



Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of Squash Wellington Incorporated

Date:	4 th May 2020
Venue:	Via Zoom
Present:	Brad Watts (Chair), Ann Smith (Board member), Catharine Sayer, Brett Simon (Board member), Rodney Walker (Hutt City Squash), Vicky Webster (Upper Hutt), Kevin Gardener (Kapiti), Jason Samuels (Khandallah), Scott Renner (Mana), Jackie Steventon (Martinborough), Myles Sayer (Island Bay), Darin Galliers (Wainuimata), Nicole Georgel (Thorndon), Peter Bowers (Tawa), Greg Cottle (Red Star), Hayley Wilton (Masterton), Bryan Smith (Hutt City Squash), Kent Hawkins (Hutt City Squash), Samantha Douglas (Hutt City Squash), Carolyn Thompson (Khandallah), Chris McKenzie (Kapiti), Nick Attree (Mana), Jono Tait (Masterston), Jeff Woolford (Red Star) In attendance: Willie Bicknell

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1. Welcome	Chair welcomed everyone. Meeting started at 7:00pm
2. Apologies	Otaki Squash Club Moved: Willie Bicknell Seconded: Brett Simon
3. Attendance & Roll Call	Roll was collected and voting delegates named
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM	Moved: Brad Watts Seconded: Peter Bowers
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2019 AGM	No matters arising
6. Chairman's and District Managers Report	<p>The Chairs and District Managers Report had been sent out with the papers for this meeting. I wish to touch on a few of the highlights as way of my report:</p> <p>The board developed a clear plan for the 2019 season by way of the Annual Plan with a supporting budget to give clear objectives and key actions for strategic outcomes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing participation • Improving the coaching resources • Improving the overall standard of district events • Improving communications & organisational capability <p>There have been many highlights over the last 12 months including: Superchamps - Our Premier Competition for the season had a good showing of participants as always with clubs around the district battling it</p>

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	<p>out for the top spots in each grade. A special thanks to the host clubs that take charge and continue to lift the standard of our district events</p> <p>Representative Squads – Our squads continue with strength in the Juniors & Seniors, we have to give thanks to our coaching & management staff that assist in the build-up and during the events. It is great to see the capability of the younger players improving week to week and the Wellington spirit is strong and positive</p> <p>Women’s 800 Series - This series continues to show strength in numbers and enhance the attractiveness of the sport to our female players, this has been a real weakness in the past and it is great to see key individuals driving the participation and engagement in our game at this level.</p> <p>Hutt City Squash – A real highlight of 2019 was welcoming Hutt City Squash into the Squash Wellington family; it is always very fortunate to have a new facility built which provides the capability to host national events with ease and grow the squash numbers in the Hutt region. I expect the growth in the Hutt to continue.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Gardner raised the need for a Grants contractor to be employed at this time. Willie Bicknell (DM) stated that Matter of sport were appointed at the beginning of the year before Covid 19, only a month or so into the contract Covid 19 had spread and shutdown venues. With it we have mutually suspended our contract with Matter of sport. • Peter Bowers asked where Club Kelburn was at. Chair said there was a meeting to be held with Squash NZ next week. Currently the lease is on a month by month basis, with Victoria university managing the facility, current arrangement expires at the end of September.
7. Annual Report and 2019 Financial Statements	<p>Chair:</p> <p>Financially it has been a satisfactory year, with a surplus of \$11,726. We had a deficit of \$10,000 due to the \$20,000 Sportsville pledge in 2018. This year’s surplus has effectively returned our financial position back to 2017 position. Income from grants are similar to previous years, though the process can take a little longer to confirm (some might take multiple applications).</p> <p>Squash Wellington have cash reserves of \$84,781</p> <p>There were no questions raised</p> <p>Moved: Jeff Woolford Seconded: Brett Simon</p> <p>Carried</p>
8. Annual Plan	<p>Squash Wellington have taken a more direct customer approach this year and identify two key objectives to target growth & participation and to look at ways we can be more sustainable with volunteers & clubs</p> <p>Our Annual Plan sets in place the key actions we will look to deliver in the coming year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation Initiatives for new members

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable funding (Grant Contractor) • District wide referee development (Funded rules) • World Squash Day District Wide Promotion <p>As you can see there are several changes that have been proposed this year, but our core focus will be to encourage participation & growth from outside the current catchment of players and lift the capability of our current players to continue to strive</p> <p>With additional investment comes a cost of delivery for our new initiatives and offerings which does also require an increase in SEMs to fund delivery without dipping into cash reserves which due to the uncertainty of grant funding may still have to happen at some stage</p> <p>2020 SEM Prices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior \$50.85 excl GST • Junior \$25.42 excl GST <p>The reasons why we are here is something I reiterate within volunteer sporting organisations whether it be a club or a board. We are hear for the good of our sport and looking at positive ways we can continue to grow the squash bug as it were. One of the key points that I can see quite clearly is that as squash players we are all vocal and passionate about where we should be heading and I am keen to see that passion channelled into how you can help assist without being a member of a board or committee. We need to look at roles that sit outside and can be utilised in a better way here at Squash Wellington.</p>
9. Post Covid 19 plan	<p>Chair Update with initial SW response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squash Wellington had applied and received the government wage subsidy. • We are awaiting on outcome of sport support package to come via Squash NZ • SW will be passing on a affiliation fee discount to our clubs. This we be done once the lockdown has been lifted. • The DM is working on a revised calendar (at this stage from July). The DM will work with clubs and other stakeholders once we have a timeline on when competitive activity can commence. Priority being to give each club a tournament and goal to deliver Superchamps. <p>Any questions?</p> <p>Chris Mackenzie stressed from a Kapiti point of view Rep teams were not a priority and good to hear Super champs was a priority.</p> <p>Hayley Wilton asked about interclub. DM said the plan is to hold the winter competition (6 team pools, played home and away with a final) once we have the go ahead. Likely start July/August.</p>

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	Hayley also suggested surveying members to see how keen they were to participate in Superchamps and interclub.
10. Election of Board and Committees	<p>Chair:</p> <p>We have nominations for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catharine Sayer – Island Bay • Darin Galliers – Wainuiomata <p>Both nominees spoke briefly to their nominations and what they wanted to achieve.</p> <p>As there are 2 nominations made for 2 positions, these persons for which formal nominations were received shall be deemed to be automatically elected to office.</p>
11. Election of Mark Hill as Honorary Life Member	<p>Chair: A nomination has been received to elect Ray Hill as a Honorary Life Member of Squash Wellington because of long standing contribution to the game in this region. I would like to ask Vicky Webster from Upper Hutt to address the meeting in support of Ray's nomination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of Maidstone Squash Club (merged with Upper Hutt in 2002) since 1972 • Been coaching and still is since 1980. • Honoured with Life membership of Maidstone Squash Club in 1987 • Committed volunteer at the club, <p>Moved: Vicky Webster Seconded: Peter Bowers</p> <p>All in favour? Motion carried.</p> <p>We will celebrate this achievement at the 2020 annual awards.</p>
12. General Business	<p>Chair requested any other General Business.</p> <p>Vicky Webster wanted to congratulate Dianna Galloway and Campbell Webster for making the NZ Junior team. It is a great achievement, even though the world junior event has been cancelled due to Covid 19. Though good to acknowledge their hard work and achievement.</p>
	The Chair concluded the meeting closed at 8.02pm