

**SQUASH AUCKLAND INC**  
**MINUTES OF THE THIRTY NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF**  
**SQUASH AUCKLAND INC. HELD AT EDEN EPSOM TENNIS AND SQUASH**  
**CLUB ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2002 at 6.30 p.m.**

**APOLOGIES** Dame Susan Devoy, Michael Sumpter, Club, Alan Robertson (CR), Mark Waldin/Kaye Neely (BB), Wilma Halling, Life Member, Chris Hall, John Endean, Kaye Jackson, Susie Simcock, Garry Samuel, Tony McLeod, Graeme Vincent, Clubs: Devonport, Silverdale, Weymouth

Andy Levien/Graeme Perry

**PRESENT**

**Executive:**

President Arthur Fickling  
Vice Presidents Geoff Dimes, Graeme Perry  
Immediate Past Pres: John Sangster  
Committee Meegan Brewer, Aileen Buscke  
**Squash Auckland:** P Martin (Administrator), K Torrie (SDO)

**Voting Delegates**

University	J Dodds	Belmont Park	B Stewart
Eden Epsom	P Molloy	Henderson	M Kopittke
Kumeu	V Parker	Manurewa	E & F Tahata
Navy	L French	North Shore	M Brewer
Papakura	A Levien	Panmure	M Evans
Red Beach	Yvonne Dey	Remuera	A Buscke
Royal Oak	H Findlay	Shepherds Park	J Bedwell
Te Kauwhata	N Goodin	Te Papapa	W Samut
Waiuku	B MacDonald		

Life members - M Greig, G Dallimore  
Observers - M Birch, J Brown, P Reeves, E Penney, J Penney, D Flint, M Sayes, S Sayes, M Duncan

Arthur Fickling welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Life members Mike Greig and Gower Dallimore, and thanked the Eden Epsom Club for making the club available for this meeting.

Roll Call: A roll call of voting delegates was taken at this time and ballot papers were distributed. Arthur Fickling reminded everyone that whilst anyone could speak with permission, only the voting delegates and office holders of Squash Auckland were entitled to nominate, second and vote during the meeting.

- 1. The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting** held on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2000 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings with the addition of the following names to those present: E Penney

P Molloy/A Levien  
Carried

## 2. **Matters Arising**

None

### **Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2001**

Arthur Fickling gave his report.

\* Numbers game re sponsorship and funding, so imperative to have maximum player numbers recorded. Squash Auckland is building relationships with local councils and sponsors with a view to developing long term commitments.

\* Significant growth, particularly in the junior division, but not in all clubs.

\* Squash Auckland Magazine launched this year thanks to John Endean, with second edition out recently.

\* Ford Motor Company came on board as a sponsor for the Auckland Open.

\* National Squash Centre running well - now open 90 hours a week.

\* Worthy Achievements: Great year for Carol Owens - gold and silver at Commonwealth Games, first NZ title. Jared Conning - runner up in NZ champs. Auckland winning Men, Women and Junior Women Interdistrict titles. Neven Barbour being elected VP World Squash. Susie Simcock stepping down as President of World Squash and being named President Emeritus.

\* Thanks to Paddy and Kerry for their hard work during the year.

Gower commented that there was no mention of secondary school squash in the annual report, and that it was time sec school winners were put on the honours board. Kerry apologised for schools being omitted by mistake from the annual report.

It was moved that the Annual Report be accepted.

G. Perry/B MacDonald  
Carried

## 4. **Annual Statement of Accounts** for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2001.

Meegan reported on the financial statements which were presented to the meeting. Looking at an overview of Income and Expenditure, 2001 had been distorted because of the gain on sale of the Mt Eden Rd house. Otherwise figures are comparable with 2002.

Income: Interclub income is down because the fees were lowered. With the funding from ASB, grants are up on last year, thanks to Graeme Perry for bringing Ford on board as a sponsor, and Kerry Torrie for her applications to the Trusts.

Expenditure: Coaching - an effort to put money into development of squash. No third employee, which had been in 2001.

Balance sheet: Change is the sale of the building. Investments are up, these are safely in banks. Interest is down as there are less funds to invest.

It was moved that the Annual Accounts be adopted by the meeting.

M Brewer/J Bedwell  
Carried

## 5. **Election of Officers:**

Arthur Fickling vacated the chair and Geoff Dimes called for nominations for President.

Arthur Fickling was nominated for President by Herne Bay, seconded P Molloy and duly elected.

Arthur then took the chair for the rest of the elections.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Vice Presidents (2)	Graeme Perry	Papatoetoe	A Buscke
	Jeff Bedwell	Shepherds Park	A Buscke
Executive Committee	Aileen Buscke	Remuera	J Dodd
	Chris Hall	Herne Bay	J Bedwell
	Sue Horton	Franklin	A Levien
	Garry Samuel	North Shore	V Parkerl
	Laurie French	Navy	B Stewart

#### **Selectors (elected unopposed)**

Senior	Aileen Buscke	Remuera	M Brewer
	Nigel Lloyd	Herne Bay	A Buscke
	Eva Tahata	B MacDonald	B. Stewart
Junior	Kerry Torrie	Henderson	M Brewer
	Kaye Jackson	Royal Oak	M Brewer
	Graeme Vincent	A Levien	B MacDonald
Masters	Jan Brown	Remuera	P Molloy
	Eddy Conder	Titirangi	P Molloy
	Jenny Webster	Herne Bay	P Molloy

#### **6 Election of Patron**

It was resolved that Dame Susan Devoy be Patron of Squash Auckland Inc for 2003.

G Perry/A Buscke  
Carried

#### **7. Election of Honorary Solicitor**

It was resolved that Michael Sumpter be appointed as Honorary Solicitor for 2003.

B MacDonald/M Brewer  
Carried

#### **8. Election of Auditor**

It was resolved that Christmas Gouwland & Co. be appointed as Auditors for the 2002/2003 financial year.

M Brewer/A Buscke  
Carried

#### **9. Budget Forecast**

.2003 will see more money put back into the game.

\* Grants are a conservative forecast, as it is not know what money will be available next year.

\* Interclub fees may be lowered for 2003.

\* Expenses are on a par with 2002.

\* Bigger coaching budget

\* Looking at promotions officer for the northern region in conjunction with Sport North Harbour.

\* Travel grants for developing players - (in response to concern that any players could access this fund, the meeting was reassured that strict guidelines and criteria would be put in place by the Executive Committee)

Gower Dallimore commented that expenditure for Promotions/Publicity of \$22000 we should see more in the media re squash. Need interclub results in the paper. Betty MacDonald said that more players should mean lower levies, yet the levies appeared to have gone up. Meegan said that we were seeking the same dollar value as received last year.

It was moved that the Budget Forecast be accepted.

G Perry/J Dodd  
Carried

#### **10. Fixing of Subscriptions**

The same dollar value was being sought as in the previous year.

It was resolved that the Squash Auckland levy be set at a level that produces the same dollar content as for the 2001/2002 financial year.

M Brewer/G Perry  
Carried

#### **Auckland Awards**

##### **Squash Personality of the Year Stephanie Sayes (Eden Epsom)**

In presenting the trophy Kerry Torrie told of Stephanie as the only non-player in the Sayes family with husband Mark and three children all being involved in the game. With a 'cant beat em, so join em' attitude, Stephanie has become a junior organiser with Eden Epsom handling selection camp nominations, interclub and statistician work as well as being a driving force behind the Auckland Junior Open which ran in conjunction with the Eden Epsom junior tournament. This is the largest junior tournament in New Zealand, and incorporates the Junior Player series. Organising billets and accommodation as well as the usual tournament organisation has kept Stephanie busy with Mark, ensuring a well run tournament. Kerry said that squash could do with more volunteers of the calibre of Stephanie, and hoped that she would be around for more years to come.

##### **Club Of The Year Not awarded for 2002**

#### **General Business**

**.Squash NZ AGM:** Arthur reported on the Squash NZ AGM held in Rotorua.

New Executive Council members are Grant Utteridge (BOP), Alistair Snell (Waik) and Neil McAra (Sthland). Graeme Perry, nominated by Auckland was unsuccessful.

New CEO of Squash NZ, Peter Ferguson, had attended the meeting in an informal capacity as he doesn't start work until 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Remits:**

1. Nominees must be a financial or life member of a Member Club and shall not be an office holder in any district.

\*\* wording changed to read ".....not be a president or board chairman in any district."

**RULE CHANGES:**

Passed as submitted.

**GRADING LIST**

Squash Wellington

*"To direct the National Body and Statisticians to look at the grade point cutoffs in order to alleviate the significant player number bulges, particularly in B2 men's grade."*

\*\* Defeated

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND SEM REPORTS**

Squash Waikato

*"That clubs put in their membership lists and SEM accounts at the same time each year. That this date be best suited to NZ Squash probably about the 31 August each year."*

\*\* Defeated

**NATIONAL GRADED TEAMS RULES**

Central Squash

(Squash Palmerston North)

*"If 8 or fewer teams enter the national finals there is to be a change to the current rules."*

\*\* Option 1 adopted

*Option 1:* The draw shall be done to have the first round pool matches completed by the end of Thursday. On the Friday cross over semifinal matches are to take place. These will be between (e.g.) Pool A winner v Pool B second place Pool B winner v Pool A runner up etc. These matches will establish the teams to meet in the play off matches on the Saturday.

**Junior Grading List:** Kerry spoke of Auckland leading the way by having their own junior list. Now NZ has plans to make a national junior grading list which will be at the bottom of the senior list. All players on the existing senior list will receive 500 more points, but stay the same grade to allow the inclusion of 5 'J' grades with increments of 100. New rules will mean that once into E2 a player cannot fall back into F grade, and an F grader cannot fall into the J grades.

**Life Membership nomination: Elaine Penney (Remuera/Shepherds Park)**

Aileen Buscke spoke to the Remuera Rackets Club nomination:

Elaine has given many years of wonderful service to Squash in Auckland. All those that have worked with her hold her in high regard.

Elaine fulfilled many roles over many years at Remuera that culminated in her being elected President from 1981 to 1983. She was the first woman at Remuera Rackets to receive this honour.

1983-93	Served on the Auckland Executive
1985-91	Auckland Delegate on NZ Squash Management Committee
1987/88	President Auckland Squash Racquets Association
1991-93	Auckland Squash Development Director
1994-01	Executive Officer, Squash Auckland

As per the constitution, a secret ballot was held. Scrutineers Gower Dallimore and Mike Birch announced that the life membership was passed by a unanimous decision.

In accepting the award, Elaine said she was astounded and hadn't been so excited since being made a prefect in standard six. She said that in the early days she didn't really understand the squash meetings and had to get someone to check and re-write the minutes she took. Elaine said that she was honoured and delighted to be a life member which would mean that she would be a part of Auckland squash forever.

**Prizegiving:** Held at the National Squash Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Successful night with approx. 80 people attending. Carol Owens and Jared Conning were awarded the players of the year trophies, Grammar won Masters Squash Club of the year, and the most improved junior awards went to Josh Thom and Priscilla Wildsmith.

**Departing Executive Members:**

Arthur thanked Geoff Dimes, Meegan Brewer and John Endean for their time served on the committee. Geoff in reply said that he had enjoyed his time on the committee, and knew that squash was in good hands with the current committee members.

Meeting closed 7.58pm

The Meeting was followed by a Christmas barbeque for all present.