



SQUASH EASTERN INCORPORATED

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Tuesday 15th August 2017 at Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

PRESENT: Mike Willis (Chair), Cathy White, Dean Remihana, Jeff Silvester

1. Apologies

Following the meeting, email apologies were received from Jamie Keenan and Jenny Smith who had both been held up in meetings

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Hawke's Bay Squash Rackets Club on Monday 11th June 2017 were tabled at the meeting. They were passed as a true and accurate record of the matters discussed at the meeting.

Moved: Deam Remihana

Seconded: Cathy White

Carried

3. Matters Arising

CW raised the matter of the President's newsletter which was due to be sent out to all Eastern members. MW apologized that this had not been done. MW reported that he and Jacquie had met and it was planned to include these points in an off-season general newsletter as a President's Report. He felt that the matter raised by Rewi had almost certainly "gone away" but the issues about manipulation of grading and club co-operation should be addressed.

4. Correspondence

Outwards:

19.07 Final audit to Pub Charity, received and accepted

04.08 Email to NZCT advising that draft application entered online pending final audit

04.08 Email to Coaches and Board re Pub Charity application deferral until August
Monthly Audit to NZCT for Administration Contract

Inwards:

12.07: Email from HBSRC submitting their expression of interest to host the Eastern Open and C Grade Nationals

Discussion: *As HBSRC were the only club to tender for these events, the Board congratulated the club and wished them success for these events next year.*

13.07: Email from John Fletcher, GM Auckland, re Referees Exams data across the country

21.07: Email from Willie Bicknell regarding Competition Review

Discussion: *MW explained that the matter of tiering events in the future was discussed at the recent Presidents' meeting. The result would be for Individual Nationals and PSA events to be held at the same venue for 3 years and for this venue to be accessible to all. All other events would remain on a rotational basis but the emphasis would be on Districts, rather than clubs, running these. Jacquie was asked to provide feedback to Willie Bicknell and his team who had put this proposal on the table, advising that SE wish to stay with the current status quo and that all events should remain on a rotational basis.*

26.07: Email from Lucy Broadhead re South Island Masters Games in Nelson in October

27.07: Email from Kent Maynard re Interclub fees and teams with no competition – reply from Mike on 3rd August

Discussion: MW explained that Kent Maynard had a query about their B Grade Ladies entry fee for Superchamps Eliminations. They had no intention of travelling and only entered to provide opposition for other entries. Jacquie explained that they should have done due diligence and called around or asked SE if there were any other entries. MW confirmed that all entry fees were a 'down payment' towards the Nationals entry fees which were then paid by SE. There was protracted discussion about this resulting in a Motion tabled by DR –

“Would the Board consider refunding the \$175 to the Havelock North B Grade Ladies”

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Jeff Silvester

The Board then voted on the motion and the result was 3-1 against refunding the fee. DR was the only member for the Motion.

Following this it was agreed to re-draft the Superchamps rules so there are no such anomalies in the future, prior to next year's event.

29.07: Email from Andrew Moller suggesting two interclub competitions per year – Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter. He appreciates that there may not be as many teams, but even if there are only a few per club it would still be a competition.

Discussion: Jacquie explained that this was a part of the recent Interclub Survey submitted to all members and that, to-date, over 70% were keen on the idea. Havelock North were now trialing an Intraclub event which would be managed by Jacquie

02.08: Email re Club 20 Initiative

Discussion: MW explained that the issue of clubs not working together had been discussed at last year's Forum preceding the AGM and that the following needed addressing – Increased Participation, Improved Resilience, Better connection and Sustainability. It had been decided to set up a group of 20 clubs to trial a collaboration. This document was a call to clubs to put their hands up and participate. The Board agreed that this was not something that Eastern could realistically be a part of.

07.08: Email from Board members re Pub Charity funding

Outwards and Inwards:

Various emails re 2018 Calendar to and from SNZ and Eastern Board and District

Discussion: Jacquie to remind clubs of the deadlines.

Various emails re Senior Nationals Teams to and from SNZ, Eastern Selectors, team members, Districts

Various emails to and from Eastern Selectors and Juniors re Junior Nationals

Various emails to GHSOB re Champion of Champions

Various emails re interclub with Eastern members and District Administrators (re PAR scoring)

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Seconded:

Carried

5. **Finance**

The financials were tabled at the meeting.

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

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Cathy White

Carried

6. **Junior Academy Report**

MW raised the matter of the Pub Charity funding which had been deferred until their August and what we should do if this is ultimately declined. Jacquie said she would pump out further funding applications to alternative sources. Jacquie would also pass the link to CW for her to check progress. MW said it was important that CW communicated with parents and coaches if there is a hiatus to ensure they are aware of any issues. Jacquie suggested that a sponsor be sought to cover this for, say, a 3-year period. Jacquie also

confirmed that Murray, from Friday, would have no coaching until October and Joel had agreed to put his students in groups, charging \$15 each rather than \$20, so his fees would be lower this month. Jacquie was unsure about Colin or Chook's activities.

9. **General Business**

MW raised the subject of contractors' remuneration. Interclub was a fixed amount of \$1,000 (\$250 to Wayne and \$750 to Jacquie). The Secondary Schools Contractor, however, was paid the total balance of the fund remaining from the entry fees after courts and facilitators had been paid. This year this amounted to \$2.5k. It was agreed that Jacquie and MW should meet and set out some suggestions prior to the February meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.27pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 10th October at Havelock North Squash Club – please note that it was agreed at the Board meeting to move our Board Meetings to Tuesday with immediate effect

Signed as a true and accurate record

Mike Willis

President, Squash Eastern Incorporated

Signed:

Dated: