

SQUASH AUCKLAND INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 2ND 2003
Held at the Eden Epsom Tennis & Squash Club
At 6.30pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mike Sumpter, (Hon. Solicitor) Peter Fergusson (C.E.O. Squash NZ, Wilma Halling, Life Member, Kaye Jackson, (Executive) Clubs : Mark Waldin (BB), Jenny Webster (Masters Selector), Andrew McCloskey (BB), B. Stewart and the Airforce Club.

PRESENT:

Executive:

President Arthur Fickling
Vice Presidents Graeme Perry Jeff Bedwell
Immediate Past Pres: John Sangster
Committee: Laurie French, Aileen Buscke, Charmian Hayes,
Squash Auckland: Paddy Martin (relieving Secretary) Fleur Townsend (SDO)

Voting Delegates:

University	Jo Dodds	Browns Bay	Brent Wall
Devonport	Steve Laing	Eden Epsom	Andrew Wells
Grammar	Daphne Brown	Herne Bay	Dave Gregory
Manurewa	Eva Tahata	Navy	Laurie French
North Shore	Francy Stephenson	Papakura	Andy Levien
Red Beach	Yvonne Dey	Remuera	Aileen Buscke
Royal Oak	John Endean	Shepherds Park	Jeff Bedwell
Te Kauwhata	David Jefferis	Te Papapa	Tracey Flux
Titirangi	Richie Lowe	Waiuku	Betty MacDonald/Jo Wrigley

Life Members:

Elaine Penney, Gower Dallimore Mike Greig

Observers:

Alex Stephenson (NS) Francis Tahata (Man) Kerry Torrie (Hsn) Vivienne Brumby (Hsn) Vern Pere (HB) Dave, Josh, Lana Harrison (PK) Dave Perett (KM) Kerry Wickett, Trish Wickett (PK) Lisa Flux (TP) Jan Brown (RM) Paula Rowe (Spt. Auck) Doug Flint (EE) Collette Amai (EE)

Arthur Fickling welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Life Members, 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 3rd, 2002 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

A. Levien/L. French

2. **The Minutes of the Special General Meeting** held on 20th February 2003 – minuted and confirmed 3rd April 2003
H. Twentyman/G. Perry
3. **The Minutes of the Special General Meeting** held on 28th July 2002 - minuted and confirmed
H. Twentyman/J. Endean

Presentation of the Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 2003

Arthur Fickling gave his report.

Challenges for 2003. Thanks to Executive for their effort. Task should be enjoyable but it wasn't. A number of executive thought of standing down. No recognition for their effort. This is sad, as a big effort had gone in. The Executive were unanimous in the hard decisions about a restructure. The Constitution needs revamping and it hasn't been done. It is sadly lacking and has made life difficult for the Executive. Negative aspect even though squash has a good future. Disappointing that change has incurred negativity. Laziness caused it because of no effort.

What have we done? Grey Lynn Law Office Seminars, 4 community groups, 3 Executive attended in their own time during the week to attend. Graeme Perry has been instrumental in bringing on board Ford as a major sponsor. Self employed. Laurie Franch worked on criteria for awards.

Can't rely on Elaine forever.

All this work needs to be mentioned.

Bright side – huge achievement list. October appointed full time Squash Development Officer. Fleur has made astounding results in two mounts.

Issues are: growing the game and increasing membership. 16 new schools. Term 1 80% filled microcourt. Term 2 has only two weeks vacant.

Last year we said a Full Time S.D.O. was needed. How will we afford two full timers. First funding through to go towards SDO - \$25,000 making her salary covered. She has also got funding for a digital camer.

Funding and sponsorship needs within clubs needs to be recognised.

Seminar in funding applications to be held in February to look at fulfilling requirements. Squash funding should be \$2-300K. Working towards this. Auckland budget increased by \$100K. this year. This is realistic and maybe light. These are the issues which people don't appreciate were going on.

Change was necessary – difficult.

Bright future next year.

Has the game been growing.

1990 40,000 1996 20,000 2003 30,000

Turned the corner.

Currently 130,000 playing New Zealand. Clubs entered for less than 25%.

Microcourt –new one needed in 2005 at the rate of growth. 2004.

Complete new constitution helped by Sport Auckland. First draft completed.

Board Structure – free time less. Paid staff – identify right people for the job.

Present Executive worded hard towards goals.

Arthur would like to present new constitution draft to Presidents in February 2004 to take back to clubs and ratify in March.

Moving office to Unitec with Squash New Zealand ahead of schedule, should be in by early February. This will be beneficial to Auckland.

Time – going to board structure will make monthly meetings unnecessary. More direct feedback from clubs by liaising with Presidents. Like those who have worked hard.

Executive elected today will be in for three months and then change to a Board.

Seeing benefits already and clubs will see first grants in February for funding applications.

Arthur wants to see \$200 k + to squash.

Marketed correctly squash can cater for fitness requirements.

Handled correctly will flow on positively to clubs.

Adoption of Annual Report.

Charmian – Concern – constructive criticism.

Kerry & Paddy: Group got together to show concern about situation, lack of accounts, proper minuting.

Constitution – NZ doing theirs, and February may be too early to be in line with theirs. Not laziness, tried to be constructive, Executive needs to be accountable and not take credit for what Fleur has done.

Arthur - A lot of information was misinformed + re attitude and get away from – re Charmian : not negative attempted to be constructive.

Annual Report :

A. Fickling/L. French – Carried

Annual Accounts:

A. Fickling/J. Bedwell – Carried

Election of Officers:

Graeme Perry for Executive Committee A. Levien/Y. Dey – Carried

Ballot Papers:

Patron: Dame Susan Devoy

A. Fickling/V. Perry

Solicitor: Mike Sumpter

A. Levien/J. Sangster

Auditor: Christmas Gouwland

A. Fickling/L. French

Fixing of Subscriptions:

A. Fickling/R. Lowe

Budget:

Richie Lowe expressed concern at the huge increase.

Graeme – figures attainable.

Andrew Wells – goal to achieve/achievable goal.

Paddy Martin– reserves of \$80,000.

Gower Dallimore– relocation rent free? Yes. Under Heads of Agreement.

Vern Perry – Money/Profit from National Squash Centre.

Mike Greig– Original intention to be fully funded. Debt to be cleared.

Restaurant with squash courts. Rest at last becoming profitable. Eventually deed says profits will be re-allocated to Squash in Auckland area. Can't talk profit yet.

Budget accepted.

J. Endean/J. Bedwell

Squash Auckland Awards.

Betty MacDonald – Mastes Award. Thanks for all the hard work.

New Zealand AGM

Remits treated as a discussion before AGM. Council have taken on board recommendations and will then come up with a ruling.

Levies of \$400,000 approved.

District eliminations brought forward – no

Graded Teams playing order – no. change wording to **must**.

1st July instead of 15 June for grading list – no.

Cash prizes for juniors – all grades

Junior Age cut off be moved to beginning of season – only Australia use this date.

Single Grading list – no.

Data base Districts be able to have access to their own.

Auckland Invitation.

Workshops on funding and sponsorships/benchmarking very worthwhile.

General Business:

Nil.