

SQUASH AUCKLAND INC.
42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17TH 2005
At Oakridge House, Carrington Road, UNITEC,
Mt Albert, Auckland
At 6.30pm.

Apologies:

Wilma Halling (Life Member), Elaine Penny (Life Member), Mike Grieg (Life member), June McCabe (Squash Auckland Board), Verne Pere, Pam Gilbert (PN), John Gasson (MR), Dietmar Londer (DV), Mark Templeman (HW), Jess Daniell (NV).

Present:

Board/Squash Auckland Management:

Chair: Marcus Macdonald
Board: Tim Marshall, Scott Harrison, Graeme Perry
Squash Auckland: Laurie French (General Manager/Secretary)
Mike Corbett (Squash Development Officer)
Brian Barnett (District Coach)
Melita Martorana (Support Officer)

Voting Delegates:

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| Belmont | Paddy Martin | Browns Bay | Melinda Sampson |
| Devonport | Not Present | Eden Epsom | Mark Sayes |
| Ellerslie | Not Present | Franklin | Not Present |
| Grammar | Not Present | Henderson | Denise Matthews |
| Herne Bay | Dave Gregory | Howick | Not Present |
| Kumeu | Not Present | Manurewa | Rob Livingston |
| Maramarua | Not Present | Navy | Not Present |
| North Shore | Francy Stephenson | Panmure | Not Present |
| Papakura | Not Present | RNZAF | Gregor McGregor |
| Red Beach | Bob Dey | Remuera | Aileen Buscke |
| Royal Oak | John Endean | Shepherds Park | Not Present |
| Silverdale | Not Present | Te Kauwhata | Not Present |
| Te Papapa | Kris Maddaford | Titirangi | Stephen Bishop |
| Warkworth | April Everitt | Waiuku | Betty MacDonald |
| Weymouth | Not Present | Auckland Squash Centre | Not Present |
| University | Not Present | | |

Life Members:

Gower Dallimore

Observers:

Alistar Fleming (FN), Annamarie Wood (RO), Dinesh Madapa (RO), Nigel Lloyd (BB), Marj Barnett (NS), Paula Browning (Sport Auckland), Fraser Williams (RB), Yoon Chan (TP).

Proxy Votes:

The Chair advised he was holding proxy votes for agenda item 9 from Panmure, Devonport, Howick and Navy.

Welcome:

The Chair, Marcus Macdonald welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular welcomed Gower Dallimore as a life member.

Item 1 – Role Call

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

Item 2 – Confirmation of Minutes

2. The minutes of the previous AGM held 11th November 2004 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

Gregor McGregor/Dave Gregory

Unanimous

Item 3 – Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 11th November 2004.

Item 4 – Chairman's Report

4. The Chair stated it was not his intention to read the Chairman's report aloud as it was in the Annual Report which had been previously circulated to clubs and was available at the meeting. He did however provide an overview of the efforts of the Board in setting strong foundations Squash Auckland to operate from including the implementation of a revised accounting system which was aligned to Squash New Zealand and the appointment of new auditors last year. Also the consultation and review process for the development of our strategic plan which will guide the organisation through to 2010 and thanked those clubs who had participated in the process. The chairs report was tabled for acceptance.

Aileen Buscke/Betty Macdonald

Unanimous

Item 5 – Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2005

5. The chair then tabled the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2005 for acceptance noting the two omissions of Kerry Wickett and Lana Harrison from page 3 (NZ Representatives) and invited comments/questions from the floor.

Annual Report

6. The following comments/additions were noted:

- a. Masters Teams event is one team (not women's and men's),
- b. Two Masters Represented NZ:
Kaye Jackson
Patsy Fleming
- c. Kerry Wickett and Lana Harrison as NZ Representatives.

Financial Accounts

7. Marcus Macdonald advised that much work had been carried out on producing a sound financial system with the appointment of Paula Browning, a specialist sports accountant, from Sport Auckland and invited questions from the floor regarding the Statement of Accounts. Discussions regarding the target, re charitable trusts, was raised particularly noting the reduced sum achieved in 2005 (\$90,000). Marcus Macdonald invited Paula Browning to provide an overview on the changes in which trust funding was received, accounted for and expended which had changed since 2004. Paula Browning, from Sport Auckland, provided an overview on how the funding was accounted for and the variation from last year and answered any questions relating to trust funding. It was requested from clubs that they have an overview of progress being made throughout the year on Squash Auckland's funding application successfulness, or otherwise. This would be provided by the General Manager, Squash Auckland.

8. There were some areas questioned in regard to expenditure exceeding the budget for 2005 and why this happened (Graded Teams). Laurie French advised that in most cases this was as a result of successful funding applications which had not been initially budgeted for. As an example \$8,000 had been received to fly Graded Teams to Christchurch and Timaru which had not been initially funded for and therefore appeared to be in excess of the budget. If funding had not been received then expenditure would not have occurred.

9. It was moved that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts be accepted.

John Endean/Betty Macdonald
Unanimous

Item 6 – Election of an Auditor

10. Marcus Macdonald highlighted the professional work conducted by Hayes, Knight who had been newly appointed at the 2004 AGM and recommended that Hayes, Knight be reappointed for 2006 financial year.

Rob Livingston/Mark Sayes
Unanimous

Item 7 – Election of an Honorary Solicitor

11. Marcus Macdonald highlighted that Michael Sumpter had been the Honorary Solicitor to Squash Auckland for many years and acknowledged the excellent work and service provided by Michael Sumpter and recommended he be reappointed .

Aileen Buscke/Rob Dey
Unanimous

Item 8 – Election of Patron

12. Marcus Macdonald advised that Dame Susan Devoy had been contacted and she had indicated she was happy to remain as the Patron of Squash Auckland and moved that Dame Susan Devoy be reappointed as Patron.

Aileen Buscke/Francy Stephenson
Unanimous

Item 9 – Fix Affiliation Fees for 2006

13. Marcus Macdonald provided an outline of the constitution aspects of the process of setting the affiliation fees and that a specific remit moving a set fee had not been produced as the Board wished to gain the views of all the clubs and asked for general discussion on affiliation fees.

14. In an open forum discussions took place regarding the purpose of the affiliation fee adjustment and where exactly the affiliation fees were spent. It was explained by Laurie French that the affiliation fees had been set against the Boards strategic plans and prioritised items. The trust funds target was a stretch target which made up nearly 50% of the projected income for Squash Auckland and if targets were not met then some areas of expenditure would be required to be reviewed.

15. It was generally agreed by those present that given there had been no increase in affiliation fees for many years and Auckland was by far the lowest fee however, the increase suggested was too much to be absorbed by the clubs in one year and the increase should be a smaller percentage and Squash Auckland could use some of the reserves held to offset some costs for 2006.

16. If was therefore proposed that a 10% increase against last years affiliation fee (\$17.00+gst) be approved and the affiliation fee for 2006 be set at **\$18.70+gst** per SEM.

John Endean/Aileen Buscke
Unanimous

Item 10 – Approve Budget for 2006

17. The budget for 2006 was tabled however noting the change in affiliation fees Marcus Macdonald suggested that the budget be accepted in its current form and the Board be tasked to review the budget, with the reduction in forecasted affiliation fees, at the earliest opportunity and be circulated to clubs once reviewed.

Francy Stephenson/Paddy Martin
Unanimous

Item 11 – Confirmation of Board

18. Marcus Macdonald advised that no nominations had been received to replace the Board Members who were due for rotation under the constitution and therefore he was pleased to advise that both Scott Harrison and June McCabe were reappointed to the Board of Squash Auckland.

Item 12 – General Business

Squash NZ Motions

19. The motions from Squash New Zealand for the AGM to be held 26 November 2005 at Rotorua were tabled for discussion. The nominations for executive positions (*Gerard DeCourcy, Jim O’Grady and John Sangster*) were agreed are to be supported by Squash Auckland.

20. The general remit for “... *Squash New Zealand increase affiliation levies by CPI (3.4%) and the amount of \$465,300 be collected for the 2005/2006 financial year*” was discussed and supported.

21. In reference to the Annual Report John Endean (RO) asked if the Board attendance could be noted in the Annual Report. This was noted and would be included in future Annual Reports.

22. The appropriateness of listing life members with (Deceased) in the Annual Report was queried and the correct protocol for this issue would be researched for future Annual Reports.

23. Communications between the Board/Squash Auckland Office and Clubs was raised by Bob Dey (RB) as it was felt that since the restructure and the demise of

delegates meetings that there was a communications gap. Marcus Macdonald acknowledged this and advised this had also been identified by the Board and as such had researched how other Districts were addressing this issue. Currently BOP conducts a quarterly Council of Clubs (CoC) which allows issues/policies to be reviewed and direction of the District to be discussed in an open forum. He advised the CoC format would be introduced to Squash Auckland with the first meeting to be scheduled in February 2006.

24. There being no further business Marcus Macdonald thanked all present for taking the time to attend and their contribution to the AGM and their ongoing support to the game of Squash.

25. The meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm.

Marcus Macdonald
Chairman

Laurie French
General Manager/Secretary