

SQUASH AUCKLAND INC
43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2006
At Oakridge House, Carrington Road, UNITEC,
Mt Albert, Auckland
At 6.30pm

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following clubs voting delegates: Grammar, Herne Bay/Ponsonby, Howick, Royal Oak and Weymouth.

Board Apologies: Marcus MacDonald, June McCabe, Graeme Perry

Present:

Board/Squash Auckland Management:

Acting Chair: Tim Marshall
Board: Scott Harrison, Kirk Richardson, Paul Cameron
Squash Auckland: Melita Martorana (Support Officer)
Brian Barnett (District Coach)

Voting Delegates:

Belmont	Not Present	Browns Bay	Fleur Townsend
Devonport	Dietmar Londer	Eden Epsom	Mark Sayes
Franklin	Not Present	Grammar	Not Present
Henderson	Tony Fitsimmons	Herne Bay/Ponsonby	Not Present
Howick	Not Present	Kumeu	Not Present
Manurewa	Karen Carney	Maramarua	Not Present
North Shore	Stuart Sinclair	Panmure	Pam Gilbert
Papakura	Not Present	Red Beach	Bob Dey
Remuera	Aileen Buscke	Royal Oak	Not Present
Airforce	Not Present	Navy	Not Present
Shepherds Pk	Not Present	Silverdale	Not Present
Te Kauwhata	Not Present	Te Papapa	Not Present
Titirangi	Not Present	Waiuku	Rob McNab
Weymouth	Not Present	Warkworth	Steve Sadgrove

Life Members:

Observers:

Pat McHugh (NS), Pat Pepper (RB), Ewan Chang (TeP), Rowena Mortimer (NS), Barry Mortimer (NS), Tom Toll (Pap), Ricardo Stanley (Pap), Keith Wholeman (Pap) Doug Flint (EE)

Welcome:

In the absence of Marcus MacDonald, Tim Marshall as Acting Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

Item 1 – Roll 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 17th November 2005 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.

Aileen Buscke/Mark Sayes

Unanimous

Item 3 – Matters Arising

3. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 17th November 2005.

Item 4 – Chairman's Report

4. The Acting Chair provided an overview of the accounts for the 2006 financial year, showing a loss of \$10,429. He explained a timing issue regarding a grant of \$4,800 from a Pub charity would have reduced this deficit. In addition to this he advised that substantial grants had been received at the end of the year which cannot be accounted for as income until the money is used, providing a good platform for the oncoming year.

He advised that although squash playing numbers had not increased, the numbers had not decreased, and he looks forward to working towards increasing numbers in the future.

The Chairman's Report was tabled for acceptance.

Dietmar Londer/Tony Fitsimmons

Unanimous

Item 5 – Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2006

5. The Acting Chair apologised that the audited Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were not yet finalised by the auditors Hayes Knight due to the

resignation of Laurie French, and he thanked Melita Martorana for her efforts in producing the Financial Accounts presented at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Bob Dey (RB) advised he thought receiving the annual report draft at the beginning of the meeting was not good practice, and it did not give people enough time to analyse them properly.
7. The Acting Chair announced that due to Laurie French's resignation, no budget had been drafted for the 2007 financial year, and this would give the incoming General Manager the opportunity to put her input into the new budget.

Rowena Mortimer was concerned at the level of budgeting for the 2006 year, in particularly Charitable Trusts and Gaming Charities. The Acting Chair explained that budgeting for this is extremely difficult, however Squash Auckland now has a robust system in place for applying for grants.

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

Dietmar Londer/Keith Wholeman
Unanimous

Item 6 - Election of an Auditor

9. It was moved that Hayes Knight be retained as the auditors for the 2007 financial year.

Keith Wholeman/Mark Sayes
Unanimous

Item 7 – Election of an Honorary Solicitor

10. It was moved that Mike Sumpter be reappointed as the Honorary Solicitor to Squash Auckland.

Dietmar Londer/Pam Gilbert
Unanimous

Item 8 – Election of Patron

11. It was moved that Susan Devoy be reappointed as the Patron to Squash Auckland.

Aileen Buscke/Pam Gilbert
Unanimous

Item 9 – Increase Affiliation Fees for 2007

12. There was no mover for a proposal to increase Affiliation fees to \$21 + GST. Subsequently the motion was withdrawn.

It was moved that a Special Meeting of Squash Auckland be scheduled in February to allow the incoming board to present the budget and reasoning for any increase in levies.

Bob Dey/Pat McHugh
Unanimous

Item 10 – Confirmation of Board

13. It was advised that Marcus McDonald, Scott Harrison and Graeme Perry were standing down from the board and that two new Board Members, Kirk Richardson and Paul Cameron had been elected prior to the board meeting.
14. Pam Gilbert (Pm) explained that she thought adding two new board members at such a close time to the Annual General Meeting was immoral and that the board should have put all nominees to the meeting.

Tim Marshall explained that the constitution allowed the board to appoint extra board members prior to the meeting, and that they had been endeavouring to increase the number of board members for some time. He explained that it was merely coincidence that the timing was close to the Annual General Meeting.

15. It was moved that the board meet within the next two weeks to elect the new Chairman.

Bob Dey/Tim Marshall
Unanimous

Item 11 – General Business

16. It was advised that this was an opportunity to put motions to New Zealand Squash at their Annual General Meeting next week.

Although no motions were received Stuart Sinclair suggested that Squash New Zealand needs to promote the benefits of the game, being ideal for today's fast passed lifestyle.

17. The lack of timely accurate information being input for the grading list was raised. It was suggested that the board consider employment of a statistician who has a passion for the game to correct this.

18. Some discussion took place regarding how the current interclub system was or was not working. In particular, the cancelling of games, travelling to outer Auckland clubs such as Maramarua, and the number of women's teams competing in the women's divisions.

It was agreed a meeting would be scheduled for when the new General Manager was in her role and up to speed, so that individuals could put their views, concerns and ideas for improvement.

19. Rowena Mortimer raised the point that three teams from Auckland won their respective grades in the New Zealand Teams Event and that she had not seen any recognition of this, and that Squash Auckland should recognise achievements wherever possible.

20. The Squash Auckland website was praised and recommended as an optimal channel of communication to clubs and players.

It was suggested that Board Meetings could be held at various clubs around Auckland in the future to assist Board Members communication with clubs, and that a summary of Board Meetings be published on the Squash Auckland website.

21. The meeting was declared closed at 8.07pm



Tim Marshall
Acting Chairman

Paul Cameron
Director