

**MINUTES OF THE TARANAKI ZONE SQUASH MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015 , AT THE ELTHAM SQUASH CLUB, FOLLOWING THE AGM**

**PRESENT:** Craig Bright, Gail Gribble, Jeff Ansell, Pauline Stachurski , Peter Mischefski, Nick Stretton, Jenni White, Blair Briscoe, Karen Helms.

**APOLOGIES:** Janet Andrews, Jo Percy, Hamish Craig

**JEFF/JENNI**

**MINUTES:** Taken as Read

**G. GRIBBLE/ J. PERCY**

**MATTERS ARISING:** Change of signature cards to be left until new committee formed on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Also, discussion in General Business re Proposed Changes to Interclub Format passed at last Committee Meeting (9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014)

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil

**TREASURERS REPORT:** No change to current balance of \$1056.09.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

At the previous Committee Meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, there was a proposal put forward by Hawera Squash to change the format of Interclub teams from 4 players to 3, and to alter the start time to 7pm and not include supper. This proposal was accepted by the Committee, with the proviso it was agreed to by Central Squash. While Central accepted, on condition that it was understood that all Central Interclub finals would have to present with 4 players, there was a lot of dissatisfaction felt throughout the Zone clubs. Objection was felt most strongly, especially by Okato, and Inglewood clubs, and quite strongly from Kawaroa Park, based on several factors, including that Interclub is a social as well as a competitive event and that by reducing the number of players per team it would be difficult to support each other during the individual games and also make it very hard to work in the referring and marking with no breaks inbetween games. It was felt that, rather than raise the numbers playing squash, which are reducing every year, and promote the sport, it would take away from the social atmosphere that many players enjoy. It was also felt that there wouldn't be enough court space available within clubs with only 2 courts on offer. There was no problem with moving the start time forward other than for teams long distances apart i.e. Patea and Okato, where a 7 pm time would be impossible to achieve for members who were farming and unable to leave home earlier. The time could be by negotiation between teams although clubs who have heavy court usage and require courts to be booked off for Interclub in advance would risk upsetting social players by taking their court usage whenever they needed an unexpected time change.

**PROPOSED: JEFF ANSELL/PETE MISCHESKI**

That Interclub teams remain at 4 players per team. Supper to be provided in conjunction with the Clubs Liquor Licencing Laws.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

We also need to find out who is our official representative for the Central Squash meetings.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.40PM

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015, at 7.30pm at the Eltham Clubrooms**