

Board Meeting Minutes: 28 October 2021

Location: Videoconference (Zoom)

Present: Ann Smith (AS, Chair), Greg Grant (GG), Catharine Sayer (CS, secretariat), Malcolm Thomas (MT)

Apology: Russell Henderson (DA)

The meeting opened at 6.30pm.

1. Conflicts of interest

No new conflicts beyond those already noted in the conflict of interest register were declared.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 16 September 2021 were **approved** as a true and correct record.

CS/MT

3. Matters Arising

The Board **noted** that progress with #2021/18 (website review) could not proceed without funding and that a Board decision on that issue was necessary.

4. Operations

Calendar:

The Board **noted** that the DA had received all clubs' preferences for their top priority 3 tournaments.

Oliver Sport NZ Classic

This event would start at Hutt City on Friday 29 Oct, John Fletcher of SquashNZ being the TC.

SquashNZ awards

This in-person event would be held in Wellington on 11 Dec. AS/DA would liaise with John Fletcher regarding any SW involvement.

Squash and vaccination

The Board discussed whether SquashNZ had a policy on whether districts and clubs should allow event attendees (including volunteers and spectators) who were not double vaccinated. The Board heard that SquashNZ's current policy was to leave decisions to clubs. The Board agreed to press SquashNZ for direction.

Action #2021-29 DA

Wellington Junior Open at Kāpiti, 5-7 November 2021

In light of reports that Covid Delta Level 2 restrictions were not complied with at the Wellington Masters’ tournament at Mana, the Board discussed whether enforcement was possible at the Wellington Junior Open (to be held concurrently with the Kāpiti Masters tournament). The Board heard that there were presently 82 juniors in the draw.

The Board agreed to ask Kapiti for a written plan specifying how it would comply with the SportNZ active recreation rules of 19 October 2021.

Action: #2021-30 AS

The Board **agreed** to convene on Monday 1 Nov to discuss the suitability of the plan.

Financial update

GG advised that he would meet with DA to prepare a budget. He would also devise a methodology and rhythm for payments (such as the DA’s salary) to be made by SW.

Awards

Board members declaring a conflict did not vote on the outcome.

Noting all the nominations and citations in support, the Board **agreed-**

- a. to admit Martinborough’s late nomination of itself for Club of the Year;
- b. to endorse both Matt Green and Evan Williams for national Performance and national Development coach of the year respectively;
- c. to commence social media communications of the finalists from 2 November;
- d. finalists and winners from the nominees as specified in the table below (which does not record all the nominees):

Award	Finalists	Winner	Conflicts (non-voters)
Referee	Brett Simon	Brett Simon	
Male	Evan Williams	Evan Williams	AS
Female	Maiden-Lee Coe, Sam Douglas	Maiden-Lee Coe	AS
Male Masters	Matt Green	Matt Green	MT
Female Masters	Nicki Gibbs	Nicki Gibbs	
Junior female	Mackenzie Tait, Maiden-Lee Coe	Maiden-Lee Coe	AS
Junior male	Oli Dunbar, Eamon Gannon	Oli Dunbar	MT
Volunteer	Kath Greenhough, Gary Murdoch	Kath Greenhough ¹	GG
Club	Island Bay, Khandallah	Khandallah	GG, CS
Coach	Evan Williams, Matt Green	Matt Green	MT, AS

¹ On the basis of her greater contribution to district-wide initiatives

Award	Finalists	Winner	Conflicts (non-voters)
Initiative	Mana Summer Leagues, Tawa Racketlon	Mana Summer Leagues	MT, CS
Social media	Hutt City Facebook, Island Bay Facebook	Island Bay Facebook	AS, CS, MT
Darren Slape	Mackenzie Tait, James Thompson	James Thompson	AS, GG
Jade Wilson	Ann Smith, Bryan Smith	<i>Decision deferred to no later than 1 Nov pending consultation with life members Sandra Tinkler and Steve Scott on optics of granting award to a Board member, notwithstanding that AS had previously won as a Board member</i>	AS
Team	Island Bay Men's E-grade, Hutt City women's D-grade	Island Bay Men's E-grade	AS, MT, CS

5. Events MOU between SW and host clubs in the district

The Board **agreed** to defer discussion of this item until the November meeting to enable G Grant to give the strawman documents further consideration.

6. Child safeguarding policy

The Board discussed the application of the SquashNZ Child Safeguarding Policy and Complaints Procedure to the districts. Given that the Complaints procedure purported to require districts and clubs to enforce sanctions imposed by SquashNZ on persons found to have breached its code of conduct, the Board **agreed** to request SquashNZ to articulate the rationale for the districts' and clubs' liability.

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The Board also agreed to defer discussion on the Child Safeguarding Policy, since it would seemingly entail a significant shift from acting responsibly in reaction to an allegation to being considerably more proactive.

7. Additional business

The Board agreed in principle that governance would be more effective with more board members, preferably seven. The Board noted that the constitutional bar on more than two

members being drawn from the same club may be hampering skilled candidates coming forward.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

NEWACTION POINTS

Id	Status	Raised	Due	Owner	Description
2021-29	Action moot as SNZ advised on 28 Oct that it is intending to issue guidance in due course	27 Oct 2021	Nov meeting	DA	Seek SNZ's guidance on application of vaccination requirements for those present at district-hosted squash events
2021-30	Open	27 Oct 2021	1 Nov 2021	AS	Request written plan from Kāpiti specifying how it intends to comply with the SportNZ active recreation rules of 19 October 2021
2021-31	Open	27 Oct 2021	Nov meeting	CS	Query district and club liability issue with SNZ re SNZ complaints policy