

CENTRAL SQUASH MEETING OPENED: 7.30PM ON MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024 VIA ZOOM

Present: Jeff See, Daryl O'Hara, Amy Simpson, Natalie Lane, Hazel Richardson, John Laurenson, Matthew Laurenson, Allan Bailey, Joy Littlejohn, and Pauline Chapman (minute taker).

Apologies: Anneka Weterman, Melville Holmes and Brett Cook.

Last Minutes - Ran through action list. Passing of last minutes, 20th April 2024 no matters arising, Natalie Lane moved seconded by Daryl O'Hara. All agreed and passed.

Meeting Reports - All taken as received and read. E grade series prize giving, suggested asking Treasurer for a budget to get prizes.

Finance Report 14 April-4 June

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Payments		
Quality Presentations	168.83	
IRD - PAYE	1878.19	x 3
Squash NZ	125.00	National Forum
Wages	5406.10	Wages
Lasercraft	736.00	Trophies
Jack Shearer	320.00	Coaching
Trophy Specialist	500.25	Engraving
Inspire Net	45.00	
BNZ Interest	0.60	
Xero	175.98	x 2
Natalie Lane	583.60	Travel
Allan Bailey	278.40	Travel
Pauline Chapman	351.66	Mtg fee/Internet/Courier/Travel to Ref
Stadium Bar & Grill	225.00	Meeting lunches
Kent Darlington	550.00	Coaching
Paul Tuffin	220.00	Coaching
Haven Motel	1896.00	Graded C - Accommodation
H&A Design	188.25	Posters
Total	\$ 13,648.86	
Credit Card		
Formstack	160.72	x2
Zoom	54.69	x2
Account fee	5.00	
NZ Sales	205.98	Ladies Singlets
Warehouse Stationery	294.00	Stationery
Total	\$ 720.39	
Investments		
BNZ		\$11,691.05
TSB		\$12,046.69
Bank Accounts		
General 00 A/c		\$61,667.04
Credit Card		-\$5.00
Total monies held		\$85,399.78
Creditors		\$ 629.48
Debtors		\$ 43,204.42



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Senior Convener Report

The senior squad has increased in numbers lately with 15 Men and 15 Ladies on the list as we get closer to Nationals in August. Some of these are Masters and Juniors.

All players have been reminded about the expectations in regards to playing the Central Open and have either entered or informed me of their reason why they can not play, with alternative tournaments being discussed.

Finding coaches is still a mission, however some progress has been made:

1. Jason Fletcher is offered to provide a training program for the training on Sunday 14th July at Whanganui.
2. Jason Fletcher has indicated he should be available to coach on 4th August training day at Squashgym. Danielle Fourie is hopefully also available to coach the ladies this day as well.
3. Victor Romero has come on board to go to Nationals as the Coach.

Unfortunately Waikato could not field a team and therefore Leevey Shield was cancelled for this year. We will host again next year.

The Eastern challenge went ahead on Saturday 25th May, with Central coming back with the win and bringing the Newbegin Shield with us, well we would have if they had it there. Unfortunately teams were reduced to 4 players due to Eastern having a number of injuries and one of their men pulling out that morning due to illness.

The Senior squad has the Wellington challenge coming up in August, with Nationals at the end of August.

Referees Report

NZJO at Squashgym provided an opportunity for 3 of our 4 referees to be assessed by Mike Jack etc. Mike Jack is booked in for the Saturday of the Central Open to do some assessing at this event.

I am planning on developing a Central Referee promo soon to try and encourage players to take up the opportunity to become a qualified referee. I will hopefully get on to this over the next school holidays.

Participation and Development Report

MWR Interclub:

MWR Winter Interclub started on 14th/15th May. Four Men's divisions and 1 Women's. The same issue has arisen with Squashgym putting their challenger series on a Tuesday night which clashes with Women's interclub. As a result a full women's team has been entered into the mens competition.

E and Below Ladies Series:

The second round of this series was played on Sunday 28th April at Hawera Squash club and comprised of 4 divisions. We continued to have players from Masterton entered as well as our local ladies. Was great to see a number of Taranaki ladies taking up the opportunity.

The next round is the 21st July in Whanganui.

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

Club Capability Programme

The Monday after our meeting in Stratford I attended the Whanganui Squash club committee meeting and presented the Club capability pilot program.

This was accepted by the Whanganui committee. It was agreed that I would be in contact after the hosting of the Central open to start the self assessment process.

Natalie Lane

Junior Report - Virginia Laws

Developing Squads

Our final camp was held in April for the Developing Squads in Taranaki by Jack Shearer.

Only 7 kids attended, with 8 having registered.

I have received good feedback from the coaches and players who have attended these half day camps, despite somewhat low attendances. Coaches believe that these camps are essential to the development of our younger junior prince players and hope they continue in the future. Many Clubs felt Central needed to advertise these camps more.



Thank you to Kawarua Park, Ohakune and SquashGym for hosting these events. Thanks is also extended to coaches Paul Tuffin, Matt Laurenson & Jack Shearer for running the camps.

Emerging Squad

Our final camp for this squad was held in May at Whanganui Squash Club. This camp was well attended with 21 juniors. They represented the top players playing within each age group. With kids moving age groups and strong starts to the squash season, we invited a few new players to the camp that met the criteria. Kent Darlington and Paul Tuffin presented a solid training plan for the day which kept the juniors engaged whilst focussing on their technical skills. The kids were made aware that our final selections for the Wellington Challenge were being made throughout the day. These camps are good for allowing us to watch players from across the district that we wouldn't normally get to see, and how they compare with other juniors. Team bonds are also made through the camps, with the younger kids often looking up to the older players and forming goals in their heads. I have received very positive feedback from families from players who have attended these camps.

Overall the junior camps provided by Central have been met with much appreciation from parents and players. Some parents have asked for opportunities for the players who are in between the Prince level and the emerging squad level. Parents have also asked for more opportunities for junior players to be able to play other juniors once they leave the Prince Series, as the players are still quite young and finding it hard to adjust to playing senior players. Such as one day junior events for E & D grade junior players.

Elite Squad

An invitation was extended to Grace Rowe (OA) & Tahlia Kean (PN) from the Emerging Squad to attend the last couple of elite sessions so they can get a taste of the camps as they may move up squads next year. As our females are generally weaker in numbers, it is good to get more girls involved with the squad.

Two Elite camps have been held with good attendance from the players.

Thank you to Whanganui Squash Club for hosting the camps.

Wellington One Day Rep Challenge

A team of 20 players travelled to Hutt City who hosted the Challenge this year on 26 May. We had 7 new juniors join the team to represent the District. After round one, Wellington had a two game advantage. Central played hard in the second round and drew the round. The earlier two game advantage to Wellington gave them the overall win. Central played well and represented the District proudly. This was the first time Wellington has won the trophy.

NZJO

148 young juniors from across the country descended upon SquashGym for the NZ Junior Open. Great to see 32 Central juniors playing.

Final Placings

Boys Open - Thor Darlington WG 10th; Brodie Bennett TR 13th; Jayden Bailey OA 19th; Liam Burnard OA 24th

Girls Open - Anabel Romero Gemmell PN 3rd; Elizabeth Laws TR 17th

Boys Div 1 - Malachy O'Connor WG 2nd; Treye Eriksen DV 5th, Cade Eriksen DV 9th

Boys Div 2 - Toby Freyria KP 3rd; Zac Trail PN 4th; Koben Hanks TR 15th; Archie Mills OA 16th

Girls Div 2 - Tahlia Kean PN 3rd; Kirsty Osborne OA 6th; Anna Stokes KP 8th

Boys Div 3 - Jake Laws TR 1st; Darius Mathews WG 5th; George Hayman PN 9th; Tom Mackay PN 10th; Jack Richardson HV 13th; Duncan McIntyre HV 15th

Girls Div 3 - Hana Harding OA 2nd; Kiara Kean PN 3rd; Paige Drinkwater OA 4th

Boys Div 4 - Sam Barlow OA 2nd; Jacob Westrupp PN 4th

Girls Div 4 - Claudia Westrupp PN 2nd; Jessie Harding OA 4th; Elise Drinkwater OA 5th;

Chelsea Westrupp PN 7th

Boys Div 5 - Tiaan Venter PN 1st

Junior Achievements

May 24 Anabel Romero Gemmell named as #2 for NZ Team for World Junior Squash Camps held in July, in Houston.

June 24 Thor Darlington, Brodie Bennett and Toby Freyria played in the Cousins Shield Prince



Junior Prince participation numbers

7 April	Taihape	22
5 May	Feilding	34
12 May	Dannevirke	14
19 May	Okato	17
26 May	Tararua	19
2 June	Inglewood	18
9 June	Ohakune	23

Hosting guidelines - recommendation

Some items to be added into it, should we be checking if clubs have liquor license or temporary license with bar manager available for the event.

It was suggested Central Guide to hosting tournaments we have for JP and district events, SNZ has guide for tournaments but its very comprehensive. Suggested we needed to add image consent to this also for when clubs loading their tournaments onto iSquash.

Media overview - Google analytics and videos to track where things are coming from and grow interest.

New Website

President moved that we get new suggested Aveda themed website with Anneka making the change over, seconded by Pauline Waite, all agreed and carried.

Funding resolutions - John Laurenson moves to apply to One Foundation for funding to cover \$2,715.00 toward development of new website. Seconded by Jeff See. All agreed and passed.

Coaching - Administrator spoke about camps and alignment with Squash NZ. Hazel and Natalie to join in on the meeting with Catherine and Jonathan from SNZ.

Upgraded Squash Levels - Membership for Amy and Virginia to get platinum package, Pauline to follow up and ask about a district account covered. \$80 per year per person.

Committee member asked questions around Super Champs referee exam - a lot of feedback about having to do it 10 days before putting teams in it feels like a bit of a barrier with a combination of this and other things. SNZ don't require you to do it until 2 days before the event.

Why are we using it as a means to preclude them from entering?

District Captain - Reason we put date in was because SNZ report has 3 games and ref report, clubs were advised lists of people who had not done the event.

Hunterville found it difficult getting them all to do their 3 games and ref exam it was easier to get team entered and make sure they each do exam after.

District Captain said if they do it now they can still enter and play. Discussed access issue people experiencing with Mysquash.

Committee asked that we clarify players can still sit ref exam to be eligible in communication out to clubs.

It was suggested that we set another date that ref exams need to be completed by so they can be eligible. Jeff suggested 21st be the deadline, no exceptions for ref exam.

Turangi Tournament dates - John Laurenson wanted to clarify that Turangi asked for their tournament date to not be on the calendar he put it on with best intentions but should have left it off perhaps. Committee happy for change of date to sit for this year.

Graded Champs travel subsidy - get drivers names and bank details, and calculate kms.

Weekly Club email - Get logo coming up without being attachments. Everyone else felt coms were good as they are.

Job descriptions with calendar - put together job descriptions for roles with timelines. All agree.



General Business:

Coaching costs - ask the other districts they all pay and see where we fit with qualifications and rates that apply with them. PW and PC to work out.

Criteria for clubs to get financial assistance towards affiliation fees. Application form to apply to be made up. Proving hardship and affiliation fees have seen increase both to be requirements.

Application date end of July.

Taihape had too many members on their list due to funding and it has turned out they have created artificial numbers that they are protesting.

Super Champs composite teams have all been submitted, only have response about 2 and then we will let all the clubs know if they are accepted. 8-9 composite applications. Questions have come around more than 2 clubs. Discussed configurations of composite teams if third club is coming in the players are not to be higher seeded 1 or 2 in the team.

Daryl felt the internal games popping up few days prior to cut off are not realistic. SNZ and district are looking at them closely, if levels drop then the result will be deleted.

Small clubs such as Hunterville found them effective as their members don't travel much. Discussed the value of club events going on squash levels, even one on one games and individuals can enter a result.

Quotes back for uniforms, going back to sponsor.

President spoke about a bit of negativity in the committee over the past year, there has been a lot of time putting fires out. We are not unified at present causing disharmony and our playing community are hearing and feeling it. In house fighting has got to stop if you have a complaint it comes to the President and Vice President. We are all volunteers, no mud slinging or back stabbing, its got to stop. Committee usually really good but over the last 12 months it has eroded and I don't like it. If its little deal with it yourself but don't let it fester if its bigger come to us but understand we have jobs and family as well.

Moved J.See/J.Littlejohn that the meeting move into In-Committee to discuss communication issues. Carried.

Moved J.See/P.Waite that the meeting move out of In-Committee after discussing communication issues. Carried.

Image consent for alteration accepted. Jeff See moved seconded by Hazel Richardson that we adopt new form submitted by Anneka Weterman.

Meeting Closed 9:40pm

Next Meeting: Hunterville 3rd Aug, 11am. Hazel to organise lunch.

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

President _____ Date _____

Action list to be completed

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	To be done
6.11.23	Coaching plan and coach to be found for Taranaki area and funding applied to Toi Foundation	Amy	In progress, Luke on crutches, focus is on getting walls perhaps awaiting response from Jacinta.



19.3.24	Alternative uniform supplier to be found	PC and Daryl	In progress, narrowed down too Dynasty and Belgravia. Samples being requested
19.3.24	Microsoft 365 costing and option investigated	Joy/Bill	Jeff to chase up
20.4.24	Coaching overview to be delivered	Hazel	Next meeting
20.4.24	Send meeting invite and forum slides around coaching alignment to Nat and Hazel	PC	Done
20.4.24	Check with SNZ about SquashLevels account for district	PC	Done yes we should get 1 free
20.4.24	Send email to clubs that players are still eligible even if ref exam not completed up too 21st June.	PC	Done
20.4.24	Complete driver subsidy and make payments for graded champs	PW	Done
20.4.24	Check with all other districts about their coaching rates and see where we sit	PW and PC	In progress
20.4.24	More comprehensive hosting guidelines to be given to TC for Super Champs	AMY	As required for competition
20.4.24	Make up financial assistance application form	PW	
20.4.24	Replace Image consent form and publish	PC	Done
20.4.24	Update Child safety officer in policy	PC	In progress
20.4.24	Apply for funding for new Website	PC	

