

SQUASH AUSTRALIA

DRAFT Annual General Meeting - Minutes DRAFT

1st Floor Sports House, 150 Caxton (Cnr Castlemaine) Street Milton Queensland
Sunday 29th March 2009.

1. Opening and Welcome by President

The President opened the meeting at 12.15pm and welcomed all attendees, particularly Mr John Cameron, Life Member.

2. Attendance, Apologies & Member AGM Voting Entitlements

Attendees

Squash Australia Board

Mr John Holland	President
Ms Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Vice President (Female)
Mr Richard Best	Vice President (Male)
Mr Marcus Smith	Director
Mrs Carol Kawaljenko	Director

Member Association Delegates

Squash ACT	Gary Hampson, Raymond Payne
NSW Squash	Corri Byrne, Carin Clonda
Squash NT	Steve Armitage
Q Squash	Kim Schramm
Squash SA	Phil Sinnott
Squash Tasmania	Chris Doig
Squash Vic	Ian Kent, Fiona Young
WA Squash	Mike Cornish

Other Members

John Cameron	Life Member
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Observers

Dawn Moggach	Selector
Chris Sinclair	Referee/Minutes

Squash Australia Staff

Mr Gary O'Donnell	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Andrew Dent	Media Liaison Officer
Mr Jeff Wollstein	National Coaching Manager
Mr Gordon Young	Performance Pathway Coordinator

Apologies

Mrs Margaret Zaccariah	Life Member
Mr Bob Finch	Life Member
Mr Col Clapper	Life Member
Mr Ken Watson	Life Member
Mr Geoff Hunt	Life Member
Ms Kate Calcino	Finance and Administration Officer
Mr Chris Dittmar	Patron
Mr Steve Bowen	President WA Squash
Mr Byron Davis	National Head Coach
Mrs Vicki Cardwell	Hall of Fame Member
Mrs Kaye Reeves	National Selector
Mr Bob Dubois	Chairman NSW Squash
Mr Steve Derbyshire	President Q Squash
Mr John Small	National Refereeing Manager
Mr Oliver Lind	Director NSW Squash

Voting Entitlements

As distributed in the meeting handouts, and announced by the CEO.

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Draft circulated 3rd April 2008 and included in the appendices of the meeting papers.

Motion: The Minutes be confirmed

Moved	Kim Schramm
Seconded	Richard Best
	Carried

4. Matters Arising

Three matters were raised:

Item 2 Apologies: Amend Jeff Hunt to Geoff Hunt

Item 5d: Work is continuing and progressing with the Squash Australia Foundation.

Item 11: SAEOG met July and the work has been undertaken.

5. Notice of Motion

- a. Amend the Articles of Association (March 2007). Firstly to remove references to specific Squash Australia Regulations (by number) so in general terms should changes be made to the system of Regulations by the Board, the Articles are not impacted.

10 5 d Amend to

Balloting lists shall be prepared (if necessary) containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order, and each Member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote in accordance with the procedures set out in the Squash Australia's Regulations governing the election of office bearers

13. 1 Amend to

The Board will appoint a National Selectors Advisory Committee to be responsible for making recommendations for athlete selection into national teams and the ranking of athletes nationally and related matters as requested by the Board. Appointment onto the National Selectors committee will be in accordance with procedures set out in the Squash Australia's Regulations governing National Selectors as amended from time to time.

Motion to Amend the Motion: That the Articles be further amended as per the Proposal with the change to 10 5 d and 13.1 of "set out in the Squash Australia's Regulations" to "set out in the Squash Australia Regulation".

Moved	Richard Best
Seconded	Steve Armitage
The motion put	Carried

Secondly, to delete a clause regarding matters to be dealt with at Annual General Meetings, as the item concerning national selectors, is no longer required given changes to the Articles passed by the 2007 AGM.

8.1 Amended as follows:

Delete 8.1f, followed by, item 8.1 g will become 8.1 f and 8.1 h will become 8.1 g.

Moved	Richard Best
Seconded	Steve Armitage
The motion put in both parts	Carried

- b. For the Affiliation of *The Australian Defence Squash Association* as an Associate Member of Squash Australia. Moved Marcus Smith - Director.

Motion: As above

Moved	Marcus Smith
Seconded	Carol Kawaljenko
	Carried
	Welcomed by acclamation

c. Motions regarding Squash Australia Affiliation Fees.

Motion: As per the paper previously circulated	Moved	Carin Clonda
	Seconded	Gary Hampson

Carin Clonda: Elaborated on the Motion stating the system is unfair and NSW is disadvantaged. Issue has been raised before with no satisfactory outcome. Cannot pay this level of fees and then spend funds on development.

Raymond Payne: There is a need to change but not in the format proposed.

John Holland: SAEOG working towards a resolution and indications are States will agree with an appropriate change. Meeting again next day – does Carin want it now as an Interim Order?

Carin Clonda: Confirmed it is a proposal for 2009 fees.

Gary Hampson: ACT supports NSW.

Ian Kent. Agree with principle.

Steve Armitage: Last three (3) meetings have agreed system is inequitable and nothing has been done.

Richard Best: Articles state fees can only be set at an AGM.

Motion 1

As per previously circulated paper	Moved	Carin Clonda
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Kim Schramm: Opposed. Impact for Queensland is extra \$6,000.

Corri Byrne: That is only one option in the five (5) proposed.

Kim Schramm: If based on Matrix is still population based with States picking up shortfall.

Gary O'Donnell: Showed formula decided on at SAEOG meeting.

Seconded	Gary Hampson
	Motion withdrawn

Motion 2.

As per previously circulated paper

Discussion that NSW will not get 'relief' as still population-based formula.

Motion withdrawn

Motion 3

As per previously circulated paper	Moved	Carin Clonda
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Discussion as to whether Squash Australia will carry the difference. Answer – no, total will be spread among others.

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	Motion lapsed

Motion 4

As per previously circulated paper

Amended motion	Moved	Carin Clonda
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That the same calculated percentage used for affiliation fees paid to Squash Australia be given to each ordinary member in funding from Squash Australia.

Seconded	Kim Schramm
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Carol Kawaljenko: Means smaller States cannot receive any funding from Squash Australia in excess of their affiliation fees for (e.g.) coaching and refereeing programmes.

Carin Clonda: Need to define what is in the funding pool. NSW pays to Squash Australia \$35,000, almost all their government grant (\$40,000). Reflected in AJC, NJS results where NSW was previously in first place, now cannot afford development plans for players. NSW disadvantaged not encouraged. The commitment to change made by Squash Australia has not taken place.

John Holland: Untrue. Carin is aware of work through SAEOG.

Gary Hampson: Against motion. Need to see the motion as statistics.

Ian Kent: Sympathetic to NSW but against as it is impractical. Board is empowered to make decisions – leave it to the Board.

Steve Armitage: Recognise current system is flawed but need to concentrate on solution after three years, even a temporary solution.

John Holland: Called for a vote with a show of hands

In favour NSW, Q'land
Motion defeated

Motion 5

As per previously circulated paper.

John Holland: Is the meeting content to leave this to SAEOG? Fees distribution have been 'on the Agenda' for 10 years and a decision is needed. 2009 fees are set.

Steve Armitage: Please make a decision this year.

Discussion on collection scheme

Motion withdrawn

6. President's Report

John Holland referred to the printed report previously circulated. Mentioned the need to "talk up" the Olympics and for Australia to be seen as a contributing and organized squash nation.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved Marcus Smith
Seconded Corri Byrne
Carried

7. Financial Report

Marcus Smith: Squash Australia is in a good financial state. Profit of \$43,000 with good cash holdings. Has spoken with Auditor regarding processes, procedures and other financial controls.

Ian Kent: Queried CWG loss. Explained satisfactorily.

Raymond Payne: Comment that the NSW proposal amount of a reduction in money to Squash Australia will not make a big difference to overall picture.

John Holland: Important that funding bodies see some self-sufficiency for the organisation.

Gary O'Donnell: ASC allows a little for general administration costs but affiliation fees from States are needed to run Squash Australia.

Ian Kent: Queried High performance and Development costs and allocation.

Gary O'Donnell: HP three-quarters, and Development one-quarter. Assignment done by Auditor.

Gary O'Donnell: With inclusion of value of competitions and sponsorship Squash Australia now has better information to acquit grants, e.g. Australian Championships valued and included as both Income and Expenditure.

Motion: That the audited financial report be accepted

Moved Marcus Smith
Seconded Kim Schramm
Carried

8. Election of Officers

In accordance with the Squash Australia Articles of Association, the following Office Bearer appointments were open for election at the 2009 AGM:

- a. Vice President (Male)
- b. Board Member

Nominations received in accordance with the Squash Australia Articles of Association (paragraph 10.3), due 27th February 2009, are listed below. Documentation previously circulated.

Mr John Cameron and Mrs Dawn Moggach were appointed as scrutineers.

- a. Vice President (Male)

- Richard Best Nominated by John Holland
- Oliver Lind Nominated by NSW Squash

Oliver Lind addressed the Workshop the previous day and Richard Best now addressed the AGM
Mr Oliver Lind was appointed as a result of the ballot.

b. Board Member

- Carin Clonda Nominated by NSW Squash
- Carol Kawaljenko Nominated by Squash NT

Carin Clonda withdrew her nomination.

Carol Kawaljenko appointed by acclamation.

Motion: That the voting slips be destroyed.

Moved	Kim Schramm
Seconded	Marcus Smith
	Carried

9. Appointment of Auditor

Confirmation of Bevin Schafferius to continue as Auditor of Squash Australia.

Steve Armitage: How long has the same Auditor been appointed. Will be advised

Motion: That Mr Bevan Schafferius continue as Auditor of Squash Australia

Moved	Kim Schramm
Seconded	Gary Hampson
	Carried

10. Appointment of Patron

Gary O'Donnell confirmed that Mr Chris Dittmar is willing to continue as Patron of Squash Australia.

Motion: That Mr Chris Dittmar continues as Patron of Squash Australia

Moved	Gary Hampson
Seconded	Steve Armitage
	Carried

11. Confirmation of 2009 Affiliation Fees

Paper previously circulated

John Holland: Agreements have been signed by all States except NSW. Difficult for Squash Australia to continue if not approved.

Steve Armitage: Confirm need nett \$105,000?

Motion amended to: Affiliation fees for 2009 be set at \$105,000.

Moved	Steve Armitage
Seconded	Gary Hampson
	Carried

12. Other Business (as approved by President)

John Holland thanked Richard Best for his service over many challenging years.

13. Meeting Closure

John Holland thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 1.35pm.

John Holland
Chairman

Gary O'Donnell
CEO