

TASMANIAN SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION INC
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 11:00am
on Sunday 18 March 2012
at Eastside Squash Centre, Bellerive

1. PRESENT

Chris Doig, Michael Brown, Cheryl Unsworth, Leon Barnett, Julie Smith-Kingston, Greg Ward, Mark Noonan, Gaye Mitchell, Hamish Laws, Nick Smith, Rod Harker, Jack Hudson, Mark Hudson, Chelsea Jamieson, Cameron Ward, Claire Ward, David Pentecost, Barry Teague, Michael Cooke, Linda Pattison, Harry Bird, Helen Rackham, Liam Woodleigh-Hardinge, Dean Langworthy, Jamie Pattison, Grace Pattison, Leon Barnett, Nathan Ward, Keiran Brown, John Harding.

2. APOLOGIES

Kent Harbutt

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 6/2/2011

It was moved Mark Noonan, seconded Michael Brown "that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6 February 2011 be confirmed."

All in favour. **CARRIED**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A copy of the President's Report is attached and is self-explanatory. The President's report addresses Key Result Areas contained in the Strategic Plan. Copies of the report were circulated and Chris Doig discussed it. It was moved Leon Barnett, seconded Julie Smith-Kingston "that the President's written and verbal report be received".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

6. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED CLUBS

Julie Smith-Kingston read a report from the Devonport Squash Club as follows:

"2011 was a very successful year in promoting our club to the general public with well run rosters, open tournament and the staging of an exhibition match by world ranked players. The ENZED Series held in the first half of the year was very successful in providing a competitive roster for the higher graded players along the coast. Hopefully in the future this will become a very good competition and great pathway for our juniors to go on to bigger and better things. Over a 10 week period commencing in June we participated in the coastal roster on Thursday nights which is an interclub pennant with teams from along the coast. Teams from Smithton to Devonport participated in 4 divisions. The Devonport Open was once again very successful with Hesketh McCrimmon winning the naming right. Hopefully this event will be bigger and better. This year we are running the ENZED Super Series again for the higher graded players until the end of May. We have players from Launceston to Wynyard taking part as well as our own club members. We are also running our autumn

pennant until the end of May. We have four junior players in this pennant, most of whom have gone up a line since the end of our previous pennant.

Mark Noonan spoke of the Wynyard Squash Club's activities and recruiting a number of new players. Wynyard pennant is going well and the Wynyard Junior tournament was held recently which was very successful. Mark Noonan said it was vital to keep promoting the juniors as they are the future of our clubs.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Michael Brown, presented an audit report to the meeting. It was moved Greg Ward, seconded Leon Barnett "that the Audit Report for 2011 be received".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

The Treasurer spoke in relation to the audit and the allocation of a grant by the Department of Sport & Recreation. General discussion was held in relation to the audit report. Squash Tasmania has received a grant of \$18,000. Specific projects are nominated and we are required to sign a statutory declaration that the projects have been carried out. The Squash Tasmania grant relates to the squash in schools program. The Tasmanian Squash Academy is contracted by Squash Tasmania to undergo the programs on its behalf. Mark Hudson asked a question in relation to the AJC and the Treasurer responded, ie the Squash Tasmania bank account was used for the collection of AJC payments and Squash Tasmania then paid any accounts that came in relating to the AJC. Greg Ward said that this system worked well.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following nominations were received prior to the Annual General Meeting:

President:	Chris Doig	(Eastside)
Vice-President:	Leon Barnett	(Devonport)
Treasurer:	Michael Brown	(Uni)
Secretary:	Cheryl Unsworth	(Eastside)
Committee:	Greg Ward	(Smithton)
	Nathan Ward	(Smithton)
	Kent Harbutt	(Kingborough)
	Julie Smith-Kingston	(Devonport)
	Mark Noonan	(Wynyard)

It was moved Hamish Laws, seconded Gaye Mitchell that nominations for committee positions be accepted."

All in favour. **CARRIED**

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

After a short discussion by the Treasurer, Michael Brown, it was moved Gaye Mitchell, seconded Cheryl Unsworth "that ACCRU be appointed as the Auditors for 2012".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

10. CLUB AFFILIATION FEES

A short discussion was held in relation to affiliation fees. It was moved Greg Ward, seconded Mark Noonan "That affiliation fees for 2012 are to remain at \$35 for Seniors and \$24 for Juniors".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Leon Barnett asked whether there was a list of schools available who participate in the squash in schools program. Chris Doig said that invitations are sent out to most schools in the catchment of centres where we know the club will register players. Four schools have already participated this year. Chris Doig said that Gaye Mitchell was helping out in the

Hobart area and it was up to the clubs to provide an ongoing program for those interested after a free 'come & try' session. Mark Noonan asked if it affected the grant. Chris said that if we can significantly increase the number of junior players registered with Squash Tasmania, there is a possibility that our grant will increase. Mark asked if clubs get any of the grant. Chris replied that club programs are self-funding. The grant is for the provision of the squash in schools program.

Mark Noonan asked Chris Doig what his views were of Squash Australia, with perhaps an impending change in the board. Chris said that Squash Australia was doing the best job in his time of involvement. However it is a fragmented body with most states to some degree wanting to do their own thing. The Australian Sports Commission is insisting that states work together nationally. The National Professional Squash Tour is an excellent program with Squash Australia directing the Australian Sports Commission funds towards the tour as an incentive. Squash Tasmania received \$4,000 for the Tasmanian Open. The total prize money of the Tasmanian Open was US\$9,000 last year. We are still looking for sponsors for the event. Through the National Talent Squash Program juniors are encouraged to join PSA and WISPA and travel to certain events, helping them to gain a world ranking. Chris said he was quite happy with the Squash Australia staff and Squash Australia's governance is becoming very transparent. There are advisory boards of which he (EOC) and Max Moorhouse (SDC) are members, taking part in teleconferences and face to face meetings.

12. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:40am

Cheryl Unsworth
Secretary

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