

Minutes

Squash Bay of Plenty Annual General Meeting

21 November 2009 at Tokoroa Squash Club. Tokoroa, 5.30pm

Attendance:

Ash Brownrigg (Te Puke), Ron Carter (Life Member - Putaruru), Kim Kiwara (Tokoroa), Viv Horne (Tokoroa), Brett McMullen (Tokoroa), Keith Kiwara (Tokoroa), Ian Davis (Te Puke), Bubba Kiwara (Tokoroa), Paul Wotten (Te Puke), Chris Jensen (Te Puke), Martin Prior (Te Puke), Helen Jensen (Te Puke), Jenny Wotten (Te Puke), Vicki Herdman (Te Puke), Graeme Randolph (Whakatane), Roger Plaistowe (Tokoroa), Robbie Wyatt (District Coach) and Jill Randolph (Administrator).

Apologies:

Allan Wilson (Taneatua), Wayne Wills (Whakatane), Jan Loney (Te Puke), Graham Brownrigg (Geyser City), Grant Utteridge (Geyser City), Chris Powell (Geyser City), Tanya Colyer (Taupo), Sue Colyer (Taupo), Trevor Colyer (Taupo),

Voting Delegates: (Tauranga and Te Puke Clubs 2 voting members all others one)

Putaruru – Ron Cater, Whakatane – Graeme Randolph, Te Puke – Helen Jensen and Vicki Herdman, Tokoroa – Brett McMullen

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Keith Kiwara was listed as an apology but was actually at the meeting

Chairman's Report

Ash Brownrigg presented his report for 2009, as contained in the Squash Bay of Plenty Annual Report.

- Break even for 2009
- Relationship with Sport BOP very important
- NZ Open may move around the country
- Planning day for 2010 to be in January, Jim O'Grady to attend
- In future some operations may combine with Waikato
- Poor turnout at Council of Clubs
- Review of SEM, Ash to chair this group
- Te Puke Squash Club is 2009 NZ Club of the Year

Financial Report

Ash Brownrigg presented the audited financial accounts to 30 September 2009 as contained in the Squash Bay of Plenty Annual Report.

- Figures compared against 2008 figures and GST exclusive
- SEM and Interclub dropped
- Contribution from Squash NZ dropped due to SEM figures less
- Increase in Pub Charity funds
- Recoveries from activities throughout the year
- User pay for travelling events
- Cost cutting including SDO role
- District Coach salary covered by Sport BOP and Pub Charities
- No depreciation written off
- First 6 months had a loss of \$12,000, the second 6 months a profit of \$11,000
- Junior Nationals will be in next years financials

- Hope to gain same if not more funding in 2010
- Managed to bring financials back even with declining SEM
- Funding for SDO – consolidated funds

Question – Where does the \$100 entry fee for Eliminations go

Answer - Split between expenses and travel expenses

Question – Pye growth has dropped which is of concern

Answer – Frustration that Squash NZ have not given any direction. Clubs not seeing any benefit for their money. Income has been obtained from coaching and pub charities.

A discussion followed on the Masters expenses of \$10,000 (Christchurch October 2008) however this was confusion as to which year the event related to.

Moved: Ash Brownrigg

Seconded: Graeme Randolph

Carried

Confirmation of Honorary Positions

Patron Neville Munro

Auditor: Trudi Ballantyne

Carried by unanimous vote.

Board Positions

Re-election of Chairperson:

Nominee: Ash Brownrigg

Nominated: Helen Jensen

Seconded: Vicki Herdman

Carried.

Board member (2 Year Period completed)

Nominee: Roger Plaistowe

Nominated: Brett McMullen

Seconded: Helen Jensen

Carried

Board Members with 1 Year remaining

Allan Wilson

Graeme Randolph

Board members co-opted during the year

Nominee: Jan Loney

Nominated: Jenny Wotten

Seconded: Helen Jensen

Carried

Nominee: Wayne Wills

Nominated: Graeme Randolph

Seconded: Brett McMullen

Carried

Jan and Wayne to be re-elected in 2010

Nominations from the Floor

Nominee: Vicki Herdman

Nominated: Jenny Wotten

Seconded: Helen Jensen

Carried

Nominee: Ian Davis

Nominated: Jenny Wotten

Seconded: Helen Jensen

Declined by Ian

Remit

No remits were received for 2009

General Business

Board visiting Clubs in 2009

The question was asked as to why Board members never visited clubs Feb/Mar/Apr as was stated in the previous minutes.

Clubs were contacted to advise their meeting dates but a lot clashed with Board Meeting dates. When the SDO left in May resources were too stretched.

It was decided that 2010 a Board member would visit each club. It was suggested that the same be done for the Coaching Director.

Prince Series

Format change has been suggested

Before any changes decided it will be discussed at the Board Planning Day which is to be held in January 2010.

Before Planning Day Clubs are encouraged to send in suggestions.

Problems that have been identified are – T shirts out to late, full entry fee with only 1 game played, tournaments advertised as 3 days then being reduced to 1 day due to low numbers. If advertised earlier may get more entries. Suggestions made – central locations, lower grades only.

Suggested concept of starting at Point A and finishing at Point B and allowing registered players to enter and obtain points from any tournament in the bay between A and B could be a logistical night mare.

Squash NZ IT Programme

No one from the Bay went to the workshop in Auckland. A live system where you will be able to see your points move and also be able to book on line but is in the early stages. It appears to be a good site. Some clubs already are with Sportsground which should be able to link in to the Squash NZ site. Sparc has injected \$125,000 into the new Programme. Mt Maunganui Club has introduced their own IT programme but not sure if this will eventually link up with Squash NZ's

Council of Clubs

With the current Council of Clubs format not working well it was suggested that Clubs are asked to host and set meetings where they invite neighbouring clubs and report back to the Board. Communication between Clubs and Board very important. Suggestions are sought from Clubs before the Boards Planning Day in January.

General Business

Interclub format to be confirmed for 2010 at Boards Planning Day

Scoring for 2010 for Interclub and all tournaments is PAR

Open divisions – first to 11. If 10 all, a win by 2 points is required

All other divisions – first to 15. If 14 all, you can call 1 or 3

District Super Champs – It was asked if Squash BOP gave any support to host clubs in the form of balls. Squash BOP does not give balls and it is expected that Clubs make profit from their Bar.

Squash NZ Board Elections – Wayne Werder and Neil McAra were re-elected along with two new people, Linda Kenny from Midlands and Tony Johnson from Otago.

2010 AGM – venue to be confirmed, Te Puke have indicated their interest. This will be confirmed at the Boards Planning Day

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 7.05PM.

