

SQUASH AUSTRALIA LTD General Meeting - Minutes

Coogee Legion Ex-Service Club, 200 Arden Street Coogee Sydney NSW
10:00am Sunday 2nd February 2014

Meeting called to order by Squash Australia CEO Gary O'Donnell who acknowledged the support of the Australian Sports Commission to Squash Australia.

1 Opening and Welcome by the President.

Squash Australia President John Lee acknowledged the attendance of all members at this General Meeting which had been called to facilitate the consideration of the approval of a new Squash Australia Constitution declaring the meeting open at 10:06am. John sought leave of the meeting to acknowledge the efforts of the Constitutional Working Group of Peta Murphy, Bob McComas and Carol Kawaljenko in undertaking what is a substantial task.

2 Signing of Attendance Register.

A register had been provided so as to facilitate the 'signing in' of attendees. A copy is appended to the Minutes.

3 Apologies.

The President called for apologies.

The CEO advised that 'Bob Finch Life Member' had submitted an apology.

4 Member General Meeting Voting Entitlements;

The President referred the members to the Agenda Item 4 and the voting entitlements as listed requesting any comments or concerns. There being none he advised he would proceed with the Agenda.

5 Notice of Motions;

The President referred the members to the discussion and work of the previous day's Presidents Council whereby the draft Squash Australia Constitution had been discussed with a range of amendments being resolved.

He thanked Carol Kawaljenko for the work completed overnight to allow the Members to view the amendments to the Constitution which were displayed for review and discussion to attendees. The delegates acknowledged Carol's efforts.

The Chairman highlighted that given some amendments to the Constitution had been of 'substance' as different to 'form', these would need to be considered by each member and so the possibility of putting the motions as published to a General Meeting was moot.

As a result the Squash Australia Board (having quickly conducted its own meeting for the purpose) resolved to withdraw its motions;

- 5.1. The Squash Australia Constitution 2014 V1 be adopted.
- 5.2. The Squash Australia Articles of Association V5 August 2013 be rescinded.
- 5.3. The Squash Australia Articles Memorandum of Association March 2003 be rescinded.

The Chairman sought any further comments on the Constitution.

Vicki Cardwell indicated that she was concerned that a legal adviser had been brought into the process. The CEO indicated that a legal adviser was factored as an important component of the development of the Constitution. Peta Murphy advised that the Members had placed an expectation on the Board at the 2013 General Meeting that a legal adviser would be a part of the process and that the service that the Lander and Rogers lawyer had provided, from her view, had met that expectation.

The Chairman indicated that while the Board would need to consider the next steps in the process, such as a subsequent General Meeting and postponing the Annual General Meeting, further discussions will take place at the closure of the General Meeting in the President's Council.

With these comments having been made, the Chairman offered the opportunity for members to raise matters of General Business.

PSCAA President Esdon Lee sought leave to advise that his organisation had many concerns with Squash Australia as reflected in his correspondence as distributed the day earlier. Squash ACT Bob McComas in acknowledging the PSCAA's passion sought to identify the PSCAA's issues as different to the emotive comments as provided. This point was echoed by Squash Vic President Peta Murphy and Squash SA delegate Kym Tessari.

Squash Australia Director Marcus Smith sought to clarify if the focus of the PSCAA's concerns was on the Rod Eyles Level Two coach accreditation; Esdon Lee indicated this was only 2%. Marcus indicated that Squash Australia had written to PSCAA and asked the PSCAA to clarify why it had issued a PSCAA Level Two Certificate to Rod Eyles and that the response that it would investigate left a perception of some impropriety. Esdon advised he would respond, in doing so sought some details on the accreditation process as to who signed off on the assessment tasks. SA CEO advised Jeff Wollstein did. Esdon then stated that Jeff Wollstein had not as Jeff had advised PSCAA of this. Esdon then asked if he could see the documentation and had the SA Board seen it. The CEO advised yes and requested Esdon provide the document that Jeff had provided the PSCAA. Esdon agreed.

Bob McComas indicated he felt that 'not a lot' could be done in the context of the meeting and he would be prepared (if agreeable to all parties) to sit and listen to the arguments of PSCAA and rebuttal of Squash Australia. Squash Australia President John Lee indicated he would be prepared to do so with an appropriate notice period. Bob McComas asked Esdon Lee if he was agreeable to this. Esdon Lee declined this offer, which was made once again and further declined. Peta Murphy and Bob McComas both commented that it was therefore not possible to make progress.

NSW Squash President Dawn Moggach indicated she was disgusted with the tone of the PSCAA correspondence of the day before and the attack on Squash Australia Directors and CEO and sought to sanction the PSCAA. Chairman John Lee requested that Dawn consider this closely before pursuing it further.

It was noted that the President's Council would reconvene following the General Meeting and discussion ensued as to the involvement of the PSCAA in that forum. A motion was put *"The Meeting following the General Meeting should not be a President's Council"*. Moved Alec McDonald, seconded Vicki Cardwell. Motion lost.

6 Meeting Closure.

The President thanked all for their attendance, declaring the meeting closed at 12:59pm.

Gary O'Donnell
Chief Executive Officer
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