



SQUASH EASTERN INCORPORATED

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2017 at Hawke's Bay Squash Rackets Club

PRESENT: Mike Willis (Chair), Cathy White, Trevor Walker, Jamie Keenan, Dean Remihana

1. Apologies

Jenny Smith, Jeff Silvester

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Trevor Walker

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Hastings Tennis & Squash Club on Monday 10th April 2017 were tabled at the meeting. They were passed as a true and accurate record of the matters discussed at the meeting.

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Trevor Walker

Carried

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. Correspondence

Outwards:

20.04 Application to First Light Foundation for funding towards Junior Nationals
Various emails to Junior Nationals accommodation and transport providers

Inwards:

16.05 Email from Infinity Foundation confirming \$2,000 grant towards apparel purchase

18.05 Letter from Rewi Joyce to Mike Willis regarding on court behavior

Discussion points and decision: There was rather lengthy discussion about Rewi's letter and, as in every situation like this, there were two sides to the story. The bottom line, however, was that Eastern should not be seen to condone any form of bad sportsmanship or bullying. The Board agreed that MW should meet with Rewi and Winona-Jo and discuss the matter. In the interim, MW had spoken to other juniors playing interclub who had not identified this as a problem. DR suggests that we send out a newsletter, talking fair play, good interaction between players and referees and spectators and referees. CW said there had also been issues during Women's Interclub, with some players abusing the newer members of interclub and players who were less familiar with the rules.

Action: MW to draft up some communication re etiquette and fair play (see General Business below for further points to be included in this communication)

21.05 Email from Scott Fergusson announcing that he is "walking away" from squash for a while

22.05 Email from Scott Fergusson resigning from the Board

25.05 Email from First Light Foundation confirming \$1,500 grant towards Junior Nationals

30.05 Letter from Rhiarne seeking support for Junior World Champs

Discussion points and decision: In the past, Eastern had helped towards to the cost of Bryce & Todd Redman and Chapman Kutia when they were selected to be a part of the Junior World

Teams – all abroad – to the tune of \$1k. Rhiarne had been selected as a part of the squad, but not in the team, and this year the event was being held in Tauranga. The Board agreed that she deserved support and Eastern would offer an amount of \$500. Jacquie to respond accordingly

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Jamie Keenan

Carried

Outwards and Inwards:

Various emails re Interclub

Various emails re Junior Academy with sub-Committee and coaches

Various emails re Secondary Schools competition

Various emails with SNZ and Districts re 2017 Senior Nationals

Moved:

Seconded:

Carried

5. Finance

5.1 MW reported that there was \$1.3k left in the Academy Fund and Eastern would subsidise this to the tune of \$3k over 2 months

5.2 It was moved that funding be prepared and submitted for:

- Pub Charity for Junior Academy to be tabled at their meeting on 11th July
- NZCT in August for Administrator's Contract

Moved: Cathy White

Seconded: Dean Remihana

Carried

5.3 The big expenditure now is the NZ Nationals where there will still be a shortfall of \$c \$8.5k, after SNZ donation, \$3k from Napier City Council & \$3k from Quiz Nights

5.4 Jacquie confirmed that the prize money for the Nationals would be withdraw and enveloped prior to the event. This would be kept in the HBLT safe

5.5 We were still looking at a credit at the end of the year of around \$28k

5.6 We had received a total of \$6.5 funding towards sending the Juniors to Christchurch. The total cost, excluding expenses, would be just under \$10k, leaving an amount of \$284.64 per junior to pay. This would be communicated to the team, when selected.

It was moved that the accounts for payment be passed and the GST Return be filed.

Moved: Cathy White

Seconded: Jamie Keenan

Carried

6. Junior Academy Report

HANDBOOK

Further work has been done on the handbook which is now finished but not yet proofread. The handbook is a living document which is intended to be updated regularly. This handbook will be available to players, coaches, parents, clubs and anyone else who has an interest in the Junior Academy.

A copy will be circulated to the board members in the first instance and then I propose to make it available to all clubs and email a copy to all families who currently have a child enrolled in the Academy.

FUNDING

We are now drawing nearer to the end of the current funding and Jackie has put together an application for further funding which will be submitted for the next round of funding in July. We currently have \$1,347.50 remaining which will be used up next month.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Congratulations to Rhiarne Taiapa for winning the 2017 Under 17 Oceania Junior Championships title and who will compete in the World Junior Women's Individual event in Tauranga in July.

Squash NZ have also issued the updated Junior Rankings and Eastern girls feature strongly:

- Under 11 Girls - Belle Kinnear ranked 16th
- Under 13 Girls - Rakairoa Joyce 5th
- Under 15 Girls – Jena Gregory 2nd
- Under 15 Girls – Ally Harding 3rd
- Under 15 Girls – Sam Haring 5th
- Under 15 Girls – Ariata Kutia 11th
- Under 17 Girls – Rhiarne Taiapa 3rd
- Under 17 Girls - Winona-Jo Joyce 4th
- Under 17 Boys – Willz Donnelly 6th
- Under 19 Girls – Rosemary Mair 16th

It's really good to see our Eastern Juniors feature in these rankings. Also a special mention to the Joyce family having 2 of their children in the top 16 within their age group.

MOVING FORWARD

I will be holding a meeting with the coaches to get their input on policies and procedures, as well as a long overdue catch up on all areas involving the Academy.

It is also my mission to now provide regular communication with parents, players and clubs by monthly updates on junior development, achievements and items of interest.

As always I welcome any feedback on all aspects of the Academy

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Jamie Keenan

Carried

9. **General Business**

9.1 **Senior Nationals**

Jacquie reported that everyone was on course with 88 entries so far. A good meeting was held last Saturday and she especially thanked Jacqui Mattsen for her excellent work, following the resignation of Scott Fergusson. Mike & Tania Willis would be helping with the draw

9.2 **Apparel Orders**

- a) \$2k had been received from Infinity Foundation for funding. Jacquie suggested we place an order for a quantity (10 minimum) of each item – Singlet, Tee, Polo, Hoody – with just the Squash Eastern logo on the front and SNZ logo on the rear. Any further printing can then be done by DR. DR suggested we order a good quantity of each size to keep in stock.
- b) It was agreed that the teams would receive their uniforms free of charge this year and the balance would be sold as merchandise.
- c) Jacquie will put an order together and advise the Board how much Eastern would need to commit to, pending any product sales to offset the expense. The teams would cost a total of \$2,880, so an excess of \$880 over and above the funding received.

9.3 **Concurrent Tournaments within the District – tabled by Jamie Keenan**

JK had tabled an agenda item about co-operation between clubs as far as tournaments and event were concerned. This was raised in the light of HBSRC holding a one-day tournament, supposedly for D Grade and above, on the Saturday of the Hastings E and Below event. MW stressed the importance of avoiding these clashes with other, already sanctioned, events.

Action: MW to send a newsletter/email out addressing this issue of co-operation within clubs. In this case, even a courtesy call from HBSRC to Hastings would have been the way forward.

9.4 ***Eastern Open***

JK reported that they had around 80 entries. He asked when cut off for grading was for tournaments. Jacquie reported that this should be at the time the draw takes place, after which they do not need to make any changes. MW to attend prize giving around 4pm

9.5 ***Superchamps Grading cut off***

MW reported that there had been a few “funny things” happening leading up to grading cut off. He asked questions about the Bayleys Tournament at Havelock North and the HBSRC one day tournament where there was, at least, one suspect results. JK suggested that perhaps ad hoc events like these should be stopped the month leading up to cut-off for Superchamps. MW stressed that, whether or not there had been a history of this, clubs should look to themselves to act professionally and within the spirit of sportsmanship.

Action: To be a part of MW’s newsletter to members and clubs

The meeting closed at 6.33pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th August at Havelock North Squash Club

Signed as a true and accurate record

Mike Willis

President, Squash Eastern Incorporated

Signed:

Dated: