



## Approved Board Meeting Minutes: 20 July 2022

**Location:** Videoconference

**Present:** Russell Henderson (GM), Storm McKenna (SMcK) Ann Smith (AS), Christine Rukuwai (CR), Emma Sanchez-Brown (ESB), Catharine Sayer (CS, *until time noted*), Aaron Hape (AH)

**Apology:** Malcolm Thomas (MT)

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### 1. Karakia

The meeting opened at 5:33pm with a karakia

### 2. Previous meeting minutes

The Board discussed the possibility of adopting the practice of individuals being identified in meeting minutes in connection with points being noted, as opposed to the current practice of points being attributed to the board. This will be researched in relation to historic practice as well as common board protocol.

The Board **approved** the minutes of the Board meeting of 16 June 2022 as a true and correct record.

SMcK/MT

### 3. Conflicts of interest

CS announced conflict with discussion of SuperChamps protests in Operations Update.

AH announced conflict with same issue.

### 4. Actions arising

The Board discussed the items marked as Open in the meeting papers as follows:

2022-24 (Negotiate terms with SNZ/Club K management for access to SW meeting/office space within the Club Kelburn facility) – deferred due to MT absence.

### 5. Finances

The Board noted that its operations were within budget for June 2022.

The Board discussed the process for aged receivables and agreed that after 2 months these should be individually investigated, rather than relying on sending reminders.

The Board **noted** the finance report to 31 June 2022.

Updates were provided on existing and upcoming funding applications:

One Foundation – augmented application to include all relevant elements of development squad and rep team funding.

NZCT – following unsuccessful application to reapply with reduced amount.

Pub Charity – new application to duplicate One Foundation. Resolution to be circulated via email.

## **6. Operations update**

Matters in the GM's written report were **noted**.

### **SuperChamps Protests**

The GM invited the board to discuss upcoming protests, all of which received thus far related to rule 2.2.1 d (player eligibility, and requirement of player to play interclub for that club, or not play interclub for another club).

The Board provided the following points:

The two sides of the discussion can be seen as participation, and fairness.

The intention behind the inclusion of the affected players in each team in question is relevant to the discussion.

Perhaps Team Captains lacked knowledge of rules.

If affected team progresses to Nationals, they could be protested at that stage.

Clarification of origin of rule requested. Introduced a few years ago due to practices in Auckland where club members were overlooked for SuperChamps and instead players from other clubs brought in to strengthen team. Was protested at a national level, but not upheld.

Rule is good in that it prevents the forming of 'super teams' as clubs who have formed genuine teams could be disadvantaged.

Although club in question may have, e.g. 7 C grade men, they may not all be available to play SuperChamps.

This is a club issue – if they don't have enough players to form a team, then they are not doing enough to nurture the game at a club level.

Some players are more cautious at present due to recent public health events.

SW probably needs own set of rules in addition to/conjunction with national rules.

Discussion on whether rules should be enforced or not.

Outcome of discussion:

Decision is ultimately made by Disputes Panel. Board will provide guidance/position.  
Position is that for each protest received, check against the rule and apply the rule.

### **Squash NZ Remote Forum**

GM to forward papers from remote forum

AH will look at Facilities Strategy

### **GM Annual Leave Cover**

GM asked the Board to add names to individual items on document specifying duties which require cover.

## **7. Club K MOU**

The Board was disappointed at the lack of detail in the document received by Squash NZ. A comparison should be made to typical cost of CBD office space. With funding cuts, can we justify more costs?

Board members and GM to add any further points and SW to send back to Squash NZ with request for them to flesh out the proposal for further consideration.

## **8. General Business**

**Squad Camp reports** – Available on Google Drive. Link to be resent.

### **Matariki at Ōtaki.**

AH reported that 68 players attended with around double that number attending the evening function. Highly successful first tournament, which could move to different venues in upcoming years, with team from Ōtaki available to help run and advise.

### **Squash NZ Māori Engagement Strategy.**

AH attended Squash NZ meeting, questions were asked as to establishing a clear reason why this was being done.

Squash stories being translated into Te Reo Māori.



More interviews to occur, and further meetings required to develop strategy.

Virtual hui in 2 weeks' time, AH to attend.

Positive things happening, but very foundational at present.

The Board approved travel costs for AH if the hui occurs in person.

CR asked for future opportunities, where Board representative is required, for this to be shared with all the Board for consideration rather than delegated.

AS acknowledged, this and explained the request for a representative did have a quick turnaround and had approached AH directly based on a previous discussion relating to this subject matter. AS committed to making a broader call for interested parties where possible.

### **Wellington Open Survey Results**

The survey results were shared and taken as read. Some key points/learnings as below:

Some potential improvements with communications.

Comments and feedback on facilities which can be fed back to host club, and to complex management.

Some confusion with software which denotes playing order and court allocation. Developer has already made changes in response to this feedback.

Information is available to the Hutt City Squash Committee.

*The meeting closed at 6:53pm with a karakia.*

## OPEN ACTION POINTS

<b>Id</b>	<b>Raised</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Description</b>
2022-05	18 Feb 2022	<del>Mar</del> <del>Apr</del> Jul meeting	DA	Prepare Board paper summarising relevant Club K information and prompting discussion on its relevance
2022-10	17 Mar 2022	<del>Apr</del> Aug meeting	MT/DA	Re Club Kelburn working group, specify a list of skillsets required amongst the working group's members and to identify suitable members from direct requests and public calls-to-action
2022-11	17 Mar 2022	<del>Apr</del> Jul edition	DA	Disclose Squash Wellington's involvement in dialogue with Squash NZ regarding Club Kelburn in a newsletter article
<del>2022-19</del>	<del>19 May 2022</del>	<del>31 May 2022</del>	<del>GM</del>	<del>Circulate conflicts register link to all board members</del>
2022-22	16 Jun 2022	Sep 2022	GM	Explore alternative sponsors to SportCo for Women's and Junior series (or a better deal with SportCo) for 2023 season
2022-23	16 Jun 2022	30 Jun 2022	All board members	Review the recommendations in the SNZ selection policy review terms of reference and submit views by email
2022-24	16 Jun 2022	July meeting	GM	Negotiate terms with SNZ/Club K management for access to SW meeting/office space within the Club Kelburn facility
<del>2022-25</del>	<del>16 Jun 2022</del>	<del>18 Jun 2022</del>	<del>GM</del>	<del>Advise senior selectors to determine men's senior representative team reserve based on published selection criteria</del>