

Manawatu – Wanganui - Ruapehu Zone Meeting held on Monday 31st March 2014 at Rangitikei Squash Club.

Meeting opened 19:05

Present: Marilyn Dolan, Sally Stantiall, Trin McCarthy, Matthew Ratcliffe, Phil Stewart, Andy Bennett and Pauline Slovak (minute taker) Grant Smith (arrived at 7:19pm).

Apologies: John Laurenson, Rod Bannister, Boy Manunui, Nova Martin, Alastair Beverage and Isabel Kelly.

Minutes from last meeting: Sally Stantiall moved and Phil Stewart seconded that all correct.

Matters arising: Marilyn asked if they will get a 50/50 split of entry fees from Central this year, Sally said she didn't think it will change but she will check with Grant Smith. District play offs went well.

Marilyn asked if everyone got MacDougall's signs, a few didn't so more signs need to be sourced and distributed. Grant Smith said he thinks there are some at SquashGym still.

Sally asked Grant Smith (Central Squash President) about 50/50 split of entry fees and he advised yes it would continue.

Winter Interclub: Team lists passed out, discussed draw, women's teams are difficult with only 7 and a wide points spread. Feilding and Hunterville both have teams full of beginners, we decided to ask teams to play their lowest available team when playing these teams so to give the new players a close game that they will enjoy. All women's teams to remain in 1 division. Men to have 3 divisions made up of:

10 teams – div1

8 teams div 2

9 teams in div 3

Marilyn said they are not going to have a bond this year as it was a nightmare to administer.

Sally said to set the entry fee for \$60 as per previous year and set a fee of \$40, which will be charged if a team doesn't show.

Phil asked if they could pinch players from other teams Marilyn advised that players can only play up not down.

Masters: Talking to Taranaki Zone, Marilyn said the only IC they charge for is the graded winter competition. Marilyn suggests we leave the two masters rounds free. Grant asked how many teams we had last year, Sally advised 49, this year we have 54 teams plus 16 ladies masters players.

Financials: Sally said the account has been a bit of a mess with Prince cheques being paid out of it accidentally, putting the account in to overdraft and being charged overdraft fees. Grant said he would ask Rob to wipe the overdraft fees.

Marilyn said it has been difficult to manage the account properly as they do not see the bank statements frequently. MacDougall's payment has not been received from

last year and needs to be sorted. Grant is going to get the accounts sorted and work it out with MacDougall's.

Prize money to be set closer to the time of finals once money available is clearer.

Prize packs: Sally asked what we should do with these. Grant suggested the packs contain draw and list of teams with contact details of at least the captain of each team. It was decided that each team should get a pack containing:

- Score sheets printed with MacDougall's Logo
- Two balls
- Pens with MacDougall's Logo
- Draw and contacts for team captains

Grant said he can sort score sheets and pens, Marilyn said she would get the balls. There should be bags around but if not they are not essential.

General Business

Grant asked if there is a disputes committee set up that could get together quickly if there are any problems. Discussed and decided the Disputes will be handled by Marilyn, Sally and Phil.

Finals night hosts to be chosen closer to the time.

Grant thanks everyone on behalf of Central Squash for attending the meeting and for all their work on for the Zone.

Pauline said she would give a copy of Zone account bank statement when it comes in to Sally and Marilyn.

Meeting closed: 19:58