
Meeting Minutes for meeting held on 29th March 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

Meeting opened: 7:35pm

Present: Marilyn Dolan, Anneka Weterman, Joy Koolen, Jeff See, John Laurenson, Mike Jack, Pauline Waite, Brett Cook, Shaun Dyer, Allan Bailey, Melville Holmes and Pauline Slovak (Minute Taker).

Apologies: Ngakuiria Osborne, Denise Reid,

Previous Minutes: Zoom meeting 2nd March 2021 Read and approved. Ran through the action list.

Moved by: Mike Jack, Seconded by Jeff See and carried.

Matters arising from minutes: meeting venue to be advised by Pauline as Whanganui squash club will be too busy.

Correspondence inwards & outwards – Received by all.

Pauline Slovak moved that inwards is approved and outwards is noted, Jeff See seconded, carried.

Treasurers report - Interclub and balls fees coming in steadily so that is good, uniforms a bit slower. Nick Stretton still hasn't paid. Mike suggested we hand it over to debt collector or ask clubs not to let him join. John suggested passing it onto Kp to invoice him as part of his membership. Wasted lots of time on this. Pauline W will write to him and advise him he is being removed from grading list and is no longer affiliated to Squash Central until his debt is paid.

Seniors - We have the Leevey challenge on the 17th April, team has been named. Couple of good new players in the mix, Max McDonald and Chris van der Salm. Couple of top ladies not available so we have Anabel Romero playing and Abbie Holmes. Tamsyn is coaching and playing.

Week after that we are supposed to have Newbigin shield but it clashes with the SquashGym Open so trying to change the date.

Juniors - Had our Eastern one dayer which we won, was good day and some new kids playing, plenty of promise out there. Waikato Junior challenge not going ahead due to scare with COVID, maybe something later on in the season.

On the 2nd May we have a 1 day training camp for 20 kids with Nick Mita then another champ with Robbie Wyatt in June. With Pete resigning we need to have a coach for the men and boys, Melville is happy to do the junior boys if the committee is happy. Melville suggested Denise be the manager for Juniors. Marilyn said it is great idea since he will be there anyway. Tamsyn will be there for the girls. Committee all agreed.

Participation - nothing really done, for the district.

Masters - Nothing to report as too early. Joy will get quote for Nationals. Putting feelers out for the Masters one dayer in June.

Sponsorship - nothing to report as yet. Hoping to get something put together to approach some people.

Communications/Marketing - has been really busy with the season in full swing. Survey is out so will be interesting to see what comes of that. Ref night coming up. World Squash Day date has been announced. Kaye and Anneka have permission to put micro-court up for the day.

iSquash and district captain report - Interclub main Naki comp came in today and starting draws. Mike said a few thought 12 weeks was too long.

Jeff said zone couldn't get a committee together and now they are setting the rules.



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Marilyn said it will wrap up on the 23rd June and that allows for a break week.

NZ Doubles update - In lieu of my absence tonight here's a quick update on doubles.

We're super super grateful to our sponsors Stu Lange from Right Tyres, Daff who's just one of our regular Saturday doubles players and Sport Manawatu.

We've made it a three day event and this was guidance given by Squash NZ especially since players are more likely to play two divisions rather than one.

On iSquash entries are at 47, but 98% of them have entered their doubles partners and have entered more than one division. The quality of the players is unbelievable. We've got a lot of the top 10 in NZ in both men and women I believe, so we're super excited about that. This event is open to players of all levels, so if you know anyone who's keen let them know. Entries close Sunday! There will be food available throughout the tournament and will do dinner on Saturday as part of player entry fees.

Squash NZ have organised referees for us and Deanna, Shelley, Martin and one other will be there all weekend so we'll make sure to look after them.

Mmm... We're having some trouble organising live-streaming as it's not in our budget to do something super flash nor is it in Squash NZ budget. I've spoken to Anneka, but she's not able to make it, so if anyone has any suggestions here, that will be welcomed. That's all I can think of for the moment. Any questions - Email me.

Funding Resolution - Pauline Waite moved that we apply for funding to cover the Junior nationals, entry fees, accommodation and flights for the New Zealand Junior Nationals in Timaru, application to be made to Lion Foundation and TAB New Zealand, seconded by Mike Jack. All agreed.

Jeff See moved that we apply for funding from One Foundation to help cover the two contracted rep teams coaches contracts for the remainder of the year, seconded by Joy Koolen, all agreed.

World Squash Day - Anneka wanted to start the conversation early about what we are able to put into it and what we want to do. Last year the run in was left a little late. But we got some good coverage. The problem was also little investment last year where as this year we have budgeted \$2,000 for the campaign. T-shirts would be cool and we can pre-sell them and maybe have a t-shirt design competition. Joy said there could be issues with supply so we should go early rather than later.

General Business - tournament checklist to be completed by the Allan and Anneka

Affiliation - Jeff advised the questions we are asking is what PS has been asking for to put towards SNZ, we need to list down the questions we have and put those to SNZ. PW to talk to Martin around details.

Spoke about the NZ doubles and prizes, Joy had concerns SquashGym may try and give out vouchers. Slovak said she spoke to Ngakuiria who had advised they were following SNZ guidelines with amounts of prize money.

Joy Koolen moved that for National and district events a club cannot use club vouchers for prizes. Seconded by Marilyn Dolan, all agreed.

Joy went to the AGM of Whanganui and Rivercity last week, Rivercity is almost at capacity with 91 members and their capacity is 100.

Whanganui have a lot of things going on to build membership, both clubs wanted to discuss the new grading and why it has changed.

Neither AGM was big but both had positive people looking at moving forward.

Mike said good entries coming in for the Central Open so far. Good numbers coming in from out of town with 50 already registered, the tournament will definitely go to Sunday. Mike said you will do 16 draws if you have good entries.

Jeff asked if anyone has anything for him to ask at the SNZ AGM on Wednesday?

Discussion had around the decision of SNZ dropping the Under 11 age groups and possibly the under 13s could be dropped as well. Discussed whether we drop our under 11 age group from Central Juniors, Melville thinks we should keep at Central Juniors.

Next Meeting: Saturday 1st April at 1pm at Rivercity Squash Club or alternative to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed: 9:32pm

Signed and dated as true and correct by President Jeff See.



President _____ Date _____

Action list to be completed.

2.6.20	Allan to organise participation growth programmes resources library for clubs to take on.	Allan	In progress, to do over summer.
2.2.21	Organise council of clubs around mid year	Committee	June/July 2021
2.2.21	Survey the clubs relationship with schools and plan how we can help these grow.	Committee	No Levin has local college use court term 2 and 3.
2.2.21	Annual returns and SEM reports to be followed up by Buddy's to overdue clubs. Pauline to send info	Pauline	Complete finally received Patea on 6th April. Waited all that time for it to be sent as Zero :(
2.2.21	Consider Vice President role, what it looks like and if your interested, with aim to step into Presidents role in 2 years	Committee	Discussion at next meeting
2.3.21	Bring selection of supporters gear for committee to try on	Anneka	Next meeting in person, Whanganui Open.
29.3.21	Write to Nick Stretton and advise he is removed from the grading list until debt paid	Pauline W	Prior to next meeting
29.3.21	Complete resolutions and funding applications for Junior Nats and coaching contracts	Paul S	ASAP
29.3.21	Questions to be asked and plan sorted with reporting back to committee around affiliation and completing merger with SNZ	Pauline W	Urgently as invoices due to go out.
29.3.21	Tournament checklist to be made up as club resource	Allan and Anneka	Prior to next meeting for sharing.
29.3.21	See if Rivercity available for meeting venue on Sat 1st	Paul S	ASAP
29.3.21	Share results of communication survey and discuss	Paul S	Prior to next meeting so can be discussed at meeting