



SQUASH AUCKLAND INC
46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 18TH, 2009
Held at Sport Auckland House, Alexandra Park Raceway, Level 3,
Gate B, Greenlane Road
Start 6.30pm

Apologies:

Apologies were received from the following: Paul Cameron, Wilma Halling, Paul Brown, Kaye Jackson (Warkworth), Shella Chou-Lee (Henderson)

Present:

Board/Squash Auckland Management

Chair: Tim Marshall

Board: Paul Brown, Paul Cameron, Andrew Eade, Dave Fraser, Pam Gilbert, Tanya Laurence.

Staff: Adrian Dale (General Manager)
Steve Hodges (Development Manager)
Jason Kay (Development Officer)

Voting Delegates:

Air Force – Gregor McGregor.	Papakura – Carolyn Roberts.
Browns Bay - Allister Zimmerman.	Red Beach – Dawn Ross.
Eden Epsom – Greg McKeown.	Remuera – Aileen Buscke.
Franklin – Frazer Jamieson.	Royal Oak – Brett Dennis.
Henderson – No attendee	Shepherds Park –
Herne Bay – Mark Roberts.	Te Papapa – Pam Flux.
Manurewa – Karen Hadfield.	Titirangi – Don Edwards.
Navy – Cathy Heron.	Waiuku – Betty MacDonald.
North Shore – Pat McHugh/Marg Barnett.	Weymouth – Allen Nicholson.
Panmure – Pam Gilbert.	

Life Members:

Mike Greig, Gower Dallimore

Observers:

Jim O'Grady, SNZ CEO

Welcome:

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 1 – Roll Call

Apologies were tabled and taken from the floor and a roll call of voting delegates was taken.

Item 2 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM held on November 19th, 2008 are taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Aileen Buscke/Pam Gilbert

Unanimous

Item 3 - Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 & 5 – Combined Chairman and General Manager's Report

The Chairman and GM delivered a joint presentation outlining Squash Auckland's achievements in 2009 and their priorities and goals for 2010.

The GM spoke to the meeting about Squash Auckland's goals for 2010. They included:

- Assisting Squash NZ with the introduction of their new IT platform for clubs in the country.
- Continue to strive to achieve net growth in Auckland club members
- Develop a strategy in 2010 to improve the level of support provided to club people.
- Introduce initiatives designed to improve the range and quality of squash competitions offered to players in the region
- To source and provide additional shared service opportunities for clubs in the region.
- Investigate ways in which Squash Auckland can assist clubs to secure resources to upgrade their facilities.

Tim Marshall (Squash Auckland Chairman) addressed the floor on the Squash NZ T2020 Report. This is Squash NZ's initiative to develop a long term strategy where all clubs nationwide are part of a structure which is;

1. Nationally aligned, and
2. Regionally delivered

In summary the T2020 strategy will involve;

- A new national body consisting of a new CEO (Jim O'Grady)

- The appointment of a National Coaching Director – Dave Clarke
- The appointment of a National Club Development Manager, for which Squash NZ will be seeking district approval for at the upcoming AGM.
- Provision for a Business Development role based at the SNZ national office.

The T2020 strategy will focus on 4 key priorities, namely;

- Connections and culture
- Delivery co-ordination
- Resourcing and accountability
- Knowledge and capacity building

Structural change is to be complemented by changes in these four areas.

Implementation will involve a two phased approach.

- **Phase One: 2009 – 2010:**
- Nationwide alignment of squash delivery network
- Implementing the new IT platform

Phase Two: 2010 – 2011

- Constitutional change of existing structure
- Affiliation reform

The transition to a new structure will be flexible.

- Existing districts ready to centralise immediately may do so
- Districts not willing to centralise yet may retain their autonomy for a period

The proposed organisational structure will be player focused.

- Districts remain as entities.
- National/District structure with clear roles and responsibilities developed by 2010 AGM.
- Core business of districts will be competition delivery.
- National Events Board set up to review national and district competition needs
- One brand implemented by 2010.

A T2020 performance review will be delivered at the June 2010 District Presidents meeting.

- Affiliation changes to be ready for implementation in 2010/11 year.
- Assessment of local funding needs.

Chairman then gave an overview of Squash Auckland's position on the T2020 proposal.

1. Supportive of Club/District/and National alignment.
2. No objection to SNZ running Districts who wish to relinquish control.
3. Squash Auckland to retain responsibility for club development, coaching and competitions.
4. Supports the appointment of a National Development Manager with provisos.
5. Squash Auckland to contribute to the ongoing review of T2020.

Eden Epsom raised a question about the level of engagement with casual players and the potential threat to the existing club membership model.

Chairman: As part of the proposed affiliation fees review Squash Auckland and SNZ are looking at ways to engage with casual players so that both bodies can better communicate with them to try and encourage them to get involved in clubs.

Jim O'Grady added that SNZ are not encouraging non-club members to participate in SNZ or district sanctioned events".

In response to a question on the SNZ brand, Jim O'Grady answered that it was the intention is to bring the squash brand under one umbrella to better present ourselves to the public.

Mike Greig Congratulated Squash NZ on their revised approach to change.

Eden Epsom asked Jim O'Grady to expand on SNZ National Development role. The role of the National Club Development Manager is to work with the districts. This person will act as a conduit for sharing information between districts.

The future of Development funding to Districts was raised. SNZ will request a copy of the district plan to determine eligibility for funding. Once they are happy with Squash Auckland's plan, funding will continue at the current level. The goal is to encourage districts to forward justification for continued funding for club development.

Motion: The Chairman and General Manager's report for the year ended 30th September 2009 be accepted.

Greg McKeown/Pat McHugh
Unanimous

Item 6 – Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

Squash Auckland treasurer – Dave Fraser – presented the statement of accounts for 2009. Highlights were:

- An increase in the cash reserves despite a tough year
- A cash surplus for the year

Dave Fraser confirmed SA has charitable status.

Herne Bay expressed concern about the high Accounts Receivables figure in the balance sheet. Dave Fraser explained that this was due to clubs being offered a 2 payment option for their affiliation fees which creates a delay in receiving money from clubs.

Motion: The tabled Annual Report for 2009 & the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2009 be accepted.

Pam Gilbert/Mark Roberts
Unanimous

Item 7 – Election of Members of the Board

Paul Cameron retired and was replaced by Andrew Eade. Andrew, nominated by the Herne Bay moves from a Co opted member to an elected member.

Tim Marshall and Tanya Laurence stood down by rotation and offered themselves for re-election. They were both duly elected in accordance with the constitution.

Item 8 – Election of an Auditor

Motion: Hayes Knight, Squash Auckland's auditors since 2005, is retained as the auditors for the 2010 financial year.

Greg McKeown/Mark Roberts
Unanimous

Item 9 – Election of an Honorary Solicitor

Motion: Michael Sumpter, Squash Auckland's honorary solicitor since 1974, is reappointed as the Honorary Solicitor to Squash Auckland.

Pat McHugh/Aileen Buske

Unanimous

Item 10 – Fix Affiliation Fees for 2010

Motion: That Squash Auckland affiliation fees for 2010 be set at \$23.87 + gst

Mark Roberts/Aileen Buske

Unanimous

The Board encouraged clubs to follow the SA policy of adjusting the annual SEM levy by the consumer price index (CPI) in the quarter immediately preceding the AGM, subject to additional funds required for projects.

Item 11 – Remits

None received.

Item 12 – Receive and Approve Budget for 2010

The budget was for for a small decline in net profit for 2010.

In response to questions from the floor it was clarified that

- The net asset disposal figure relates to the proposed selling of the micro courts.
- The growth and development income relates to a \$30k grant from SNZ allocated to growth and development.
- SA will agree to look into the possibility of applying for a grant for the qualifying Super Champs teams as the clubs with winning teams often cannot submit an application in time.

Motion: That the 2010 budget be accepted.

Pam Gilbert/Karen Hadfield

Unanimous

Item 13 – General Business

Royal Oak queried the cost of audits for clubs and for the District. SA agreed to look into ways of reducing costs while still this if it is going to save clubs money.

Gower Dallimore asked if the Board happy with the progress being made towards the goals set out in the strategic plan? The SA Chairman believed that Sa was well positioned going forward and that a good measure of success will through an increase in club numbers.

Weymouth asked about the future of traditional scoring and the reasoning for following the World Squash Federation scoring system. The SA position was to use traditional scoring for interclub in 2009 but accepted that the international trend was towards PAR. SNZ CEO clarified that most districts have now adopted point a rally scoring and that the 2016 Olympic Games, which was considered important to the sport, was based on the use of a consistent scoring system. At the WSF AGM 95% of members voted in favour of using a point a rally scoring system.

Chairman thanked Board members, staff and volunteers of Squash Auckland for their efforts over the past year.

Meeting closed – 19.50