



**Minutes of the 36th AGM of Squash Eastern
held at Hastings Squash & Tennis Club
on Tuesday 29th November at 6.00pm**

The meeting was declared open by the President, Mike Willis.

Present: Mike Willis (HBLT), Jeff Silvester (HBSRC), Cathy White (HBLT), Jenny Smith (Waipukurau), Jamie Keenan (Hastings), Scott Fergusson (HN), Dean Remihana (HN)

Attending Officers: Jacque Sutherland (Administrator)

1. Apologies

Murray Sutherland (HN), Wayne Kempton (HBSRC), Joel Le Comte (HN)

It was moved that the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cathy White

Seconded: Jeff Silvester

Carried

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held Saturday 5th December at Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club were read.

It was moved that they are a true and accurate record

Moved: Jeff Silvester

Seconded: Cathy White

Carried

There were no Matters arising from previous minutes.

3. Election of Officers for 2015-2016

Members that are to continue as part of the two-year cycle: Mike Willis, Cathy White, & Dean Remihana

Jeff Silvester, Joel Le Comte, Jamie Keenan & Jenny Smith must stand for re-election.

Joel Le Comte tendered his resignation from the Board, due to increased coaching commitments, and was thanked for his efforts over the years.

Motion: That Jenny White to be re-elected onto the Board

Moved: Cathy White

Seconded: Jeff Silvester

Carried

Motion: That Jeff Silvester to be re-elected onto the Board
Moved: Cathy White
Seconded: Jenny Smith
Carried

Motion: That Jamie Keenan to be re-elected onto the Board
Moved: Mike Willis
Seconded: Cathy White
Carried

Motion: Scott Fergusson was nominated as a Board Member
Moved: Dean Remihana
Seconded: Jamie Keenan
Carried

Mike Willis was elected President for a further term

Moved: Cathy White
Seconded: Jeff Silvester
Carried

Cathy White was elected Vice President for a further term

Moved: Mike Willis
Seconded: Jenny Smith
Carried

MW confirmed that the Board does have the power to co-opt members as they see fit, from outside the squash fraternity.

The Constitution states that a minimum of 7 Board Members were required. The 2016-2017 Board will consist of:

Mike Willis, Cathy White, Scott Fergusson, Dean Remihana, Jenny Smith, Jeff Silvester, Jamie Keenan

Mike Willis thanked the 2015/2016 Board members for all their efforts over the last year.

4. President's Report

Mike referred to the President's Report that was distributed prior to the meeting. This was moved as read.

Moved: Cathy White
Seconded: Jeff Silvester
Carried

In summary, MW said that everything was now still stable. Great to have 2 new A Grade ladies. The District had increased their equity. Question, do we keep saving or start spending. \$9k approved for Administrator's Contract out of \$12 requested. Questions:

- To we contribute towards the Nationals
- Should we save or put money towards the Junior Academy
- Should fund be kept aside to be put towards wages

The main focus for the District in 2017 should be the Senior Nationals.

5. Financial Accounts 2015/2016

Harley McLaughlin kindly prepared the Financial Statements.

- Surplus of \$3,657.97 for the year
- This means that the Administrator is still covered even if funding is not received. At the last Board Meeting there had been an agreed wage increase from \$9k to \$12k. Funding has been approved for \$9k, so 9 months now covered
- Good to see that funding applications had been successful
- Turnover increased by funding and going straight out the other end
- Everything Eastern do is cash neutral
- Jeff Silvester suggests we keep increasing our capital so there are sufficient funds on hand to run the Academy in case we do not get funding in the future. MW said this should be a Board discussion after the AGM.
- All Board members may have access to all financial information through Xero. If interested they should contact Jacquie.

Motion: *It was moved the SEM be set at \$25+GST.
There was talk at the last Board Meeting about increasing them for the Nationals funding but MW said that SEMs should be for the members. JK suggested that this would be for the members as it is such a great opportunity to “sell” our 4 clubs. However, with only the four main centre clubs directly involved this would hardly be fair to the other membership base*

Moved: *Mike Willis*
Seconded: *Jenny Smith*
Carried

It was moved that the financial report be adopted

Moved: *Jenny Smith*
Seconded: *Cathy White*
Carried

6. All Other Reports

Other reports had been distributed prior to the meeting. These were moved as read.

Moved: *Jeff Silvester*
Seconded: *Jenny Smith*
Carried

6.1 Junior Academy

Jeff Silvester would like to congratulate the Academy on their results.

Cathy White is in the process of undertaking a review and would report at the next Board Meeting in February.

7. General Business

8.1 District Awards

- Jacquie Sutherland referred to last year’s minutes re setting up District Awards

- SNZ have asked again why we don't put any nominees forward
 - Jenny Smith feels that this could be a great way to get the clubs together and give people their day in the sun
 - Jeff Silvester suggested this should be an agenda item for February
- 8.2 Gay Atkins has resigned as the District Statistician as of immediate effect. Her resignation was accepted by the meeting and thanks given for her hard work. Discussion about a replacement would be made at the Board Meeting following this AGM.
- 8.3 Dean Remihana has built a new website for Eastern. Jacquie to meet with Dean after the meeting and get this up and running as soon as possible, bearing in mind the current site will be taken down at the end of the month.
- 8.4 SF brought up the subject of players not supporting other clubs' tournaments within the District. This is something that has been getting worse over the last year. MW suggested that the clubs need, perhaps, to talk to each other. SF suggested we offer an incentive, a quantity of free entries, for instance. Jenny Smith said that for CHB tournaments they tend to travel in groups. DR said that, as the Eastern Board, we need to help unify the clubs and get them involved in other tournaments. MW said this should be the first agenda item for February 2017.
- 8.5 Jeff Silvester asked if Cameron Jamieson has acknowledged for reaching A1. All letters to players for achievements should be minuted individually in the future, rather than just be items under correspondence

Meeting closed: 6.41pm

Next Board meeting will be: Monday 13th February 2017 at Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club at 5.30pm