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Memo To: Squash Australia Member States & Territories (President & EOC members),
Associate Members and Squash Australia Directors
Cc Squash Australia staff and committee members
Re: Summary of Outcomes of Squash Australia President's Council Saturday 14th July
2012.
From: Gary O'Donnell CEO

The following information is a summary of outcomes of the Squash Australia President's Council meeting of Saturday 14th July 2012. The meeting was held at the Quest Apartments, Mascot (Sydney) and attended by:

ACT	Gary Hampson
NSW	Ollie Lind
NT	Judi Hoare
Queensland	Ros Preston
South Australia	Mark Goldstone
Tasmania	Kent Harbutt
Victoria	Bryan Bird
Western Australia	Steve Bowen
Squash Australia	John Lee
Squash Australia	Carol Kawaljenko
Squash Australia	Ollie Lind
Squash Australia	Steve Bowen
Squash Australia	Marcus Smith

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday 1st December 2012 in Melbourne.

1. **Terms of Reference** - a minor inclusion to ToR to indicate that Meeting Outcomes should be produced and published within 14 days of the Council meeting.
2. **Facilities** - The Council discussed the 2018 Commonwealth Games facility and its potential location in South East Queensland and agreed to convene a *Facilities Working Group* as a subset of the President's Council comprising Gary Hampson (ACT), Mark Goldstone (Sth A) and Marcus Smith (Board). Given Governance Review, AO & Matrix roll out, the Working Group was unlikely to commence activity until September. The group to look to give rise to a body of work that would support the creation of a prospectus on Squash Facilities suitable for State and Local Government purposes.
3. **Participation** – in a wide ranging discussion the Council considered;
 - Junior recruitment,
 - Masters engagement/registration (comparing with Squash NZ),
 - Court hire prices and centre sustainability.
4. **Member Subscriptions** – The CEO presented background information relative to the 'current day' position;
 - The system through to ~ 2009 was based on the State/Territory share of the national population, without reference to squash player numbers.

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- Given concerns as to the appropriateness of that system, a 'per player' system was mooted but given the need to develop a collection process, an interim banded subscription system was implemented in 2009 for an initial 2 year period (with 2012 added as the third year). This was to prevail until the 'per player' system could be introduced.
- The 2012 SA AGM approved the 'bringing forward' of the approval of subscriptions to the calendar year before which required the 2013 fees to be established by end July.

The Council agreed in principle to the Squash subscription system changing to be 'per player' for 2013, with a number of members indicating their agreement to a 'trial' commencing in January 2013.

5. **Governance Review** – The Council was advised that following further discussion and negotiations with the ASC the review will be conducted by an 'external reviewer'. An EOI has been let to appoint the reviewer a copy of which was provided to Council Members. SA will contribute \$10,000 towards a likely cost of \$50,000.
6. **Squash Matrix** – Marcus Smith presented the 'new' Squash Matrix as a live site to the Council. He commented that the work had been progressing well, with the aim of a 'soft launch' in July/August. In a general sense the site is improved navigation, security enhancements, and is 'mobile device' friendly.

The Council also discussed;

- The World Squash Day initiative of WSF with a view that their organisations would be active in promoting the activity.
- With the Q Squash representative (Ros Preston) the changes Q Squash would face with the resignation of its President in the week prior offering general advice and support.

Yours sincerely,



Gary O'Donnell
Chief Executive Officer