

Meeting Minutes for meeting held via Zoom Monday 18th September 2023 at 7:30pm.

CENTRAL MEETING OPENED: 7:30PM

Present: Natalie Lane, John Laurenson, Marilyn Dolan, Brett Cook, Pauline Waite, Joy Koolen, Jeff See and Pauline Chapman (Minute taker)

Apologies: Melville Holmes, Amy Simpson, Anneka Weterman, Virginia Laws, Cindy March.

Minutes: Zoom meeting: 28th July 2023 Read and approved.

No Matters arising from precious minutes.

Last minutes moved as correct by: Joy Koolen, Seconded by Pauline Waite & carried.

Meeting Reports:

JUNIORS REPORT - VIRGINIA LAWS

There has been only one further HP camp since the last meeting. No additional C+ players other than our prospective National team players attended. There is one further camp which is compulsory for the selected team and to be run by Paul Hornsby.

The junior team has been officially announced and entered into the National event. Planning for the event is going well, with close accommodation secured well ahead of time this year, and a minibus also booked. I will need a fuel card please for the duration of the event.

The Central Junior Open was successfully hosted by Ohakune Club with good entries in both the Prince Series and the Junior Open itself. Thank you to John and the Ohakune team for all their efforts in organising the two events rolled into one, it was a big busy weekend, which ran smoothly.

REFEREES REPORT - PAULINE CHAPMAN

Recently Matthew and I attended the Wellington masters and completed further refereeing assessments with Brett Simons. Hopefully this will mean I have maintained all I need to do for the year and Matt just has to complete a little paperwork. Craig Bailey needs another assessment and we may send him to Wellington for the Nationals Juniors if I can tee that up. Unfortunately Brendon Davies when spoken too at COC advised he had been put of the refereeing pathway by Mike Jack and will probably not continue. Allan Bailey is yet to get his qualification but is close so hopefully when he returns from overseas he will be able to complete that. I have submitted a proposed budget to PW as requested for 2024.

PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT - NATALIE LANE

Ladies E Grade and Below One Dayer Series Report

The E Grade and Below One Dayer Series was started to allow women over 19 years of age the opportunity to start playing Squash Tournaments in a relaxed environment or to play tournaments without being in divisions with Junior players coming through. For many F grade women they are often seeded in draws with junior players and this can be disheartening. Unfortunately the first of the 4 days was cancelled due to a lack of entries, however the following 3 one dayers has seen 40 ladies take the court. Some of these ladies came from the Wellington region and one player was from Rotorua. With the inclusion of an ungraded division, ladies were able to experience what a tournament is like and most of them are now graded players and entering other tournaments around the district and beyond. The series also saw a number of ladies move out of F grade into E grade, as well as putting some into D grade.

A number of ladies played all three and it was great to see their commitment to this initiative. There has been a lot of positive feedback and players wanting to see this continue in the following years.

A huge thank you goes out to the clubs (Stratford, Levin, Rivercity and Rangitikei) for their willingness to host these events on a Sunday. They made the ladies feel welcome and without the volunteers stepping up to open their doors this series would not have been possible.



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TREASURERS REPORT - PAULINE WAITE

AGED PAYABLE AND RECEIVABLES ATTACHED AT END OF MINUTES.



Finance Report 22/7-11/9/23		
Payments		
Wages	5021.14	x 2
Inspire Net	156.00	x 2
Trophy Specialists	389.00	Engraving
IRD Paye	557.96	PAYE
IRD GST	3490.52	GST
Clubs	1887.00	Superchamp travel
Xero	166.06	x 2
Ohakune Squash	150.00	Mtg lunches
Lasercraft Signs	2074.77	Hoodies/singlets
Pub Charity	2475.00	Grant refund
Monarch Motel	4475.00	Masters Accommodation
Riverside Rentals	860.00	Van hire Masters
Air NewZealand	6797.00	Masters air fares
Air NewZealand	2668.00	COC air fares
Whangarei Central	2075.40	COC
Heretaunga Company	6630.00	Juniors Accommodation
C&C Autos	1760.00	Juniors van hire
Pauline Chapman	695.81	Ph/Internet/travel/ref subs
Quality Presentations	61.88	I/Club banner x 1
Brodie Bennett	150.00	Travel subsidy
John Rushworth	200.00	Coaching x 2
H&A Print	132.40	A3 photocopying
Sporting goods Spec	207.00	Junior Prince prizes
ACC	289.35	Levies
A.Weterman	160.00	reimb - I/Club finals
Feilding Squash	160.00	reimb - I/Club finals
Henderson Squash Club	850.00	E.grade S/Champ efee
Stage & Screen	698.39	Airfare P.Hornsby
Kent Darlington	200.00	Jnr Training Camp-Coach
Total	\$ 45,437.68	
Credit Card		
Paper Plus	192.10	
Zoom	27.6	
Form Stack	80.29	
Warehouse	290.00	
A/c fees	10.00	
Interest	6.27	
Total	606.26	
Investments		
BNZ		\$11,691.05
TSB		\$11,409.49
Creditors		\$ 2,580.44
Debtors		\$ 6,475.00
00 Account Balance	as at 11.9.23	\$ 70,924.53

Jeff asked about income, Pauline W said not much just affiliation fees from SNZ and a few players paying their fees. John asked if COC flights funded and PC advised yes all team flights got fully funded as well as accommodation.

Affiliation fee changes do we adopt the 10% cap. Pauline W said it doesn't seem fair for some clubs to prop up others. John said clubs need to make sure their numbers are right. Jeff thought the new structure was a bit confusing. Looking at the Feilding example as they will have the biggest increase, Brett said 10% would be better for them but he thinks they actually have more members than the example is listed. John said the jump affects them as they don't charge much for juniors but as long as it's fair for everyone. John said maybe we just pay the accurate numbers some go up and some go down. Whether the club pays it or the members pay the affiliation will make a massive difference, the club definitely should be playing it. Jeff said it's an opportune time to sort grading lists really quick before you get charged for it. John thought their numbers were pretty accurate. Jeff said we need to look from District level not our clubs and while they have been frozen the clubs jumping up have had increased membership and revenue. John said it's not fair for clubs to prop others up perhaps the district could budget a small fund of about \$5,000 that clubs can apply too for assistance if they are struggling. John Laursen moved that we put together a club relief fund capped at \$4,000 total, Natalie seconded all agreed passed. Jeff See moved that we do not adopt 10% capping, seconded by Pauline Waite, all agreed. Pauline C to advise SNZ.

Events review - Natalie - We have reviewed the Central Open but not the Juniors and Masters sub committee need to sit down and go over results. Pauline C said we need these in place prior to the calendar planning going out to clubs on the 7th October as the clubs get given event guidelines so they know what they are opting into.

TSB funding - awaiting Amy and Mike's feedback, Jeff asked Mike at Waitara meeting but nothing has been done thus far, Jeff will follow up.

Selection criteria update. Sub committee has been formed Amy, Anneka, Virginia and Joy to recommend selection criteria prior to the end of year.

New awards date discussed there are clashes everywhere Joy suggested we put an awards night in our calendar as an event the first weekend of October, Saturday night. Jeff suggested a Friday night Joy said they would have to wait until 8pm to start awards. Joy said if we keep the Sunday there will be plenty of people to come help as Pauline C is away at Masters Nationals. Jeff suggested we leave as is for this year and we lock in Saturday 5th of October 2024. Assuming the Nationals events all stay the same we can lock that in.

Change Leaders Update

Each club needs a motivated person to guide members through the new information and system. John said put Matthew down for Ohakune. Change announcement going out this Wednesday from SNZ we need to lock in the change leaders over next week or 2.

Funding Resolution

Pauline Waite moved that we apply to NZCT for 6 months administrator salary covering November 2023 to April 2024. Jeff See seconded, all agreed and passed.

GENERAL BUSINESS -

Change leaders update - Wednesday they are launching key date is 4th October. There's another meeting next Monday at 5pm. From this Wednesday they want club change leaders for each club registered. Nat said most have one change person lined up.

Calendar dates to be decided for district events

To be decided after the 6th October when national events come out. John said any feedback about events timing is welcome for consideration. COC maybe moved to earlier so we need to check that. Pauline said events review needs to be completed before then.

COC rules - PC advised that at the recent COC event there was a close count back in the E grade men. Campbell a fill in for Ohakune to make up draw numbers won it over Darius



Mathews. After a lengthy discussion between Pauline, John and Matthew Laurenson it was undecided what to do so Marilyn was consulted as district captain, Marilyn made the ruling that no a fill in is not an official entry and not eligible. Jeff See was also rang and gave the same decision so the title and right to Nationals was given to Darius. It was advised at prize giving we would try and get Campbell there also but we could not control the National draw and an extra may not be allowed. Jeff said he made a ruling about changing decision about fill ins. Jeff spoke to Martin at SNZ. SNZ have no firm rules on it. John said we use the national rules there are clear guidelines about how to put fill ins into draws, they don't count towards teams points. Once they are in they are competing to find best person in that group. John said maybe we ask clubs to nominate reserves. John feels its inferred that fill in get titles. Jeff said its pretty wishy washy at moment there is no firm standing on weather they are eligible for title. We as a committee need to draw up a set of rules that each club is invited to put up a second player if required.

Fill ins don't count towards teams points but are in contention for the graded title.

Just as in Super Champs fill in can win the title.

We can put an E grader on offer as fill in. Jeff has asked Pauline to contact Northland to advise we have extra E grader.

Pauline C advised she thought a ruling was fine and changing the rules and clarity a good idea but that we should not be going back on the decision made at prize giving. PC advised I am disgusted that we are now going to tell a 12 year old boy who was stocked to make the National team he isn't going anymore and as a parent I would be outraged if someone did that to my kid. Jeff said he has made the decision and will contact the Mathews family and talk to them.

Pauline C also went on to say she has to face this family as they are from her club and is embarrassed and feels like for the second time she has been thrown under the bus. Having to announce to the seniors about not sending a team far too late and not from the senior manager was terrible and the comments we got from the seniors were pretty bad and Allan Baileys and Victors beyond bad. Jeff said you have not been thrown under the bus but Melville should have advised the seniors much earlier. Pauline said she has heard Melville has told some that he gave us a team for Nationals and we decided to not send a team. Committee were surprised since the team came far too late after very poor communication by Melville and it was his recommendation that the team not be sent.

John asked Jeff if Paul Hornsby is all go, Pauline C said Junior Nationals have him Saturday and COC team have him Sunday.

Jeff - group went to Squashgym and had quite a good discussion with them it was a pretty firm and frank discussion and it felt like we were gaining ground with them and since then they have been very vague and its pretty disappointing it has gone no where. The general committee it feels like are not getting told exactly whats happening it seems like there's a small group thats trying to run the club. We told them until they clean up somewhat we will be monitoring them and it will affect major decisions about the events they host. Its pretty frustrating. John said in the minutes they asked to be a Central hub for events but they only had 2 players in COC which is terrible. Jeff said their own tournaments are not well supported presently. John asked if they eluded to their financial position, Jeff said no they didn't seem to have any idea. Natalie said she is a country member and has not had a renewal invoice this year. It seems like they are looking after the top level and not the small guy. SquashGym couldn't see the problem with clashing with MWR interclub. Natalie said she has heard they are financially doing well.

Pauline Chapman said she is strongly opposed to the COC tracking back of decision and Jeff said he feels the decision was wrong and we are backtracking. We should have announced the E grade title was in dispute.

Pauline to draft up an email for the committee members that are not constitution attendance requirements. Send to Jeff.

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Next Meeting via zoom Monday the 6th November at 7:30pm



Minutes signed and dated as true and correct by President Jeff See.

President _____ Date _____



Action list to be completed.

15.4.23	Pauline to develop Sponsorship resource for Daryl	PC	Once season is quieter. Nov/Dec.
26.6.23	More comprehensive hosting guidelines to be given to TC for Super Champs	Marilyn	By end of year
26.6.23	Rep team selection process to be reviewed and new recommendations made to committee.	Virginia, Joy Anneka and Amy	So they can be released at end of 2023 or Jan 2024. Selection criteria Sub Coms to complete before next meeting 6th Nov
26.6.23	Help Anneka build social content, share cool things happening with your club and buddy clubs, share some personal info /interesting facts about yourself for media tiles.	All committee members	Pending
26.6.23	Central Open, Masters and Juniors to be reviewed, priority on rebuilding these events. Sub committee to come to next meeting with recommendations	Sub Committee - Jeff, Cindy and Natalie	Before the 6th October
28.7.23	Committee requiring funds for their roles next year to submit a budget to Pauline Waite to include in her budget	Melville and Joy	Before next meeting 6/11/23. Had Ref and Junior so far. Need Masters and Seniors still.
28.7.23	All job descriptions to be reviewed and updated for committee meeting approval	Virginia, Joy, Melville and Pauline C	In progress
18.9.23	Advise SNZ of affiliation cap decision	Pauline C	Done
18.9.23	Place awards night into Calendar for Saturday 5th October 2024 no tournaments to be placed on this weekend.	John Laurenson	October/November during calendar planning,
18.9.23	District change leaders to make contact with clubs and get 1 - 3 in each club signed up.	Marilyn, Amy, Virginia, Natalie and PC	By 29th September
18.9.23	Apply to NZCT for 6 months Admin salary	Pauline C	September/October
18.9.23	Set of rules to be written up for District COC events outlining fill ins eligibility for titles	John and Jeff	Before start of next season.
18.9.23	Draft letter to advise those committee that are not meeting attendance minimum	Pauline Jeff	ASAP