

## **Manawatu - Whanganui - Ruapehu Zone meeting, Feilding Squash Club 11th May 2021**

Meeting opened 1911

Present: Brayden Bryce Ash Poh, Renee Rogers Rivercity, Adam Dackers Rivercity, Marilyn Dolan Levin, Pauline Slovak Whanganui (minute taker) Ross Barrett Rangitikei, Natalie Lane SquashGym, Joy Koolen SquashGym, Mark Howard Feilding, Brett Cook Feilding, Daryl O'Hara Taihape, Jason Payne Ash Poh, Alex Stewart Ash Poh, Jason Waterman Tararua, Dan Garnett Ohakea

Apologies: none

Last minutes Read by Natalie Lane. Taken as true and correct.

### **Club Updates from those present**

**Ashhurst Pohangina** - Going well, club nights going well they currently have business house. Have had quite a few new and past members join up which is good.

**Feilding** - going well had upgrades to changing rooms, club nights going off, juniors last night had a few turn up. Business house starting soon.

**Rangitikei** - living the dream, had their tournament already, they have leagues on Mondays with 7 divisions, have a team going up to Taihape each week playing in their business house.

**SquashGym** - business house is going all right and they have had a challenger series. Hosting Central Doubles in about a month and have 1 men and 1 women's team entered into Interclub. It was not well advertised around the club.

**Rivercity** Business house just started, Renee is running beginners night for ladies, just teaching them the basics, ladies side of the club is going well, we have a woman's and mens team in for interclub.

**Taihape** - 1 tournament and just had junior prince, business house has 18 teams of 5 so that has to run over two nights and we supply meals, we have crews going out playing tournaments in the hopes they will draw players to ours. We have 3 interclub teams, in MWR and 1 in Ruapehu interclub. We are looking at running a women and wine soon and we have land to expand our club another 2 courts which we are looking into.

**Ohakea** - really good resurgence of people joining lately, we have 2 interclub teams entered which we are stoked with. We have monthly club night and we try and do coaching sessions when we can and we travel away to a tournament a year.

**Tararua** - have had 1 tournament, 3 master teams and 3 mens teams for Interclub, business house gave us 8 new members, running mens nights and ladies nights leading into interclub to encourage them. It's our 50th Jubilee in November this year. Club did well in local sports awards Brodie Bennett won Tararua Junior sports person, Pete Arnott Coach of the year and C grade ladies came runner up Highly commended for team of the year.

**Foxton** - onto their second tournament of the year and good entries to both of them. Nothing else much happening.

**Levin** - has business house and all sorts going they are getting a lot of new members through that. They have a combined club night once a month with Foxton, Levin, Kapiti and Otaki.

**Whanganui** - Just held their Open fo 5th year combined with a tennis tournament, made good amount over the bar for the 3 days, great entry numbers at 98 and great squash to watch, Juniors night has just started on Mondays with 2 groups of Juniors, 1 beginners and 1 with players who can hold a game and play tournaments.

4 Interclub teams entered, ladies numbers need to grow and we are looking at doing something around this in a few months once we are through Super Champs as hosting C grades which is usually quite big. Club continues to renovate slowly with all the courts being painted and new court lights installed. The viewing area of courts 3 and 4 are being altered to meet new health and safety guidelines. Hope to have this done before Super Champs so we can get rid of scaffolding that is temporary fix. New office person currently being hired to replace Germa and Hello Club up and running finally after bit of a process getting it set up. This will allow for much more casual play flexibility.

### **General Business**

Masters is finished Div 1 won by Tararua 1, div 2 won by SquashGym and div 3 won by Dannevirke. It was disappointing Rivercity and Tararua teams couldn't make the finals nights.

Women's was mixed teams and the swallows won that. The ladies all loved the competition.

There should be another Masters round later in the year.

Marilyn asked if anyone had any other business before we discuss winter interclub.

Mens div 1 - 6 draw

Mens div 2 - 6

Mens div 3 - 8

Mens - div 4 - 5

Women's - 8 draw

Everyone happy with banners.

Meeting closed 1942.