Minutes of 59th Squash Central Association Incorporated AGM. Sunday 2nd March 2025, 11am at Whanganui Squash Club.

- **Presidents Welcome:** President opened meeting at 11:08am and welcomed everyone.
- **Apologies received:** Graham Randolph, Joss Urbahn, Turangi Squash Club, Pauline Stachurski, John Laurenson and Eltham Squash Club.
- **Roll call and confirmation of Member Clubs and Delegates represented:** Ashhurst Pohongina- Daryl, O'Hara, Joy Littlejohn - Feilding, Natalie Lane - Foxton, Denise and Melville Holmes - Hawera, Hazel Richardson - Hunterville, Janet Andrews - Inglewood, Kaye Carter, Jacinta Harrison - Kawaroa Park, Sharon Sayer and Robyn Donnelly Levin, Heather Plank - Ohakea, Fiona Fraser and Rosalie Dowman, Matt Laurenson - Ohakune, Amy Simpson, Amy Honeyfield and Meisha Juffermans - Okato, Renee Rogers - Rivercity, Ollie Gordon and Ashleigh Squires- Taihape, Clint Bennett - Tararua, Jeff See and Mike Davie - Waitara, Pauline Chapman, Anneka Weterman, Paula Darlington, Kent Darlington - Whanganui. Victor Romero, Grant Smith, Alice Hollows and Stephanie Foote- SquashGym, Keryne O'Hara, Pauline Waite, Hayley Morice.
- **Confirmation of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 25th December 2024.** Moved by Jeff See. Seconded Natalie Lane. All agreed and passed.
- **Matter Arising:** None
- **Adoption of Annual report and Statement of Accounts. -** Grant Smith requested that item number 8 of balance sheet regarding debenture, expected pay back period of 7 - 10 years was inaccurate based on debenture signed. Creates unrealistic expectation and should be removed. Member requested copy of who has been paid out of debenture scheme to date. Auditor to be corrected regarding time frame. Treasurer advised 2024 budgetary loss due mainly to grants that were declined and we didn't get a grant to cover coaching this year.

2025 budget Hazel Richardson asked budgeted grant funding is quite high are we expecting to get that much? Treasurer advised we apply for what we have planning for.

Denise Holmes questioned the large difference in representative team costs from $22,000 in 2024 to $45,000 in 2025, Treasurer advised 2024 figures had been netted off and it was dependant on where teams travelled to. President spoke to the budget being very conservative. Pauline Waite moved that the 2025 budget be adopted, seconded by Melville Holmes, carried.

- **Election of Chairperson for Squash Central:**

Nominee: Natalie Lane **Nominated by** Pauline Waite **Seconded by** Joy Koolen

- **Remits to be considered in accordance with Rule 11.2 -**

Remit put forward by the Squash Central Board **-** At the committee meeting held on 26th November 2024 Pauline Waite moved that we adopt the new proposed constitution to align with Squash New Zealand and meet new regulatory requirements for the Incorporated Societies Act. Seconded by Daryl O'Hara, all agreed and passed. To be presented to members and voted on at Annual General Meeting on 2nd March 2025.

Discussion around maximum number of board members under new constitution has come from Squash New Zealand and Sport New Zealand. Also discussed move to board away from Committee,

Heather Plank moved the new constitution be accepted and adopted, seconded by Natalie Lane, passed.

- **Election of members for the Squash Central Board:**

Role	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
Vice Chairperson	No nominees - to be appointed by new board		
Treasurer	Pauline Waite	Hazel Richardson	Melville Holmes
Junior Convener	Anneka Weterman	Natalie Lane	Renee Rogers
Senior Convener	Alice Hollows	Grant Smith	Hazel Richardson
Masters Convener	Joy Littlejohn	Natalie Lane	Haley Morice
Marketing Convener	Anneka Weterman	Joy Littlejohn	Pauline Waite
Sponsorship	Daryl O'Hara	Hazel Richardson	Jeff See
Develop/Participation	No nominees - to be appointed by new board		
Players Representative	Amy Simpson	Melville Holmes	Janet Andrews

Board members:	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded by
	Hazel Richardson	Joy Littlejohn	Pauline Waite
	Matt Laurenson	Fiona Fraser	Kaye Carter
	Jacinta Harrison	Kaye Carter	Janet Andrews
	Melville Holmes	Victor Romero	Marilyn Dolan
	John Laurenson	Fiona Fraser	Matthew Laurenson
	Ashleigh Squires	Joy Littlejohn	Pauline Waite

Due to the number of nominees exceeding the number of available positions, a vote was taken. John Laurenson was not elected to the general committee. Jeff See expressed his gratitude to John for his time and service, acknowledging the invaluable knowledge he has provided.

Meeting Attendance: Jeff See clarified that anyone is welcome to attend a meeting, but they do not have voting privileges. He suggested that we advertise the meetings to ensure members feel included. However, no decision was made on this matter.

Expression of Interests. These positions are decided by the newly appointed Board.

District Captain, iMySquash Administrator, District Coaching Co-ordinator.
No expressions of interest received, roles will be filled by board.

General Business:

Jacinta Harrison (Kawaroa Park) inquired about the possibility of the board considering the previously proposed restriction on club tournaments to prevent multiple tournaments in a weekend, potentially impacting player attendance decisions. Could this modification lead to an increase in tournament participation?

Matt Laurenson discussed the procedure John Laurenson follows when planning the calendar. Jeff See advised that the matter had not been advanced and suggested that clubs should review their tournament trends and determine if the current number of tournaments is necessary. This topic will be further discussed at the Council of Clubs meeting.

Grant Smith, representing SquashGym Palmerston North, addressed meeting in response to a letter received from Central Squash regarding their Challenger series and Interclub clashes. The club expressed its concerns about Central Squash's approach, which they perceived as overly aggressive and disproportionate to the issue at hand.

Smith provided historical context and financial details regarding the club's transformation from a tournament-focused organisation to a more strategic approach. This shift involved reducing the number of tournaments played while increasing the frequency of internal competitions, which have proven to be more financially beneficial.

Smith acknowledged Central Squash's contribution of $10,000 in a debenture. In response to the club's response, Central Squash stated that they would be unable to participate in the Super Champs if their Challenger Series were not relocated to avoid conflicts with interclub events.

Smith informed the meeting that without a resolution, the club would be prepared to disaffiliate from the organisation.

Jeff See expressed gratitude to Grant Smith and emphasised the new board's commitment to resolving the conflict.

Board member Joy Littlejohn addressed the meeting, providing an update on the recent discussion regarding the MWR Zone's concerns. The Board has considered the issue and has consulted with Squash New Zealand to ensure that the decision is well-informed.

The meeting then delved into the reasons behind the proposed change to a Monday night schedule. SquashGym stated data from a trial conducted after the in-person meeting last year, which indicated a significant increase in withdrawals (up to 50%) on Monday nights compared to Tuesday nights. Additionally, they stated a survey of SquashGym members revealed a preference for Tuesday as the preferred day for Challenger Series.

Discussed the potential impact of the current interclub model, which is 60 years old. It was suggested that the model should be more adaptable and consider adopting a Challenger series format, as exemplified by Taranaki Zone.

Hazel Richardson moved to initiate a separate meeting to address the remediation process. Janet Andrews seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Jeff See clarified that the correspondence regarding the proposed change will be distributed to all clubs, providing them with necessary context. The remediation process will involve Squash New Zealand, MWR Zone, Central Squash Board, and SquashGym Committee members.

Meeting called closed 12:34pm

Minutes signed and dated as true and correct by Board Chairperson Natalie Lane.

Chairperson ____________________________________ Date____________________

Next meeting Sunday 30th March 204 at 11am, in Hawera.