

# **MWR Minutes**

Meeting declared open 1918 hours on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## **Clubs Present**

Taihape-Sheryl Hooper

Palmerston North-Joy Koolen, Aaron Stevens

Ohakea-Glenn Blay

Levin/Foxton-Marilyn Dolan

Feilding-Brett Cook, Tom Lumsden, Cindy Marsh (Minute Taker)

River City-Renee Rogers

Tararua-Dean Mabey, Chris Dryland

## **Apologies**

Ashhurst

Wanganui

Foxton-Hamish Raleigh

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

These were circulated at this meeting.

It was moved that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record

Moved: Sheryl Hooper      Seconded: Joy Koolen

## **Finances**

Current Zone balance as at 29 March 2018 is \$902.91 with an expected income of \$1140.00 from Interclub this season. Totalling \$2042.91

Moved: Marilyn Dolan      Seconded: Glenn Blay

## **Club Reports**

### **Tararua**

Ticking along with approx. 100 members with a steady flow of new members coming on.

Juniors have started with approx. 40 juniors and 10 coaches, coaches consist of club members and a couple of parents. Juniors have been split into groups of approx. 4 and are coached at a time that suits both coach and student. Juniors coaching goes for term 2 & 3.

There has been a change of guard over the past year. This included sorting rolls into more even workloads. This has been a challenge.

### **River City**

Had their tournament at the weekend with approx. 60 entries. There was a good attendance at the prize giving.

Ladies night starts on Thursday.

### **Ohakea**

Still in rebuild but has had a good year. Numbers are increasing. Ohakea will hold the inter-base squash tournament at the end of May.

Starting future proofing with cross training of roles within the club.

Branching out with a vision that Ohakea will become the central club for the Airforce and maybe even Armed Forces.

Intention to have another Central Challenge.

### **Feilding**

In a rebuild stage also with a semi fresh committee having people learning new rolls within the club.

First year of FSR group using the rooms downstairs. This has been a huge learning curve with a few issues showing the importance of good open communication with expectations of both groups well documented.

Business House starts on Thursday.

### **Taihape**

As most are aware Taihape have been without courts for 3 months due to having their change rooms updated.

Business House starts this week.

The Taihape round of the Prince Juniors Series was well supported with 30 juniors attending.

Next challenge – Courts

### **Palmerston North**

Had a bit of a bad start to the year. A lot of mislead blame.

Starting to turn tournaments around, increased player numbers, people are starting to stay for meals, trying to get a bit of good hospitality going.

Squash members/committee have been travelling around getting to meet new people/clubs.

PSA tournament coming and is being run in conjunction with the Palmy tournament.

New Coaching Scheme – A lot of work has gone into this with a substantial amount still to be done. Looking at having a head coach who will look after next level coaches for women's, men's and kids. Coaches will be checked and trained, this will include H&S, First Aid, coaching courses and police checks. There's lots of smoothing out still required. All coaches will need to be under this new scheme.

Academy is not running well so there will be a push to build juniors starting at the basics moving towards the academy.

So much happening, watch this space.

### **Levin**

Business House and Ladies nights have started. Marilyn has been helping Otaki and has taken the ladies through their referring papers. Ladies have travelled to Otaki to play and help out.

New carpet has been laid in the foyer and kitchen is looking great after revamp.

### **Foxton**

Starting to get a few new members.

## **Team Draw for Interclub**

The list of teams was reviewed and divided. A total of 5 Men's divisions with 1 division consisting of 4 teams and 4 divisions consisting of 6 teams. Ladies will have 2 divisions both consisting of 5 teams resulting in a Bye each week.

## **General Business**

### **Squash NZ**

There have been some large changes within Squash NZ. There are now only 2 staff instead of 4. Please be patient when requesting information as replies are taking greater than 24 hours.

### **Superchamps**

The cut-off date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> June and these are played mid-August. Please make sure you get teams in before the cut-off date.

### **Rules and Referring**

This training is required for interclub. Training is available from Di Tasker, Jos Urban and Marilyn Dolan. Online is also available. This is required to be completed every 2 years.

## **General Business – Interclub**

Hosting team will supply game balls.

Top players may require double dots.

Marilyn will send out all information via email and set up interclub in iSquash

Clubs hosting the Finals will receive \$100/team towards supper and each player will contribute \$5 to the hosting club which will go towards supper on the final night.

Clarification was requested on the definition of "supper" at an interclub event. Supper is classed as a meal (dinner). Teams travel a large distance and normally have not eaten prior to playing. The after-match function is to be a sit-down meal.

Premier Interclub will be put on hold.

More discussion is required around the cost of entry for teams into interclub. Also, reimbursement of costs required for Marilyn's time, and stationary. It was suggested that this could be discussed at a Central meeting for future years. Is that the correct forum for this discussion as this is a "Zone" issue and as was stated, the pool of money that comes from interclub is to be used for interclub and is not to be collected as a nest egg.

Meeting Closed 2036 hours.