



**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010, 5.30p.m.  
Squash Auckland, Sport Auckland House, Alexandra Park**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Tim Marshall, Dave Fraser, Tanya Laurence, Andrew Eade, Pam Gilbert,  
Adrian Dale (GM) Neven Barbour (guest, from 6.30 onwards)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Paul Brown

Moved that the apology is accepted.

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**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Board resolved to accept the minutes of the following meetings

- October 21<sup>st</sup> 2009
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2010.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> 2010.

TL/DF and carried.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

None

**4. CORESPONDENCE**

None

**5. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Technology

There have been issues regarding the implementation of the new IT Platform.

The manager will work with clubs and Squash NZ on the issues that arise on a case by case basis. The belief is that the system will have a long term benefit for the game and should be supported.

Kaye Jackson's role has changed along with the new grading list technology but still has an important role to play within Squash Auckland as District Statistician.

Competitions

Feedback has been sought on the trialed changes to Senior Autumn interclub.

The results will be collated by the end of March and a decision made on the structure of Winter Senior Interclub immediately afterwards.

The Squash Auckland position on PAR was re-confirmed. The position is that traditional scoring will remain in place for Interclub unless SNZ mandate a change to PAR or the players themselves wish the change to happen. The concessions made to PAR are

- Squash Auckland Junior Open will be PAR.
- Super champs will be PAR due to the national finals being held in that format.
- Clubs are able to run their own tournaments as PAR.

#### Staff

The DM's report was circulated. There was plenty of activity to report, especially in the area of school/club partnerships.

#### Kiwi Sport

An update was given on kiwi sport across the four regional trusts.

North Harbour was the area with most activity due to two significant projects in application.

1. Squash Auckland completed a joint application with Badminton, Touch and Table Tennis to service at least five schools over two years.
2. Squash Auckland has been asked to join the Oteha valley school cluster to service eight schools over two years.

Both of these applications have been submitted to the Harbour Trust Board for approval on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. Applications with Sport Auckland, Sport Waitakere and Counties Manukau Sport are in process.

#### Affiliation review

The GM has become part of the SNZ affiliation review committee.

The goal of the group is to review the current affiliation model and investigate if there are better options available. The affiliation review is linked to the T2020 vision.

#### Sponsorship

Black Knight sponsorship has meant that Squash Auckland are able to offer some incentive packs to players that may wish to join clubs after joining an official Squash Auckland programme. There may be opportunity to add to this incentive pack through additional sponsorship.

#### Clubs

An update was given on the positions of various clubs throughout Auckland that have particular issues to overcome. Squash Auckland is looking to assist these clubs wherever possible.

### **6. FINANCE**

The 'year-end total' figures will be added to the profit and loss sheet on the monthly finances.

The trust funding position was discussed. While the current position looked healthy it was considered important to maintain the momentum and remain in contact with the trusts throughout the year.

The Squash New Zealand report had been completed and the related invoice had been sent in March.

### **7. WOMEN IN SQUASH STRATEGY**

TL had noted various points to the document.

The focus will be on choosing the areas of priority and making sure they are completed well.

### **8. NEVEN BARBOUR**

Neven Barbour presented a concept of introducing a variation to squash, using a larger racket and larger/bouncier ball, in order to encourage more players to play the game at entry level. The Board agreed to trial the concept through existing programmes in order to gauge the feedback.

#### **9. GENERAL BUSINESS**

None

**Meeting closed 7.45 p.m.**