

# Squash SA Junior Coordination Advisory Committee

Wednesday 7 November 2012 commencing at 6.00pm  
Squash SA, 440 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. Present

Grant Norman

Steve Cope

Kaye Reeves

Wayne Aspinall

Gary Oswald

James Rogers (ex officio)

It was reported that Junesse Martin had tendered her resignation from the committee and that Alex Ryan had been replaced by Patrick Stevens as the board representative. Wayne Aspinall and Gary Oswald were welcomed as new members of the committee.

### 2. Apologies

Patrick Stevens

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting (17 January 2012) were accepted as presented.

### 4. Matters arising from previous meetings

There were no matters raised from the previous meeting.

### 5. Overview for new members

The Chair provided an overview of the roles of the committee and its relationship with Squash SA (SSA) staff and the SSA board.

### 6. Review of the 2012 year

James provided an overview of the 2012 year, summarised as follows:

#### 6.1 Junior Programs

The number of programs and the number of participants in the Metro area are at an unacceptably low level.

The programs are only successful when run by a SSA development officer.

The country programs have been doing well.

The inflatables in schools is not now considered the best use of SSA's development officers time.

The Active After Schools program has not been successful.

## **6.2 Development Squad**

Attendance averaged 19.2 prior to the announcement of the state team and 21.5 afterwards.

The use of pool coaches was mildly successful.

Access to quality courts was sometimes an issue.

The match play day against adults was considered successful.

## **6.3 Emerging Athletes Squad**

The program was considered a success, as was the access to the Revive complex.

## **6.4 Australian Junior Open**

The decision by SSA to send a coach worked out well.

## **6.5 Australian Junior Championships**

A report is being prepared and will be distributed soon.

## **7. Squash SA plans for 2013**

James provided an overview of the plans for 2013, summarised as follows:

### **7.1 Junior club programs**

SSA will look to set up a couple of extra programs. The junior rebate scheme, subject to a few changes, will continue to be offered.

### **7.2 Summer camps**

A Development Squad tryout camp will be held in mid-January.

### **7.3 Development Squad**

Similar to last year, although sessions will be run every Saturday.

Look to hold more sessions at Revive, one in the Barossa and some of the others in more central locations.

Training intensity and fitness requirements will be lifted to align with Squash Australia's performance pathway and National Talent Squads.

Review who is eligible to be a pool coach.

Expressions of interest will be issued after the summer camp.

### **7.4 Emerging Athletes Squad**

Similar to last year.

Likely to support 7 athletes with several from the country.

### **7.5 Squash Australia Underpinning Program**

Funding has been given to SSA subject to the writing of a manual and the establishment of a SSA program committee.

### **7.6 Australian Junior Squash Tour and National Rankings**

Squash Australia is looking to establish a nationwide tour with an associated ranking system. All tournaments will be rated and players will earn points which will help determine their national ranking.

Squash Australia is hoping that the tour will attract some cash and product sponsors.

### **7.7 Squash SA 2013 tournament schedule**

The tournament calendar will be issued shortly.

The State titles will be held in early June to fit in with the Australian Junior Tour.

### **7.8 Australian Junior Open and Australian Junior Championships**

The AJO is being held in Sydney and the AJC in Canberra.

### **7.9 Interstate and overseas trips**

Expressions of interest will be issued for the AJO, Victorian Junior Age and a trip to NZ.

### **7.10 High Schools competition**

Incentives for new players and teams will be introduced, together with a best and fairest voting system.

A High Schools tournament will again be held.

### **7.11 Friday Night Lights**

This is a new initiative which is a replacement for the old Friday Night Stars.

It will be run on a monthly basis and will be rotated around the metro area.

### **7.12 School holiday program**

Another new initiative is a holiday program which will commence in the school holidays between terms 1 and 2.

It will be offered at 2 venues for 3-5 days.

### **7.13 In-schools inflatables**

SSA will look to contract out the task of taking the inflatables into the schools.

### **7.14 Oz Squash**

Squash Australia has developed this national beginner participation program that is a combination of Totball and in-school squash.

SSA will need to find coaches to run this program.

## **8. Committee's 2013 works program**

8.1 It was agreed that the Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the next meeting. Any alterations will then be referred to the board.

8.2 It was agreed that the committee will review the State Team Selection Policy at the next meeting.

## **9. Other matters**

There were no other matters discussed.

## **10. Next meeting and closure**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 November 2012 (subsequently changed to Tuesday 20 November 2012) at Squash SA commencing at 6.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.