- Selected in conjunction with Grant both senior teams to attend the Teams Event & acting as contact between us and Squash Eastern / SNZ; communicated selections with all players prior to announcing
- Communicated with Squash NZ, Sport Whanganui, Taranaki & Manawatu about the DC role and what the objectives are askig to meet to discuss how we can work closely together in the future
- Planning of announcement to key Club contacts & other coaches of the role
- Met with Sport Whanganui's Jodie Brunger to discuss potential future options for the DC role where we could increase hours through funding options
- Sent out a detailed plan to all Clubs to arrange personal visits to look at and discuss coach support of club coaches, programs, club coaching and planning to implement new programs as well as inform of the end of year District coaching conference
- Facilitation of Small Nix module with Jason Fletch at the Whanganui Squash Club, fantastic attendance of 13 people; partial delivery of the course. This is part of the squash Central's offering of coaching at clubs
- Delivery of club coaching to: Levin (August), Ohakune (end of July), Inglewood (August), Okato (August) & meeting with Taranui (27th of July) to make a plan. Goal is to meet with all interested Clubs prior to end of contract in mid October. Club coaching covers both module delivery that's chosen by the Club and coaching of club members
- Very concious of not crossing over private coaching with DC coaching, to date there's no clash at all regarding travel costs and conflict between the two, I was very clear when sending out all correspondence to the above.

Finance Report – Dianne Tasker – Received by all.

Attached is the report of what we have paid or are about to pay since the last meeting.

Outstanding invoices owed to us; I'm not too worried about, I have some tidying up to do since we decided to credit the elite fees back to the players (some have paid, some haven't)

Taihape and Ohakune are the only clubs that didn't pay their fees with their superchamps entries - these are still outstanding, they have been invoiced.

Since the last meeting we have received \$4,200 from Lion Foundation.

I got the forms off to TSB Bank and they phoned me today to confirm a few things, they were phoning Pauline and Emma too. Hopefully will be able to get some money invested before the interest rate goes down!

Pauline and I have had some discussion over our balance date which is 30 September. This is in the middle of the business end of the squash season. We never get a real picture of what's gone on in the season in the accounts ie the accounts for 30 September 2017 will include 2016 champion of champions, masters nationals and junior nationals and 2017 senior nationals & superchamps. I would like to change our balance date to 30 November, can anyone see any potential problems with this? If we agree it would have to be a remit at the AGM.

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

Juniors Report – Kelly Faint

We will be naming the team for Junior Nationals at the conclusion of NZ Secondary Schools. We also will be naming a non-travelling reserve due to the last couple of years we have had injuries and had to make a quick decision.

We will arrange two trainings for the Junior National team over the next couple of months.

Unfortunately Wellington has confirmed Nick for the team's event so Nick has offered to look after our players for the individuals and Fletch is available to come down on Saturday or Sunday. Is this a possibility as only having Grant for the individuals would be too hard for him to manage and both teams?

The juniors in our district have been busy playing tournaments and have had some fantastic results. Kaitlyn Watts continues her dominance with finishing third at Senior Nationals and playing some fantastic squash over the World Juniors' tournament. She definitely played some remarkable squash in the team's event.

Reece Holmes has added two more titles to his growing list of achievements this year with winning North and South Islands under 11 age group, he is definitely a player to watch. While Courtney didn't make the NZ Worlds Junior squad Courtney and her fellow Elite Squad team member Zoe Dykzeul battle out in the finals in the North Island under 19 where she won in 4, great achievement. Unfortunately Corbin wasn't as lucky as all the World Junior Boys' Squad played North Island where he finished 5th.

We had a few central junior players playing the NZ Classic junior tournament at the Mt Maunganui and Te Puke clubs, this tournament was organised to play a long side the World Juniors. It was a great experience for our juniors to watch the best juniors in the world. Tauranga did a brilliant job and definitely raised the bar as to how tournaments can run. In the NZ Classic junior tournament Corbin made his way to the finals in the open and unfortunately lost in a tough 5 setter but what a great experience to play on the full glass court. Annaleise was seeded 6th in the open and came 3rd which was a fantastic result. As discussed in previous meeting we need to be growing our junior programme and giving support to the clubs. Great to see Rod is getting out to clubs, would be good to include in your report what juniors did attend your sessions. I had quick count on the grading list.

Girls A grade	2	Boys A Grade	1
Girls B Grade	4	Boys B Grade	4
Girls C Grade	8	Boys C Grade	9
Girls D Grade	5	Boys D Grade	11
Girls E Grade	8	Boys E Grade	21
Girls J Grade	59	Boys J Grade	122 (22 from Ohakune)

I would like to send out a questionnaire to get feedback from the clubs how we can help our clubs grow their junior programme.

Spoke about offer by Fletch to come down for teams. Everyone happy for him to attend. Flights will have to be booked and we will need to look at payment

MWR and District Captain report – Marilyn Dolan

MWR Zone

Interclub just about finished with two lots of finals night this coming week.

Ohakea are hosting the Mens Div 1 and should be great night as they are in the playoff for 1st.

Know doubt next calls will be when is Masters starting.....

PLAYOFFS this year was left off the calender so need to look at dates available

Buddy Clubs

Patea took a couple of attempts to get AGM underway but all good for next year. Have an open door during the day on Fridays to try and attract new members. Numbers low but great core of people at the helm.

Feilding, didn't hear back. Tom will update. Had a great tournie.

Levin had a successful Open. Their next one is their Masters in September.

Superchamps.

41 teams entered with 1 pull out week later.

Great entries: B 2 + 2 C 6 + 3 D 7 + 5 E 4 + 6 F 3 + 3

Joss and Emma are my disputes team for the weekend.

Newbign Shield Courts booked and lunch planned. We have 12 plus reps. Marilyn to do TC.

Marilyn asked if Airforce challenge is district event? Di advise it's by invite only to match the airforce players as closely as possible. Furtherst player travelling is Dylan Budge so would like to reimburse him a little travel money.

12 in the team 8 men and 4 women, Di will do a small write up for FB. They are really passionate there at the moment. Marilyn offered to be TC, Di said she will run it past Jaquie Mannes. Di suggested \$50 for Dylan Budge travel, all agreed.

General Business

Spoke about request for funding from Richard Bell and Kaitlyn Watts. Kelly said we have been wary of this in the past, as we need to be clear about what we fund. What precedence we are setting. Others are travelling overseas and we are not supporting them.

All agreed it needs to be consistent across the board for everyone, Di suggested we need to go back to them and say we may support as individuals but not as a committee/organisation as we need to be fair and transparent. We will offer to promote it but cannot donate to it.

Balance date – For financial year would be nice for it to finish at end of season so it includes all of this years Masters and Juniors etc. It would be a more true financial report of the year if it fit in with the season. Mike said whatever is easiest do it. Marilyn said move the date. Pauline said it will affect the awards and they would have to be split. Rod said the date and venue have been consistent and building.

Decided to leave date, as is so it doesn't affect the awards and AGM joint event.

Club 20 - Kaye came away from the Presidents mid year meeting with the idea that they wanted clubs that were struggling but had a committee that were keen. They need clubs that are invested. Rod said Wanganui would maybe be interested. Rod asked Di if Rangitikei would be interested. Kaye suggested that we put it out to the clubs. Rod asked if Feilding would be interested in. Tom said maybe. Kaye said Waitara comes to mind.

Marilyn suggested Patea, Kaye said she has tried to run Coaching clinic there but has lost touch with them. Pauline will invite all clubs to register if they are interested and we will put them forward from then.

Jason Fletcher Travel assistance – Rod said he has offered to help with coaching conference. Kelly suggested he go to Juniors for free and we contribute towards trip the amount we have budgeted Pauline to calculate and advise committee.

SNZ for squads for Junior Nominations to come from Districts. A lot of kids are not being put into squads so Shelly Kitching is looking for nominations for consideration. Kelly will forward on the email of nomination forms.

Competition review feedback – Mike said its pretty in-depth and he wonders where the money for the PSA event is going to come from. Kelly said the PSA they have at SPN the money is a huge amount of work. COC not going to be supported by Wellington and is not largely supported by some districts. Nth and Sth Island Championships, Rod said its crazy local players need those.

Junior Nationals suggested split, Kelly said absolutely not, it's school holidays and splitting it would be harder. Kelly also said Nationals being hosted by 2 clubs ruined the atmosphere. At the moment its just a discussion, SNZ seems to want to split Nats but most districts seem to say no.

Spoke about the format of Secondary Schools.

Mike said to review this Competition report we would need a whole meeting alone for it and we are all too busy to even read through it.

Meeting closed: 9.04pm

Next meeting Friday 15th September at the Flamingo 3pm

Minutes certified as true and correct

Signed _____ Date _____

Action List

18.5.17	Set up Rules and Ref night at Wanganui/Rivercity	Rod and Di	done
14.8.17	Contact SNZ advise we will not pay for damaged good just replacements	Rod	ASAP
24.6.17	Organise Nick Mita for Junior training and invite juniors from around district any level to attend a few hours with him.	Kelly	As required
24.6.17	Speak to Shelly Kitching about coaching programme format	Rod	ASAP
14.8.17	Send out for interest in Club 20 project	Pauline	done