

Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of Squash Wellington Incorporated

Date:	22 nd March 2021
Venue:	Tawa Squash Club
Present:	Ann Smith (Chair), Catharine Sayer (Board), Brett Simon (Board) Brad Watts (Board), Darin Galliers (Board) , Bryan Smith (Hutt City Squash), Vicky Webster (Upper Hutt), Chris McKenzie (Kapiti), Mark Millar (Kapiti), Jason Samuels (Khandallah), Scott Renner (Mana), Jackie Steventon (Martinborough), Myles Sayer (Island Bay), Peter Bowers (Tawa), Hayley Wilton (Masterton), Kent Hawkins (Hutt City Squash), Carolyn Thompson (Khandallah), Greg Grant (Khandallah) Kath Greenhough (Khandallah), Jeanne Yells (Khandallah), Rhonda Christiansen (Khandallah), Graham Williams (Tawa), Evan Williams (Hutt City), Malcolm Thomas (Tawa), Nicola Ward-Thomas (Tawa), Louise Sinclair (Tawa) James Thompson (Khandallah), Dayne Far (Island Bay), In attendance: Willie Bicknell

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1. Welcome	Chair welcomed everyone
2. Apologies	Hannah Grimmett, Kevin Gardner, Mike Slape, Geordie Grieve, Matt Green, Martin Krafft, Tony Nelson, Steve Scott (Life member), Sandra Tinkler (Life member)
3. Attendance & Roll Call	Roll was collected and voting delegates named Acknowledgement of attendance of Mark Millar, SW Life Member
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2019 AGM	Moved: Bryan Smith Seconded: Louise Sinclair <i>Carried.</i>
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2019 AGM	No matters arising
6. Chairwoman's and District Manager's Report	Report taken as read <i>Chair summary</i> Acknowledged the effort all clubs and your members had made during the unprecedented year that was. e.g. from the creative ways of staying connected to the way clubs were ready for business once we moved into Level 2. During uncertain times for many it was pleasing to see that as a sport we were able to act swiftly and ensure people were able to get back to the courts. The demand to have a full calendar in place for the 2 nd half of the year was a testament to people wanting to try to get back to normal. We saw an increase in participation across all competitions with SuperChamps increasing by 10 teams, a fantastic achievement. Some National achievements of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Junior team selection of Campbell Webster and Diana Galloway

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Championship titles for Maiden-Lee Coe (U15) and Evan Williams (Senior). First time title wins for both • SuperChamp National team champions, Kapiti B Grade ladies and Mana E Grade men. <p>World Squash Day and Club Hui were great initiatives to support promotion of our sport and collaboration between clubs. The hui was a fun and effective forum for the sharing of ideas and ways to work more efficiently.</p> <p>These were just some examples of the great things happening within our district and we look forward to continuing to work together to find ways to attract and retain people. This includes Volunteers, on whom we rely.</p> <p>Moved: Ann Smith Seconded: Graham Williams <i>Carried</i></p>
7. Annual Report and 2019 Financial Statements	<p>Taken as read. Questions arising from the floor.</p> <p>Bryan Smith from Hutt City suggested that future financial reports clearly state DM's salary rather than split it across Operating expenses to give a clearer idea of the non-DM cost for Rep teams, Coaching etc.</p> <p>Brad Watts suggested use of a pie chart to illustrate DM time apportionment.</p> <p>Action: The Board will take the suggestion to present the DM salary within the financial statements differently away for consideration.</p> <p>Peter Bowers acknowledged and congratulated Island Bay and Wainuiomata for their good work growing their memberships by 28% and 23% respectively. SW membership grew by 2.8% .</p> <p>Graham Williams suggested that it was normal to present a draft budget at an AGM. District Manager responded that it was not a constitutional requirement. DM talked to income sources.</p> <p>A suggestion was made for SW to include a budget at the next AGM, on the understanding that it could change with Board approval depending on in-year operations.</p> <p>Action: New Board to consider at 1st meeting.</p> <p>Moved: Nicola Ward-Thomas Seconded: Jackie Steventon <i>Carried</i></p>
8. Election of Board and Committees	<p>Chair:</p> <p>We have nominations for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Smith – Hutt City Squash • Brad Watts–Thorndon <p>As there are 2 nominations made for 3 positions, these persons for which formal nominations were received shall be deemed to be automatically elected to office.</p>

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	<p>As there is still one vacant position, Clubs will be invited to put forward a nomination.</p> <p>Dayne Far Constitution states that Board should've gone out seeking further nominations. Was this deliberate? Response: No. Reiterated, the Board will be seeking nominations from clubs.</p> <p>Action: Board to make 2nd call next time this occurs.</p> <p>Election of Officers Moved: Brett Simon Seconded: Kath Greenhough <i>Carried</i></p>
9. Election of John and Judy Harrison as Honorary Life Member	<p>A nomination has been received to elect John and Judy Harrison as Honorary Life Members of Squash Wellington because of long standing contribution to the game in this region.</p> <p>Vicky Webster from Upper Hutt spoke to nomination.</p> <p>Moved: Bryan Smith Seconder: Jackie Steventon</p> <p><i>Carried</i></p> <p>The Chair informed the attendees that the district would celebrate this achievement will be held at the 2021 Annual Awards</p>
10. General Business	<p>DM shared District SuperChamps hosts for 2021</p> <p>F – Upper Hutt E – Red Star D – Island Bay C – Hutt City B – Thorndon Grading cut off 10 June.</p> <p>Query from Chris McKenzie whether Men's and Women's competitions should be separated so that clubs with 3 courts can host traditionally larger Grades. Chris interpreted expressions of interest email as meaning that clubs with fewer than four courts should not apply. Clarification by Catharine Sayer that the communication noted clubs needed to consider hosting grades where traditionally larger number of players was involved but could nevertheless make an application, as did Island Bay for D grade. A range of views on the issue of splitting the competitions was expressed from the floor.</p> <p>Action: Poll clubs on SuperChamps hosting arrangements.</p> <p>Query raised whether only Thorndon bid for B grade. Response: Yes</p> <p>F Grade query – is it policy to grade beginners at E2 or F? DM – clubs should grade at appropriate playing level, including F grade where</p>

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	<p>appropriate. Discussion on whether regrade of lower players should take place. Response: Yes, where appropriate although it is difficult to do to avoid manipulation. Clubs should contact DM where they feel someone should be regraded.</p> <p>Action: Invite clubs to consider regrading from E2 to F those players who have languished.</p> <p>Dayne Far queried whether the Annual Plan and Survey results had been distributed”.</p> <p>Response: The areas of focus in our Annual Plan were provided in the Chair’s report and the full Annual Plan will be shared and posted on website.</p> <p>Survey response: To be shared in the March newsletter.</p>
	<p>The Chair closed the meeting at 7.50pm</p>