

SQUASH AUCKLAND INC.
41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 11TH 2004
at Taverners Lounge, Eden Park, Reimers Avenue,
Kingsland, Auckland
At 6.30pm.

APOLOGIES:

Mike Sumpter, (Hon. Solicitor) Peter Fergusson (C.E.O. Squash NZ), Wilma Halling (Life Member), Jeff Bedwell (Vice President), Kaye Jackson (Executive), Richie Lowe (Executive), John Sangster (Immediate Past Pres/Executive), Clubs: Dietmar Londer (DV), Martin Evans (PM), Phil Varley (EL), Mike Cargo (SV), Tim Marshall, June McCabe, Scott Harrison, Pat Menzies (NS), Graeme Vincent (PK), Sharon Rochford, Marty Davis (AU), Susie Simcock, Paula Rowe (Sport Auckland).

PRESENT:

Executive:

President Arthur Fickling
Vice Presidents Aileen Buscke
Committee: Graeme Perry, Francy Stephenson, Eva Tahata, Andrew Wells
Squash Auckland: Laurie French (General Manager/Secretary)
 Fleur Townsend (SDO)

Voting Delegates:

Belmont	Jason Parkin	Browns Bay	Not Present
College Rifles	Rex Eade	Devonport	Not Present
Eden Epsom	Phil Molloy	Ellerslie	Not Present
Franklin	Not Present	Grammar	Not Present
Henderson	Dale Mays	Herne Bay	Dave Gregory
Howick	Not Present	Kumeu	Not Present
Manurewa	Rob Livingston	Maramarua	Not Present
Navy	Patsy Gordon	North Shore	Francy Stephenson
Panmure	Not Present	Papakura	Not Present
RNZAF	Gregor McGregor	Red Beach	Yvonne Dey
Remuera	Natasha Webb	Royal Oak	John Endean
Shepherds Park	Not Present	Silverdale	Not Present
Te Kauwhata	Not Present	Te Papapa	Kris Maddaford
Titirangi	Nadine Rennie	Warkworth	April Rathe
Waiuku	Rob McNab	Weymouth	Not Present
Auck Squash Centre	Not Present	University	Not Present

Life Members:

Elaine Penney, Gower Dallimore, Mike Greig.

Observers:

Doug Flint (EE) Charmian Hayes, Francis Tahata (MA), David Crymble (RM), Will McKenzie (EE), Alex Stephenson (NS)

Welcome

Arthur Fickling welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Life Members.

Item 1 – Apologies

1. Apologies were tabled and taken from the floor and a roll call of voting delegates was taken at this.

Item 2/3 – Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

2. *Annual General Meeting held on December 2nd, 2003.* Elaine Penny raised that the minutes were incomplete and for a matter of record they needed to be correct. It was highlighted the minutes did not reflect the Executive Committee which had been elected and winners of Squash Auckland Awards.

- a. Therefore the Election of Officers to be amended to read:

Election of Officers:

President	-	Arthur Fickling
Vice President(2)	-	Aileen Buscke/Jeff Bedwell
Executive	-	John Sangster
		Eva Tahata
		Richie Lowe
		Collette Amai
		Andrew Wells
		Kaye Jackson
		Charmian Hayes
		Graeme Perry
		Sue Horton
		Francy Stephenson

- b. Amend the Awards for 2003 to read:

Squash Auckland Awards – 2003

Male Player of the Year	-	Campbell Grayson
Female Player of the Year	-	Carol Owens
Most Improved Girl	-	Kerry Wickett
Most Improved Boy	-	Campbell Grayson
Club of the Year	-	Remuera
Personality of the Year	-	Collette Amai
Masters Club of the Year	-	Red Beach

3. With the above amendment the remainder of the minutes were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

John Endean/Dave Gregory

Unanimous

4. There were nil matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 2nd December 2003.

5. *Special General Meeting held 1st August 2004.* Elaine Penny raised several issues relating to the minutes of the Special General Meeting being:

- a. Deletion of 10.2.6 removed from the constitution – Discussion followed why the clause was removed and that it's in the minutes.

- b. No voting process – It was identified there was no voting process in the constitution. It was noted there will only be two Board members required to be voted on in future meetings and the new Board should address the preferred voting process.
 - c. Had the changes recorded in the minutes from SGM been implemented and were they correct. Arthur Fickling explained that he had personally checked them after Wayne Werder had typed them and then they were checked again by Jeff Bedwell prior to them being submitted to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Arthur invited all those present if there were any concerns with the current constitution they should be raised in the appropriate manner.
6. The minutes were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

Rob Livingston/Rex Eade
Unanimous

7. There were no further matters arising.

Item 4 – Presidents Report

8. Arthur Fickling stated it was not his intention to read the Presidents report aloud as it was in the Annual Report but gave an overview of the last three years performance of Squash Auckland, including an overview of the new Board structure, its roles, duties and the balance of people to ensure all required roles were covered by the Board. He also thanked all those on the Executive not only during the last year but also the three years he has been President.

Item 5 – Receive Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for year ended 30 September 2004

9. Arthur Fickling explained several of the variances within the audit which had resulted from the auditors using old codes. Arthur invited any questions from the floor regarding the Statement of Accounts. There were none and it was moved that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be accepted.

Jason Parkin/John Endean
Unanimous

Item 6 - Election of an Auditor

10. Arthur Fickling briefed the meeting on feedback on value for money and accuracy Squash Auckland was receiving from the current auditors. Arthur Fickling had received a quote from another company and suggested we could look at using a new auditor. Graeme Perry further suggested the new Board could tender for a new auditor. It was therefore proposed the Board investigate and tender for a new auditor.

Arthur Fickling/Francy Stephenson
Unanimous

Item 7 – Election of an Honorary Solicitor

11. Arthur Fickling advised the meeting he had been in discussion with Michael Sumpter who advised he was happy to continue in the role of Honorary Solicitor.

Arthur Fickling/Graeme Perry
Unanimous

Item 8 – Election of Patron

12. Arthur Fickling advised he had not been able to contact Dame Susan Devoy however suggested indications were she was happy to continue in role of Patron despite now living in Bay of Plenty.

Arthur Fickling/Francy Stephenson
Unanimous

Item 9 – Fixing of Affiliation Fees for 2005

13. Arthur Fickling suggested the affiliation fees for 2005 remain at the same dollar value as for 2004.

Arthur Fickling/John Endean
Unanimous

Item 10 – Approval of Budget for 2005

14. Arthur Fickling invited Graeme Perry who had prepared the budget to speak to the budget forecast. Firstly Graeme Perry acknowledged the good work and effort of Fleur Townsend (SDO) between when Wayne Werder left and Laurie French arrived.

15. Graeme Perry advised that the proposed budget was in fact an interim budget which the new Board would need to review and align with the strategic plan for the next three years. There were no questions from the floor so it was proposed the interim budget for 2005 be accepted.

Arthur Fickling/Jason Parkin
Unanimous

Item 11 – Confirmation of Board

16. Arthur Fickling invited Simon Peterson, who was Chairperson of the Independent Selection Panel, to address the meeting to give an overview of the selection process. Simon Peterson summarised the process and the two letters he had written which had been provided to all Presidents and Clubs and then invited questions.

17. Discussions followed regarding the process which hinged on why all eight Board nominees' names had not been circulated to all clubs and why the voting was only on the five nominees forwarded from the selection panel. Also why had the nominees not been interviewed?

- a. Arthur Fickling addressed the issue regarding the circulation of names and advised he had taken advice regarding the circulation of the names

of those who had not been recommended. It was also noted at time of AGM documentation being circulated that only two of the three candidates had been contacted and therefore the decision was made to circulate only the Independent Selection Panels recommendation. Arthur Fickling also briefed the meeting on the difficulties experienced by the Manager leaving leading up to the AGM which had created a very short time frame for preparation for the meeting.

- b. Simon Peterson addressed the question of interviews and advised the meeting, that as stated in his letter, when short listing candidates all the Independent Selection Panel members agreed on the five most appropriate nominations (based on the information provided.) It was agreed (*by the Independent Selection Panel*) that given the quality of nominations and the consistent results of the Independent Selection Panel that neither interviews nor additional information was required.

18. Discussions continued for sometime from the floor until Arthur Fickling advised the meeting there was a proposal to accept the recommendation of the Independent Selection Panel and it should be voted on. Therefore Arthur Fickling proposed "*The Independent Selection Panels recommendation be accepted by way of show of hands*".

Arthur Fickling/April Rathe
Vote 17 (13+4 proxy) to 3.
Carried

19. Some discussions followed as to uncertainty of the intent of the proposal and what exactly had been passed. Andrew Wells pointed out the meeting was addressing item 11 on the agenda which was the confirmation of Board. Therefore to clearly confirm proposal Arthur Fickling proposed:

"The Annual General meeting accept the recommendation of the Independent Selection Panel of June McCabe, Marcus McDonald, Graeme Perry, Scott Harrison and Tim Marshall be appointed as the inaugural board for Squash Auckland for 2005".

Arthur Fickling/April Rathe
Vote 17 (13+4 proxy) to 3.
Carried

20. David Crymble asked the dissatisfaction expressed by Remuera and Royal Oak be noted in the minutes.

Item 12 – General Business

21. **Letter of Appreciation.** Elaine Penny recommending the new incoming Board sends a letter of appreciation for Charmian Hayes in recognition of her efforts over the last 15 years. In particular her contribution to coaching, playing, administration in grading, involvement in interclub administration, and other voluntary roles including Men's District Statician and her overall effort, work and passion to squash. Arthur Fickling thanked Elaine Penny and advised her it would be noted in the minutes for the new Board.

22. **Awards.** Doug Flint asked, as an observer, why there were no awards or prizes for Squash Auckland at the AGM. Arthur Fickling advised that due to the changeover in the office some categories had not been asked for in the club and also noting the success of the Junior prize giving it had been decided to replicate the Junior awards evening by holding a Squash Auckland Awards evening on the 30th November and Arthur Fickling invited all present to attend. Remurea had kindly volunteered to host the event.

23. **Player Transfer.** Rob Livingston from Manurewa asked about the laws regarding transfer of players between clubs and if we had any rules regarding transfers like cricket and rugby. Arthur Fickling stated this could be a thorny issue but would be passed to the new Board and/or Manager to investigate.

24. **Motions for Squash New Zealand Annual General Meeting.** Arthur Fickling addressed the motions received for the SNZ AGM. Apart from not supporting article 6.1.1, regarding the setting of fees, had no problems with the remainder. Arthur Fickling asked questions from the floor. There being none it was proposed Squash Auckland vote to accept the notice of motion except article 6.1.1.

Arthur Fickling/Phil Molloy
Unanimous

Item 13 – Closure

25. Arthur Fickling thanked all those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.06p.m.

(Signed copy held at Squash Auckland Office)

Arthur Fickling
President

Laurie French
Manager/Secretary