

CENTRAL SQUASH MEETING 7:30PM ON MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024 VIA ZOOM

Present: Jeff See, Natalie Lane, John Laurenson, Anneka Weterman, Matthew Laurenson Joy Littlejohn (joined meeting at 7:43pm) and Pauline Chapman (minute taker).

Apologies: Allan Bailey, Daryl O'Hara, Amy Simpson, Melville Holmes and Hazel Richardson.

Last Minutes - Ran through action list. No matters arising.

Passing of last minutes - 3rd August 2024, Natalie Lane moved seconded by John Laurenson. All agreed and passed.

Meeting Reports - All taken as received and read.

Finance Report

Finance Report 1 August - 10 Sept		
Payments		
Xero	176.98	x 2
ACC	273.03	Levies
Brodie Bennett	150.00	Travel subsidy
Maximus Mathews	150.00	Travel subsidy
IRD Paye	629.48	
IRD GST	2138.38	
Wages	2826.25	
Lasercraft	354.20	Printing/Engraving
Okato Squash	575.00	Junior Open
Squash Otago	605.00	Snr Nationals E/fee
Moray Motel	1884.00	Snr Nats Accommodation
Anzac Court	5625.00	Jnr Nats Accommodation
Quality Presentations	63.02	
P.Chapman	296.96	Phone/Internet x 2
K.Darlington	200.00	Coaching
H.Richardson	135.00	Reimburse Meeting lunches
Bank fee	1.00	
Total	\$ 16,083.30	
Credit Card		
Formstack	88.10	
Zoom	27.35	
Paper Plus	26.00	
Dunedin Rental cars	742.56	Snr Nats
Fuel	57.72	Snr Nats
Central Squash Hotelk	213.18	P.Hornsby Accomodation
B/fee	5.00	
Total	\$ 1,159.91	
Investments		
BNZ		\$11,691.05
TSB		\$12,046.69
Bank Accounts		
General 00 A/c		\$84,511.62
Credit Card		-\$213.18
Total monies held		\$108,036.18
Creditors	\$	9,781.87
Debtors*	\$	14,029.05
*inc Affiliation fees		\$10,769.05



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Income discussed, senior reps have mostly payed and we have had funds from SNZ. Player to be chased up for unpaid uniform funds from Eastern One dayer. Discussed investing some of the funds in the cheque account to earn more interest, Treasurer to look into this after teams Nationals completed while managing off season costs. President asked for incomings to be included in finance report going forward.

Pauline Waite moved that the finance report be accepted, seconded by Natalie Lane. All agreed and passed.

Calendar Planning

District dates guide so we can get forms out to clubs to select their tournaments.

NZ Masters Games to be placed in calendar for 6-9th February.

Central Masters - has been cancelled due to low numbers for past 2 years decided to move to earlier in year and place Doubles near end of season, new Masters date 11 - 13th April and Doubles 10 - 12th October.

Discussed possible Super Champs dates, could not have as early as previous 2 years due to National event clashes.

Senior Convener Report

The Wellington challenge was postponed. And even though new dates were given to Wellington there has been no communication back from them. Therefore this will not be happening this year.

The NZ Districts Team Champs (aka Senior Nationals) was in Dunedin on Friday 30th August – Sunday 1st September. The Team was:

Ladies

Danielle Cooley
Anabel Romero Gemmell
Leonie Marshall
Abbie Holmes
Rebecca Bennett
Ladies coach: Victor Romero

Mens

Allan Bailey
Brodie Bennett
Stephen Bennett
Matthew Ratcliffe
Kent Darlington (player/coach)
Manager: Nat Lane

The ladies played amazing to retain their 2nd seed spot and didn't let BOP win the final as easily as they had won the other rounds. The Men unfortunately lost the Saturday afternoon round by 6 points, which could have been prevented, and then lost the final round by 2 points, which again could have been prevented.

It was not an easy weekend. It started with flight delays which meant we missed the managers meeting and our court bookings prior to the start of the tournament to allow the team some time to get moving and test out their surroundings. We were also 30 minutes late for the start of the ladies first round. Although this didn't prevent the team from winning all their games that round, had we been seeded lower it would have been very noticeable. Travelling the night before a tournament due to start at 12pm would be recommended for future National tournaments.

The draws were still changing up until the Wednesday and even though Squash NZ stated when teams should be available until they put the final rounds at 12pm Sunday. Our fight was at 1.35pm. Contact had been made with Squash NZ within two hours of the first draws coming out and it was expressed that both our Mens and Ladies teams could be affected. A follow up phone call was then made as new draws were coming out and there had been no acknowledgement from Squash NZ in regards to my timing email. The mens team was left up in the air but I left the conversation believing that the ladies team would be playing two Saturday. The final draw did not reflect that. Which Brooke from Squash NZ has admitted fault during one of many conversations over the weekend. To cut a long story short, I have talked to Martin at Squash NZ and sent a follow up email to him as part of their review of the event.



This approach was decided as a formal complaint required consequences, a phone call was just bringing it to his attention, but the email had it in writing so it could be included as part of their review process. Martin has acknowledged the feedback given and said it will be included in their event review.

In regards to the mens team it was a shame that the team was let down by one player. Luckily in the first two rounds the attitude and effort of this player did not have an effect on the men's overall position. However, on Saturday this attitude and lack of willingness to try led to the 6 point loss and the 2 point loss. A massive appreciation has to go to the other three players as they kept going and represented our district with pride. Often with the final player left to win with restrictions, eg. Win in 3 or 4 to prevent count back or to force count back.

With the Senior competitions wrapped up for the year, myself and Kent Darlington are in the process of working on next years plan for the senior squad.

Participation and Development Report MWR Interclub:

MWR Winter Interclub Doubles and Masters starts up on the 17th and 18th September.

Ladies Masters has the usual 4 teams all playing at the same club, with approximate 30 ladies in the mix.

Doubles has two divisions of 6 pairs all play at the same club as well. Each year the numbers increase slightly. However, the clash with Squashgym challenger is again not helping.

At the completion of this round of interclub a Zone meeting will be held to go over some rule changes and to also get club feedback on the structure of MWR Interclub in 2025.

E and Below Ladies Series:

The final round of this series was played on Sunday 18h August at Levin Squash club and comprised of 4 divisions to begin with but ended up being 3 on the day, plus an ungraded division. Over the series 48 ladies took the court in either 1, 2, 3 or all 4 rounds. Of these 48 ladies 8 were ungraded and 1 of those 8 were graded by the final round. We also had a graded player jump in and play left handed to allow the ungraded players a full draw.

This year saw players from not only the Central district compete but also from Masterton and Wellington. The final round had a number pull outs due to injury, illness or other personal reasons. The top prizes of a back pack each went to Anna Dellow (Feilding) and Jo Lawrence (Red Star) as the only two players to play all 4 tournaments.

The vibe and support of these events is still very positive and I assume it will be well supported in 2025 as well. There is a need for clubs to be making their members are aware that this available as many heard about it through word of mouth or spotting the poster.

Club Capability Programme

Still haven't heard back from Whanganui Squash club who were sent the survey which is the initial step of the Club Capability Programme. Will follow this up with Gerard and find out what is happening.

Job Description Breakdowns

The draft job description breakdowns were presented at the last meeting. So far no other feedback has come in so I will start finalising the ones done. Which are the Junior Convener, Senior Convener, Masters Convener, District Captain and, Participation and Development. These are still working documents and will be altered as we go. The aim is to be able to



provide people taking on these roles a clearer picture of what needs to be done and approximately when.

Natalie Lane

Awards Planning

Jeff volunteered to be MC, Awards poster ready everyone happy. Judges confirmed as well and venue booked. Live streaming discussed, decided no, to encourage attendance.



General Business:

Senior Nationals we have communicated to SNZ the disappointing timing of the draw with the women and men having to play back to back on Saturday. The management of the tournament and event information which was available for travel bookings was incorrect. Hosts communication was poor right from the start. Squash Otago and SNZ were not working well together and it was an unfair playing field.

All feedback discussed with Martin at SNZ.

Code of conduct breaches by one of the senior team players discussed and a letter will be sent about actions to be considered. Moved by John Laurensen and seconded by Matt Laurensen. Jeff and Joy to complete.

Adding extra travel days on to National events to be considered when booking by Admin and team manager. Giving consideration to timing and possible delays, player time off work and additional costs.

There is a lot of work to be done in this space for SNZ.

Fielding Affiliation

New affiliation fee resolution. This has required many hours discussion for various committee, Admin and SNZ staff, Natalie has offered Feilding 4 options:

- 1 - we reduce numbers to the old school based on SEM,
- 2 - we accept some of your leisure members are actually motorcycle members.
- 3 - pay as is.
- 4 - Disaffiliate.

No application to the fund assistance that has been resent.

The entire Feilding committee has been included in the latest communication.

Any further questions will be answered at the Hui on the 13th October as it is felt more than enough time has been spent with little progress.

Round the Mountain Interclub has finished and Turangi won which was very cool.

Website - do we want a sub committee to manage the development of the site. Aneka and Pauline C to work through it. Staging site to be sent to committee for proofing before switching over.

Juniors - Maximus has broken a bone in his hand, back up is Sam Watson, will look to see if he can play teams and not individuals.

Masters

Joy - Masters team is sorted finally just waiting for 60+ women to confirm.

Men

Matt Nation 35+

Paul Tuffin 40+

Kelly Webber 45+ Teams Only

Colin Swainson 50+

Daryl O'Hara 55+

Mike Donald 60+

Women

Carla Swainson 35+

Emma Rowe 40+

Michelle Habib 45+ (homegrown player)

Kaye Carter 50+

Alice Hollows 55+
Dawn Smith 60+ Teams only

Uniforms to be organised team needs to be entered by Friday 20th September.

President told all to stay positive we have been through some fires in past few years. Stay positive and support each other as we try to move forward.

Meeting Closed 9:49pm

Next Meeting: Planning meeting on Sunday 13th October after the club Hui with SNZ.

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



President _____ Date _____

Action list to be completed

18.9.23	Set of rules to be written up for Graded Champ events outlining fill ins eligibility for titles	John and Jeff	Before October planning meeting
6.11.23	Coaching plan and coach to be found for Taranaki area and funding applied to Toi Foundation	Amy	In progress
19.3.24	Alternative uniform supplier to be found	PC and Daryl	Meet with supplier to discuss design alterations and awaiting sponsorship
19.3.24	Microsoft 365 costing and option investigated	Joy/Bill	Joy working on
20.4.24	Coaching overview to be delivered	Hazel	Still working on
3.8.24	Send list of fuel payments to John Laurenson and advise players when monies went into their accounts	PW	Done
3.8.24	Coaching rates have been investigated and new rates agreed on, PC to advise coaches of rates and new process	PC	Done
3.8.24	More comprehensive hosting guidelines to be given to TC for Super Champs. Rules to be reviewed and presented at next meeting	AMY	Before 2025
3.8.24	Financial assistance application form now complete, Clubs have been advised how to access.	PW	Done
3.8.24	Funding resolutions	PC	NZCT cannot be applied too until 22nd November.
3.8.24	Amy/Natalie to discuss player complaints regarding Senior selection	AS/NL	To be done, Nat awaiting info from Amy.
3.8.24	Request use of Whanganui Squash club to hold a meeting with NZ/our Clubs - 13 th October	PC	Not available so have booked Sport Whanganui office.
16.9.24	Follow up unpaid account from easter One day player	PW	
16.9.24	Look at investing funds into Term deposit	PW	After National events completed (late October)

16.9.24	Letter for player code of conduct breaches to be written	Jeff/Joy	Within 10 days from meeting
16.9.24	Organise team uniforms and send list to Admin for entry	Joy	Before 20th September
16.9.24	Accommodation to be finalised for Masters Dates and numbers with 2 not playing individuals	Joy/PC	Asap

