

SQUASH EASTERN INCORPORATED

Minutes of Board Meeting held on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at Hawke's Bay Squash Rackets Club

PRESENT: Mike Willis (Chair), Trevor Walker, Jeff Silvester, Anna Nuku, Bryan Powlesland, Daniel Newman

ABSENT: Dean Remihana

IN ATTENDANCE: Jacquie Sutherland (Administrator)

1. Apologies

Cathy White

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held at Havelock North Squash Club on Tuesday 12th February 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 that would not be discussed in General Business

4. Correspondence

Outwards:

- 1.3 Funding application to First Light Foundation for uniforms
- 4.3 Email to Board re Willz Donnelly
- 13.3 Email to clubs re G&H
- 19.3 Email to clubs re Superchamps
- 22.3 Online funding application to Youthtown for Junior Nationals
- 25.3 Funding application to Infinity Foundation for Senior Nationals
- 25.3 Funding application to Lion Foundation for Junior Nationals

Inwards:

- 14.2 Email from Daniel Grant re District Capability Workshop for Administrators on 2nd April
- 28.2 Email from Fleur Townsend re GHSOB's disaffiliation – they are exploring ways to become a public facility
- 4.3 Email from Lance Beddoes re Willz Donnelly
- 4.3 Letter from First Light requesting further information
- 5.3 Email from Joel Le Comte re Lance Beddoes coaching proposition
- 22.3 Acknowledgement of online application from Youthtown
- 29.3 Email from First Light Foundation declining our funding application
- 3.4 Acknowledgement from Lion Foundation of funding application

Various emails regarding Wairoa's re-affiliation

Various emails with Shelley Kitchen regarding the District Performance Workshop to be attended by Willie Donnelly & Murray Sutherland

Various emails re Junior challenge v Central

Various emails from Shelley Kitchen regarding funding towards SNZ/SE Junior Hubs

Various emails with Competition Review Board re 2019 Superchamps & Senior Teams Rules
Emails re fortnightly newsletters
Various emails to and from Academy squads and coaches re Academy members and results
Various emails to and from clubs re Interclub
Various emails from SNZ re collaboration phone meetings
Various emails from Daniel Grant, SNZ re District Capability Workshop in Wellington on 2nd April
Various emails to and from organization committee for Junior North Islands

Moved: Trevor Walker

Seconded: Bryan Powlesland

Carried

5. Finance

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

Moved: Jeff Silvester

Seconded: Anna Nuku

Carried

6. Junior Academy Report

As CW was absent there was no formal report. Jacquie advised the Board that Kashif was conducting a clinic on Thursday 18th April from 2pm for 3 hours for those available from the Junior Academy. Would either HBSRC or HBLT be available for this. JS confirmed we could use the courts at Niven Street

9. General Business

9.1 Resignation

MW advised the Board that he had received a letter of resignation from Jacquie Sutherland, accompanied by a report outlining the reasons and the possible way forward for any successor. Although MW had received a head's up late in 2018 that Jacquie would probably be retiring in late 2019, Jacquie had brought her retirement forward to July and would finish up on 31st July 2019. As a Board we would now need to start planning. JS suggested that an Appointments Committee of 2 or 3 should be set up (MW, CW & ANOther). MW acknowledged Jacquie and all the hard work she has done over the past years.

9.2 Interclub

9.2.1 Jacquie reported that the incorrect minimum players was showing on the iSquash and she was currently trying to sort this out. At the moment it was showing 5 players per teams which would be an issue when inputting results.

9.2.2 Hastings needed to rejig a couple of teams

9.2.3 MW raised the question of Rule 4.5.2 - Within each half grade players may be submitted in order of playing strength to a maximum of 100 points difference (e.g. an B2 with 1950 points may play above an B2 with 2000 points - 50 points difference between the players - however they may not play ahead of someone with 2100 points as there is more than 100 points difference). He asked the Board's opinion and there was some discussion resulting in an agreement that the Interclub Controllers would give dispensation to female players in the teams who were still over-graded and would, in some cases, need to play above their male counterparts who are significantly stronger. An email would go out to Captains explaining this

9.2 North Island Juniors

Jacquie reported that everything was currently running smoothly with the help of a great committee. A logo and poster was all-but completed and ready to be sent out; sponsorship was in place; concessions at motels had been arranged; catering was in the process of being finalized.

9.3 SNZ/SE Elite Junior Hub

MW referred to the Squash Eastern 2019 Junior HP Strategy document and the Code of Conduct appendix. He specifically spoke to this clause - Alcohol is not permitted by any team member U18 at any Squash NZ or Squash Eastern event including but not limited to district club tournaments unless the person supplying the alcohol is the parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner, or the person supplying alcohol has the express consent of the young person's parent or legal guardian and the alcohol is supplied in a responsible manner. It was decided to

remove this from the document and amended a couple of points which refer to the 'General Manager' and reissue the document.

The document would still include the clause - Alcohol, drugs and party pills are not permitted during any junior event either on squash club premises or at any other venue. Players 18 years of age and over must abide by the Squash NZ rules that alcohol is banned from all Junior Events.

9.4 *Disciplinary Documents*

9.4.1 As far as the Juniors are concerned, the Code of Conduct appended to the HP Strategy would be adopted in place of the document prepared by DN.

9.4.2 DN was asked for his rationale for including Superchamps in the process. It was agreed that a separate document should be prepared for the clubs to sign which would be forwarded to the clubs along with their letter when they qualify for Nationals. The clubs could then get the individuals to sign a similar letter if they choose. It is important that the Club teams appreciate that when they go to Superchamps Nationals they are technically representing their District, not just their clubs, and should behave accordingly.

9.4.3 This document should be adopted, omitting the clause about inappropriate socializing ... for Eastern Inter District Senior Teams. DN to re-draft accordingly.

9.5 *Superchamps Letter*

Jacque had received a generic letter from SNZ regarding Superchamps Nationals, location, cost, etc., which she will forward to the clubs for funding purposes

9.6 BP asked how the Eastern accounts were configured and the process of approval. Also what the expectation is of Board members in this process. MW happy to meet and go over the accounts process.

The meeting closed at 6.34pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th June at Hastings Tennis & Squash Club

Signed as a true and accurate record

Mike Willis

President, Squash Eastern Incorporated

Signed:

Dated: