



TASMANIAN SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION INC MEETING NOTES

Date June 21st via Skype

Time 8pm.

1. Present

Leon Barnett, Diane Kinghorn, Michael Brown, Julie Smith-Kingston, Kent Harbutt, Mike Palfreyman

2. Apologies

Tim Robertson, Robert Clyde

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Moved by Michael Brown, seconded by Di Kinghorn

4. Business Arising

None

5. Declaration of Interests

None declared by each committee member

6. Reports and Recommendations for Consideration

Squash in Schools

Smooth sailing on the NW coast.

Two more coaches to come on board. Robert Clyde in Launceston and Steve Lee in the Wynyard area. Max Moorhouse in Kingston. Chris Doig and Ange Desire unable to take up the additional role.

Leon will follow up with quarterly reports.

YMCA advertised coaching position will be taken up by Max Moorehouse.

2015 Junior Open from Mark Hudson.

Great lessons were learnt from the experience and Tas. Players put up a good fight.

PSA Open

The bottom line is sponsorship hasn't generated enough money. This year it will break even but next year may be a problem. There needs to be a fresh look for avenues of revenue. Those involved are trying to come up with a plan. Devonport Council throw in \$6K to keep it in the North West. Money expected from Squash Aust. was due the sometime in the upcoming week.

Mike P will try to chat with a high end govt. employee about state sponsor ship.

Other suggestions . approach multinational companies such as Hewlett Packard and Telstra.

Discussion with Mike Hudson and Ange Desire re. a Juniors Head Coach for 2016

Background: the term of office for this position has expired. After Paul Tuffin's departure to NZ, Steve Lee stepped in. The present situation needs to be addressed quickly.

Suggested steps as time is of the essence.

Check with the Constitution for correct protocol re. term of office, voting and advertising.

Solution: Advertise on TSA website covering protocol and transparency.

Any payment would be negotiated.

Minimum qualifications are a Level 1 Certificate, working with Children clearance and experience in junior coaching plus attendance at State and/or National tournaments.

Michael Brown also thought it may be appropriate to ask for a southern volunteer to help if the State coach is situated in the north or north west to keep the whole of state connection.

Leon will put forward a draft advertisement for committee consideration.

Parsons Centre and Squash Tas registration

This has been a concern and ongoing issue for some time.

Check MJB's comments in his email.

There has been a long time friction between Chris Doig and Peter Colquhoun.

Peter will register his 12 Div 1 players using his own finances.

Mike P commented that Parsons will support its juniors but no other players have been approached to pay Squash Tas registration. There is a feeling that Parsons players would pay if asked.

How can we promote the benefits of registration?

What does the \$50 cover? Answer -

1. The Matrix
2. Junior players
3. Annual insurance for all participants

On a different note, Kent mentioned the Play Squash website as a vehicle to pay registration but still requires better streamlining.

Leon and Mike P. concluded the discussion with an offer to open dialogue with Peter over the weekend 22/23 Aug. at Parsons.

Julie also raised the issue of affiliation of clubs. Squash Aust. requires the numbers of players in each state not necessarily the club affiliation. Hopefully numbers will go up when Parsons players are registered.

Promotion of Squash

Mike P pointed out the ABC talks to reps. from less profile sports (eg netball which now has a much bigger audience) in order to publicise those sports.

Squash is not receiving enough publicity despite some exciting events happening and Tas juniors doing well interstate, it needs marketing. Kent suggested we put publicity opportunities on the next agenda.

7. Correspondence

8. Treasurer's Report

MJB discussed any outstanding cheques.

Harry Bird still owing money. Kent will approach him to resolve the issue.

According to Julie, Greg ward still owes \$220.

Treasurer's report accepted . moved by Kent H and seconded by Julie SK

9. Items of General Interest

It was agreed that a flyer could be printed, promoting Squash in general and benefits of affiliation to TSA . leon and mike will each approach a couple of students and offer a \$25 voucher for the best flyer.

10. Close and Set date for next meeting

Close: 8.37pm

Next meeting 16th August, 8pm. via Skype.