

Tuesday 19th March at 7pm, via Zoom.

CENTRAL MEETING OPENED: 7:18PM

Present: Anneka Weterman, Jeff See, Joy Koolen, Natalie Lane, Matthew Laurenson, Hazel Richardson and Pauline Chapman (Minute taker), Allan Bailey joined at 7:22pm

Apologies: Daryl O'Hara, Pauline Waite, Virginia Laws, Brett Cook, Amy Simpson, John Laurenson and Melville Holmes.

Last Minutes - Last meeting minutes from 7th February 2024 meeting moved by Jeff See, seconded by Joy Koolen.
Finance report moved By Joy Littlejohn, Natalie seconded



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Finance Report 1 Jan-11 Mar		
Payments		
Wages	5021.14	Jan & Feb
Inspire Net	156.00	Jan & Feb
H&A Design	122.30	Posters
P.Darlington	560.00	AGM meals
IRD Paye	1440.78	PAYE x 2
Xero	176.98	Jan & Feb
Squash NZ	391.00	Balls
P.Chapman	483.01	Phone/internet/travel
Ohakune Squash	250.00	Junior Open
Paul Hornsby	1310.00	Coaching camp
Total	\$ 9,911.21	
Credit Card		
Formstack	155.40	Jan & Feb
Zoom	53.57	Kan & Feb
Air NZ	685.40	P.Hornsby x 2
Air chathams	224.97	P.Hornsby - return
Accommodation	200.00	P.Hornsby
Countdown	50.00	Flowers M.Dolan
A/c fee	10.00	Jan & Feb
Total	1379.34	
Investments		
BNZ		\$11,691.05
TSB		\$12,046.69
Bank Accounts		
General 00 A/c		\$72,864.91
Credit Card		-\$55.00
Total monies held		\$96,547.65
Creditors		\$ 4,649.91
Debtors		\$ 1,220.00

Meeting Reports - taken as read.



Masters Invitational Report

The Masters Invitational for 2024 was held at Foxton Squash Club on Sunday 10th March. This year filling the teams had its issues with people not registered on MySquash or they had not approved for their details to be in the directory, making contacting them difficult.

The Taranaki team was the main team hard to fill and as a result players from out of Taranaki were used and the team was called "Not Taranaki". This was due to the above reasons but also due to the Pink concert and it also being Taranaki Anniversary weekend. Which were the main reasons the players asked could not play.

The day was very good and played in good spirits. The winning teams for 2024 were:

Mens – Whanganui (Daniel Potter winning the final game to give them the overall win)

Womens – Not Taranaki

It was a very tight competition with only 1 game being the difference between first and second, and second and third.

Nat Lane

Senior Convenor Report

The senior squad is taking shape with 9 Men and 10 Ladies on the list so far. All players have been sent the following plan :

Squash Central Senior Squad Calendar

Date:		Location
Sunday 7th April	Senior Squad Training 10am-1pm	Hawera 10am -1pm
Saturday 18th May	Leevey Shield Central v Waikato	Kawaroa Park
Saturday 25th May	Central v Eastern	Waipukurau Squash Club
Sunday 14th July	Training Camp	Whanganui Squash Club
Sunday 4th August	Training Camp	Squashgym
Sunday 11th August	Central v Wellington	Levin
Friday 30th August – 1 September	Nationals NZ Interdistrict team Champs	Otago

Note:

One Dayers - is a squad of 12, 6 females and 6 males

Nationals - is a team 10, 5 females and 5 males. Plus a non-travelling reserve for both mens and ladies.

The focus so far has been to improve communication and players have been informed on the process for selection and the expectations. Responses from players has been positive so far, with some players already indicating their availability for the events above.

Unfortunately the Paul Hornsby camp had to be cancelled due to a lack of numbers. This clashed with a number of events, for example, the NZ HP camp at Squashgym, the Pink Concert and other tournaments that players had already committed to. A note to take from this going forward is earlier communication and better selection of dates.



A question has come to me in regards to the gear requirements...

Can you please clarify what the gear requirements are this year - as in I still have the black/white Central shirts (are these still what we play in?) and the green/black committee hoodie with all the clubs on the back, is this sufficient or is there new kit?

Participation and Development Report

MWR Interclub:

MWR Interclub started on 12th/13th March. Unfortunately the Composite competition on Tuesdays has been cancelled due to lack of teams.

Mens Masters has 3 divisions and Ladies Masters has had an increase in numbers. The reason for the increase in numbers in the ladies has been due to making contact with players rather than waiting to see if they enter. For some, they had no idea it was starting which highlights a concern about information being passed on at the club level.

E and Below Ladies Series:

The first round of this series was played on Sunday 17th March at Feilding Squash club and comprised of 3 divisions. We had players from Masterton and one from Wellington entered as well as our local ladies. However, unfortunately our Wellington lady had to pull out due to medical reasons.

This first round has been a bit messy and has D graders playing. The reason for this is due to the changes on MySquash which occurred over the weekend before and the change in bands being released on the Monday. The ladies who this affected were advised they could still play as they were E grade when entering and the MySquash recalibration of levels and band changes were out of their control.

The final round of this requires a prize giving with spot prizes etc, any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Junior Report

It has been a busy start to the year for the juniors with numerous camps already held. Expressions of Interest into the High Performance program were sought by the District with 34 young players registered. These players were then split appropriately into two tiers depending on their skill level.

Emerging Squad (players playing well within their age groups/potential one day representatives) All 18 players (9 boys + 9 girls) who expressed interest were accepted by the committee.

We held one camp for the Emerging Squad on 11 February, just prior to the Eastern One Day Challenge. All but 3 players attended. Unfortunately Head Coach Matt was sick and unable to attend the camp, however Kent stepped up and brought in reinforcements at the last minute to assist with running of the camp. Overall the day went well, with all the kids putting in 100% for the entire session. Thanks to Whanganui Camp for hosting and thanks also to the coaching team of Kent, Paula & Thor Darlington, Paul Tuffin and Karl Mathews. Next camp will be 19th May, prior to the Wellington Challenge.

Elite Squad (potential National team representatives)

All 16 players (11B + 5G) who registered were accepted by the committee. We held one camp for the squad over 17 & 18th February which Paul Hornsby ran. This was an excellent opportunity for our top juniors, as Paul has a wealth of experience and information. Thank you to Central for providing this camp, and Whanganui for hosting. All but 2 kids attended, and a further 2 only attended one day.

Developing Squads (Prince series players / Zone camps)

Taranaki Zone

Jack Shearer hosted a camp on 17 Feb. At the start of the week only 3 kids had registered and I was looking to cancel, however thanks goes to Amy for further pushing the event with the Taranaki Clubs, which increased our registrations to 11, allowing the camp to go ahead.



Jack advised the camp went well, however not all the players turned up, some arrived late and some had to leave early which made managing the camp difficult. Unfortunately this was not communicated with myself prior to the camp despite reminder emails going out to registered players.

Jack also mentioned the difference in skill. It would appear some registered players had not played squash before. Next year advertising will include players are to be paid members/graded. Clubs should be offering small/big nix programs in the first instance. Second camp date has changed to 21 April.

Ruapehu Zone

25 Feb Liam & Jayden two of our top juniors assisted Matt with the running of their first zone camp. Only 8 were registered, a good core of committed squash players from the region.

24 March - 2nd camp with only 6 registered. Unusual low numbers for Ruapehu Zone has been put down to the efficient junior program at Ohakune Club which runs during the week, allowing families to have their weekends free.

Manawatu Zone

25 Feb - Paul Tuffin ran a great camp at Squashgym. 11 players were registered, with 9 attending. Great feedback has been received from the families, with players all enjoying the various activities. Next Manawatu camp is 24 March.

Prince Junior Series

We have had a change to the way prizes are to be awarded, as previously approved by the committee. Players are to play a minimum of 5 tournaments to be in the prize draw, with their top 5 tournaments points counted. Points are awarded as per previous years.

With the changes to the grading bands, the series was changed to below 150, however due to further changes, this has been increased to below 200. Squash NZ have advised they are further investigating junior grading, so the level will remain under review. The Prince series is due to start on 7 April at Taihape.

Eastern One Day Challenge

Central won the trophy 24 - 16 for the 5th year running. Our team had 5 new young players repping Central for the first time. Eastern had to concede the U19 boys games, whilst Central had to concede one round of U11 girls games due to Central only having one U11 girl on our grading list! Alexia Laws and Jessie Harding (previous representatives) stepped in to ensure both Eastern girls had 2 games.

34 games were played in total with 6 big 5 setters, mainly from our younger half of the team. Darius Mathews had a great tough win over Louis Hook in a very intense battle, winning 14 - 12 in the fifth. Jake Laws also took Louis to 5 with Louis snatching the win 11-9 in the fifth. Romeo Michalakakis from Eastern took both Victor Romero Gemmell & Cleeve O'Connor to five, in the U11 boys, with Eastern taking both wins, despite outstanding performances from our younger boys. Sam Barlow (U13) a newbie to the team had a good win over Mason Cornforth also in 5. Our Central girls were stronger overall over their Eastern counterparts, with new players to the team Milla and Izabella Alexander both having strong wins. Great to see the depth of talent coming through for our future junior squads.

The games kept our coaches busy throughout the day as they had 5 courts to cover. It was great to see our older players stepping up and not only supporting the younger players but also coaching them in between sets. Thank you to Matt and Kent for their positivity, coaching and mentoring throughout the day.

Thanks to SquashGym for hosting, and Katrina Gemmell for the nice lunch she provided for the players and coaches/managers.

Overall it was a great day, with a good friendly yet competitive atmosphere. It was great to see the juniors, of all levels, reunite with their Eastern friends and rivals.

Junior Report moved by Jeff See, seconded by Hazel Richardson.

Roles to be assigned:

Referee Co-Ordinator - no assignment.

Coaching Co-Ordinator - it was suggested it be a shared role as part of the conveners roles with the coaching co ordinator just focusing on development of coaches making it smaller so



it can continue to be a volunteer role. Capability and support to conveners could be separated. Revision of role to be completed.

Graded Champs Manager - Discussion was had whether a manager was required and possibly a committee member that was in the team could do it. Concerns expressed that it is a considerable role as big as the senior manager role just without the selection criteria part. Role to be reassessed once team composition known.

District lead for Masters Club teams event - Brett Cook to be lead as Masters Convener and Joy will sign MPU with SNZ on behalf of Brett.

District Captain - Amy Simpson

iSquash Administrator - Virginia Laws

All agreed and passed.

Buddy system outlined for new members and clubs allocated.

Squash Club	SC Member
Ashhurst-Pohangina	Joy Littlejohn
Dannevirke	Brett Cook
Eltham	Amy Simpson
Feilding	Virginia Laws
Foxton	Pauline Waite
Hawera	Anneka Weterman
Huntermville	Natalie Lane
Inglewood	Jeff See
Kawaroa Park	Amy Simpson
Levin	Pauline Waite
Ohakea.	Hazel Richardson
Ohakune	Daryl O'Hara
Okato	Allan Bailey
Rangitikei.	Hazel Richardson
RiverCity	Matt Laurensen
SquashGym	Brett Cook
Stratford	Melville Holmes
Taihape	John Laurensen
Tararua	Joy Littlejohn
Turangi	John Laurensen
Waitara	Allan Bailey
Whanganui	Natalie Lane

Matt advised he would be keen to work with Waiouru and Raetihi to try and get them re-affiliated.

Strategic Plan to be looked at next meeting. Send out and prioritise at next meeting.

BNZ Signatory - Jeff See moved that Marilyn Dolan be removed and Anneka Weterman be added as signatory for all Central Squash Association Incorporated accounts at the BNZ 02-0727-0056013-000, 02-0727-0056013-003, 02-0727-0056013-002, 0020056013-01003 seconded by Hazel Richardson. All agreed and passed.

Policies to be created - Underway and will be reported on at next meeting.

Funding Resolutions - President asked if anyone knows of funders we are not currently targeting. Raised issue that Sport Whanganui has a fund for new initiatives so we would need to try something new.

COGS could be retried. Huntermville have coach, cleaner and insurance covered by them.



Current funding application for coaching budget waiting for costings for coaching contracts and budget and then coaching contracts can be produced signed and application started.

Uniforms - need wish list quote and numbers required for 5 years. Iwi have been unresponsive and they have reduced their line right down so decision made to seek new supplier to meet our needs.

Possible sponsor wanting to come on for 5 years Pauline and Daryl to work on finding new supplier and getting quotes to present.

Current stock ladies t - shirts there are a lot of except smaller sizes.

Singlets no large and only 1 small, 24 mediums.

There's a bit of stuff there but sizing for the juniors will be the issue. Get exact stock number to calculate what is going to be the issue this year so solution can be made.

Question asked do we charge players or have it heavily subsidised? We would need to check with sponsors can't be double dipping, otherwise build it into player contribution. Uniform was not included in current player contributions.

It was raised by President social media should be spreading our sponsor names more. It was advised this would be difficult to put on every post.

TRC may need to be assigned to something other than uniforms. It was suggested they get spread across the different district events.

Uniform clarification clubs on back are only for committee members but ok to wear if committee in rep team.

Supporter hoodies are the same as the players hoodies.

Microsoft 365 Discussed looking into Office 365 to get teams, cloud etc for free. We thought we would be successful getting free but they have declined us so we would need to pay for some items. Could give us a one stop access point for photos and documents.

We could just create a universal generic email with a simple password. We should not need 13 licenses. You should be able to access it. Its good to be able to see who has created and edited documents.

Costing plans to be brought to next meeting.

Central Tournaments - Sponsorship amounts, prize money matrix, junior prizes?

Open - has good sponsorship and they are splitting \$1,000 for Open winners. \$750 from Central toward food and entertainment.

Juniors - entry fee is low, they get a prize and a meal in previous years. Juniors to get prizes only not money and perhaps Sponsorship convener could check if sponsors want to donate anything appropriate. The poster should warn there is no cash prizes.

Would some of our sponsors want to donate towards event bags?

Open and masters cash prizes.

Committee Communication strategy

Discussion around improving communications with committee. Meeting reminder and information the day before the meeting. Send calendar invite by putting emails into Zoom schedule and when in person via calendar.

District liaison

Doubles - Anneka

Graded Champs - Amy

Central Open - Natalie

Juniors - Virginia

Masters - Brett

Junior Prince - Virginia

Masters Teams - Brett.

National E grade Super Champs - KP - Amy and Allan



Question asked if ungraded players could enter Central Doubles? As not played for points its not essential. This could encourage them to get graded. Decided they will need to be in own ungraded division. Club to be advised for draw.

COC Graded Champs - Discussion had about how team will travel to Auckland for Nationals no clear decision made but possibilities discussed round cars or vans from various locations throughout district.

TSB (Toi) funding for Taranaki area coaching

Luke has fallen off the planet and I can't get in touch with him at the moment re coaching so I'm assuming he's not interested at present.

If we are able to utilise Kashif as an option that would be a good though, I did speak to the zone about it at our meeting, Allan also mentioned Matt Nation had expressed interest in being keen - Allan may have more knowledge on that now.

Re: funding ideas - Jacinta has also expressed interest in getting some of the portable courts for the Taranaki clubs to use as a way of encouraging the schools to get on board with the sport.

All the clubs could do open days with their local schools using them etc.

She did bring it up as a funding idea the Taranaki Zone could apply for - but I said I'd mention it also to Central as well as it was a funding idea that was brought up.

I also did recall that we had talked a bit about these portable courts in a Central meeting, so thought there may be more knowledge about them there that could be passed on.

Have also added in a poster that the zone has come up with an idea to encourage our local players to support the local tournaments.

Amy Simpson

Committee discussed how this could be an ideal value add and maybe covered by Sport Taranaki under the Te Manawa funding.

Jeff See moved that Taranaki zone get costing for nets that they want and put in a delivery plan so Central can apply to Toi Foundation Seconded by Hazel Richardson. All agreed.

General Business:

Thank you for the question respondents that sent answers to Anneka, if everyone else could get theirs in so the series can be done.

Meeting Closed. 21:55pm

Next Meeting. At Central Doubles Saturday 20th April at Stratford at 11am, lunch supplied.

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

President _____ Date _____



Action list to be completed

26.6.23	More comprehensive hosting guidelines to be given to TC for Super Champs	AMY	No later 6 weeks before SC, so cane sent out with entry information.
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.	Amy, Joy, Matt, John, Pauline W	ASAP so series can get underway please.
18.9.23	Set of rules to be written up for District COC events outlining fill ins eligibility for titles	John and Jeff	Prior to event
6.11.23	Coaching plan and coach to be found for Taranaki area and funding applied to Toi Foundation	Amy	In progress
7.2.24	Offer Paul Tuffin Senior coaching role	Jeff	Urgently required for coaching contracts to be completed
19.3.24	Review possible coaching Co-ordinator role and make recommendation to committee	Anneka	
19.3.24	Relook at Garden Champs Manager role once team composition known.	Committee	
19.3.24	Alternative uniform supplier to be found	PC and Daryl	
19.3.24	Costing for nets and coaching delivery to be submitted so funding application to Toi can be completed	Amy	
19.3.24	Book conference room at Stratford	Hazel	Done
19.3.24	Sign Masters Teams MOU and return to SNZ	Joy on behalf of Brett	
19.3.24	Send out strategic plan and prioritise at next meeting	PC	
19.3.24	Policies to be adopted	Virginia	Next meeting
19.3.24	Suggestion on where TRC Toyota funding should go	Daryl	
19.3.24	Microsoft 365 costing and option investigated	Joy/Bill	
19.3.24	Consider if sponsors would want to donate anything appropriate for Central Juniors tournament	Darryl	
19.3.24	Remove Marilyn Dolan and add Anneka Weterman to BNZ accounts as signatory	Pauline W	

