

SQUASH EASTERN INCORPORATED

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Tuesday 9th October at Hawke's Bay Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

PRESENT: Mike Willis (Chair), Cathy White, Jeff Silvester, Anna Nuku, Dean Remihana, Trevor Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Jacquie Sutherland, Dan McGuire

1. Apologies

Audine Grace-Kutia, Wayne Kempton

Moved: Dean Remihana

Seconded: Cathy White

Carried

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Hastings Tennis & Squash Club on Tuesday 14th August were tabled at the meeting. They were passed as a true and accurate record of the matters discussed at the meeting.

Moved: Jeff Silvester

Seconded: Anna Nuku

Carried

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

Outwards:

05/09 Funding application to Pub Charity for Junior Academy

11/09 Funding application to NZCT for Administrator's Contract

Inwards:

10/09 Email from Sport HB re Secondary School sanctioning

22/09 Confirmation that Pub Charity application is complete and will be presented at next meeting

24/09 Confirmation that NZCT application is complete and will be presented at 24th October meeting
Jacquie advised the Board that she had received a call from NZCT asking about memberships and specifically Gisborne which may not bode well for the amount of money received as perhaps NZCT have no venues in Gisborne so will take them out of the funding equation. The Board sits on 24th October.

Various emails to and from SNZ regarding 2019 Events Calendar

Various emails to and from the Board re interim payments

Various emails regarding Spring Interclub

Various emails re Senior & Junior Nationals and NZ Masters

Various emails to and from SNZ and District staff re Operations Meeting scheduled for Monday 29th October

Various emails re Awards Night

Moved: Cathy White

Seconded: Jeff Silvester

Carried

5. Finance

MW reported that the end of year accounts prepared by Harley McLaughlin reflected end of September accounts as tabled at the meeting. These show an operating profit of \$3,249.76. There was a total in the bank account of \$35k.

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

Moved: Trevor Walker

Seconded: Cathy White

Carried

6. Junior Academy Report

- CW reported that it was a busy time for the juniors with the Nationals currently taking place in Auckland and the Girls playing the finals tomorrow morning.
- The coaches were doing a great job as proven by the results over the year
- There was a shortfall of \$37 after completing the funding audit and the next funding application would not be considered until later this month, so the District would be required to cover the coaching costs for October to a maximum of \$2k as agreed at the last meeting.
- Jacquie advised the Board that Rachel McMahon of Pub Charity had been invited to the Annual Awards to present the prizes.
- Jacquie and CW advised the Board that an invitation had been sent by Sport HB to the Annual Secondary Schools Awards at the Municipal Theatre on Monday 29th October. Jacquie was unable to attend, and CW had agreed, as the Academy convenor, to attend on her behalf. Jacquie explained that she had been in communication with Sport HB and it was likely that either Winona-Jo Joyce or Jena Gregory were in line for an award.

The report was approved.

Moved: Anna Nuku

Seconded: Trevor Walker

Carried

7. General Business

7.1 *Tournament Schedule*

- It was agreed that from 2020 onwards, the Eastern Open and any National Events would be added to the Rotation Schedule.
- Hastings, Havelock North & HBSRC had submitted tenders to host the 2019 Eastern Open.
- MW and Jacquie explained that the Junior North Island Age Groups had also been awarded to Eastern next year and that the thought was to hold this in Napier with the all-glass court at the Rodney Green Centennial Events Centre. This would be a large expense and it was agreed that it would be an amazing coup for Eastern to emulate the Wellington event this year as long as sufficient funds were found to cover this.
- DR expressed interest in holding this in Havelock North & Hastings and suggested the Hastings Sports Centre as a venue for the all-glass court.
- Dan McGuire, attending as President of HBSRC, commented that, although he thought that to bring the all-glass court to Eastern would be a great idea, HBSRC would feel more comfortable hosting the Eastern Open rather than the NI Age Groups.
- DR said that from his point-of-view HN would prefer to host the NIAG rather than the Eastern Open.
- After some discussion the following was agreed:
 - Eastern Open in 2019 to be hosted by HBSRC with Eastern as stakeholders.
 - NIAG to be hosted jointly by HN and Hastings with the possibility of the all-glass court at the Hastings Event Centre, with Eastern as stakeholders and drivers of the event.
 - From 2020 onwards all events would be added to the rotation schedule, with clubs needing to confirm that they are willing and able to host the event the following year when the calendar is due with SNZ. If not, this will pass to the next club on the rotation and the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

Moved: Trevor Walker
Seconded: Anna Nuku
Carried

7.2 **Todd Redman**

- The report regarding Todd Redman's behavior at the recent Senior Nationals had been sent to the Board by email. This had been prepared by Jacquie following a phone call from SNZ on the Saturday of the event.
- The matter was discussed the Board asked MW to contact Todd, ask for his comments and reprimand him as appropriate. We would then advise SNZ that we had followed this up and dealt with it accordingly.

7.3 **Hazing at Junior Nationals**

- Despite assurances that the 'hair shaving hazing' would not happen at Junior Nationals this year, the boys had carried out this initiation process. Jacquie said she had contact Joel who confirmed that they had done this when he was away from the motel getting fuel.
- The Board asked a note to minuted that they in no way condone this process and it should not recur in the future.

7.4 **Secondary Schools competition**

- Jacquie reported that the sanctioning process was open with Sport HB for next year's Secondary Schools competition.
- The competition had been dwindling over the past years, using valuable court space at the clubs for little reward.
- It was agreed that we should not hold a competition next year but continue with the Individuals. This was important because if a school wishes to enter a team in the National Secondary Schools competition they must have competed in their Regional event.
- Jacquie would look at the possibility of an Intermediate Schools event and, perhaps, a Secondary Schools event for graded players only.

7.5 **Spring Interclub**

- Jacquie had put together teams and a draw for this which will start on Monday 29th October and run for 5 weeks prior to Christmas and 5 weeks in February.
- Includes Individuals and Doubles
- To be played at HBSRC and Hastings clubs only as 5 courts were required for the 1st session (6.30pm) and 4 for the 2nd session (8.00pm)
- Jacquie to send out the draw by the end of the week and advise the clubs of the court requirements

7.6 **Awards Night**

- TW raised the subject of cost for partners/parents who wish to attend the Awards Night
- Jacquie said that all the 4 main clubs had been made reciprocal members of the Taradale Club and that any full members may sign 10 people in on the night.
- All clubs should format some membership cards. Jacquie to send out a suggested format.
- When we had a better idea of numbers attending, Jacquie will email the Board to decide on how much the District will donate to the event for catering and to reduce the cost of drinks.
- Jacquie, MW & WK to meet on Thursday to finalise the prize winners as Jacquie needs to get those eligible for National awards entered on line by the end of the week with SNZ.

7.7 **AGM**

Members eligible to continue as part of a two-year cycle:

- Mike Willis
- Trevor Walker
- Dean Remihana
- Audine Grace-Kutia
- Wayne Kempton

- Cathy White

Members required stand for re-election

- Jeff Silvester
- Anna Nuku

Members who have expressed a wish to stand for election

- Daniel Newman
- Bryan Powlesland

The meeting closed at 7pm

The next meeting will be following the AGM and Awards on Saturday 10th November at The Taradale Club

Signed as a true and accurate record

Mike Willis

President, Squash Eastern Incorporated

Signed:

Dated: