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TASMANIAN SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION INC
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 11:00am
on Sunday 27 January 2013
at Eastside Squash Centre, Bellerive

1. PRESENT

Chris Doig, Cheryl Unsworth, David Mulcahy, Greg Garrett, Nathan Ward, Simon Banks, Eamon Garrett, Brendan Ward, Claire Ward, Jamie Pattison, Brett McGrath, Roman Marsh, Keiran Brown, Leon Barnett, Linda Pattison, Grace Pattison, Emma Clyde, Robert Clyde, Andrew Hennessy, Rob U'Ren, Harrison Banks, David Pentecost, Michael Brown, Mark Noonan, Kent Harbutt, Julie-Smith Kingston, D Bradley.

2. APOLOGIES

Greg Ward, Paul Tuffin, Max Moorhouse.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18/3/2012

It was moved Michael Brown, seconded Julie Smith-Kingston "that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 March 2012 be confirmed."

All in favour. **CARRIED**

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No matters arising.

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 said that a more expansive report would be included in the next newsletter. It was moved Kent Harbutt, seconded David Mulcahy "that the President's written report be received".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

6. REPORTS FROM AFFILIATED CLUBS

There were no written reports received; however Julie Smith-Kingston, Kent Harbutt and Mark Noonan all presented verbal reports.

Devonport (Julie) – Devonport's report was similar to that of 2012. The ENZED series was again successful with good sponsors. Devonport also had entrants in the coastal roster. The Devonport Open was very successful with sponsorship of \$7,000. They are hoping to

improve this in 2013 with sponsorship up to \$10,000. Sponsorship and entry fees are put back into prize money.

Kingborough (Kent) – The Kingston Open was missed in 2012 because of a clash with juniors. They are hoping to hold it this year. Juniors are going extremely well with assistance from Bob U'Ren, Robin Walker and Max Moorhouse. Interclub pennant is going well. They are trying to build things up at Kingborough but with only 4 courts, there are limitations. They would like to reclaim two courts, making a total of 6. There are nine other sporting codes at Kingborough, and squash is ranked low on priorities.

Wynyard (Mark) – Mark is now President of the Wynyard Club taking over from Steve Charles, who was President for 8 years. In 2012 pennant times were changed around which gave extended time on the courts from the previous 15/18 weeks to 48 weeks. There is a big focus on juniors (34 at the moment). There is a hard working committee which works well with the local Council. They are financially secure and heading in the right direction.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Michael Brown, presented an audit report to the meeting. It was moved, Cheryl Unsworth, seconded David Pentecost "that the Audit Report for 2012 be received".

All in favour. **CARRIED**

There were no questions in relation to the audit. Michael Brown spoke briefly about the audit and advised that of the \$11,341 net operating surplus shown, approximately \$6,500 is for the Performance Pathway (funds from the AJC Canteen, grants and underpinning money from Squash Australia.)

8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

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

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

It was moved David Pentecost, seconded Andrew Hennessy "that nominations for committee positions be accepted."

All in favour. **CARRIED**

Nominations were called from the floor for the position of Secretary; however the position remains vacant at this point in time.

9. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

After a short discussion by the Treasurer, Michael Brown, it was moved Michael Brown, seconded Kent Harbutt “that ACCRU be appointed as the Auditors for 2013”.

All in favour. **CARRIED**

10. CLUB AFFILIATION FEES

At the December committee meeting it was decided that affiliation fees should be increased to \$50 for seniors and \$30 for juniors. There was general discussion about the need for an affiliation fee increase. Clubs had been advised of the increase. There were comments from several present that the affiliation fee was low compared to other sports, and whilst the percentage of increase for seniors may seem large, overall looking at it as an annual fee, it is not. However, Julie Smith-Kingston placed on record that the Devonport Club thought that the increase for adults was too much and that perhaps it could have been \$40.

It was moved Chris Doig, seconded Andrew Hennessy “that affiliation fees for 2013 are to be \$50 for Seniors and \$30 for Juniors”.

All in favour. **CARRIED**

11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

There were four motions put forward to allow for the affiliation of members through the matrix system in 2014. Squash Australia wish to expand the use of the matrix system and both Tasmania and the ACT will be trialling this in 2014. All motions were read to the meeting and a vote taken on each.

1st motion

It was moved Kent Harbutt, seconded Cheryl Unsworth “that the wording under section 2. Interpretation be altered to now read

2.1 In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears

"registered affiliated club" means any **body of players** affiliated with the Association and the **venue and identity** of which has been entered in the Register of Affiliated clubs after approval by the Committee;”

All in favour. **CARRIED**

2nd motion

It was moved Kent Harbutt, seconded Cheryl Unsworth that the wording under section 5. Membership be altered to now read

5.1 Every full financial member of a registered affiliated club shall, ipso facto, be a member of the Association upon payment of the annual subscription fixed by the Association. Annual Subscriptions shall be collected and paid through the affiliated Club concerned **or through an online payment service approved by the Committee.** The names of such members shall be entered in a Register of Members kept by the Public Officer of the Association.

5.2 An application from a **body** for affiliation with the Association shall be made in writing signed by two **members** of the club and lodged with the Public Officer for consideration and approval by the Committee of the Association.”

All in favour. **CARRIED**

3rd motion

It was moved Kent Harbutt, seconded Cheryl Unsworth “that the wording under section 21. Affairs of the Association to be Managed by a Committee be altered to now read

21.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a committee of management constituted as provided in rule 23.

21.2 The Committee

(b) may, subject to these rules, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association, **including policies to be followed by the Committee** other than those powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of members of the Association; and “

All in favour. **CARRIED**

4th motion

It was moved Kent Harbutt, seconded Cheryl Unsworth “that the wording under section 29. Annual Subscription be altered to now read

29.2 **The annual subscription of members shall be paid in accordance with the policy approved by the Committee.”**

All in favour. **CARRIED**

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 New website address – Cheryl advised that Squash Tasmania has a new website address www.squash.org.au/tas All states have joined the Squash Australia website. Michael Brown spoke briefly about the new website and the evolving process – getting clubs more involved and also a different format for newsletters.

12.2 Thank you

Kent Harbutt thanked Cheryl for her commitment to the position of Secretary over the past seven years and the professional manner in which she had carried out her duties.

13. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.33am.

Cheryl Unsworth
Secretary

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President's Report for 2012

Despite another small decline in membership, 2012 was another good year for squash in Tasmania. Our achievements for the year are briefly summarised under the Key Result Areas identified in the Strategic Plan.

Participation and Membership

Squash-in-School and Totball programs were delivered during school time to over 30 primary schools state wide. The promotion was delivered to over 4,000 Prep to Grade 6 children directly resulting in 70 new juniors joining squash clubs. The programs were funded from a Sport and Recreation Tasmania State Grant, sponsorship from the Tasmanian Squash Academy and an allocation from affiliation fees. Most clubs chose to take advantage of the program. Burnie, Ulverstone, University, Parsons Sports and Kingborough did not participate, instead choosing to use alternative promotional programs. Wynyard Club ran a number of promotional programs in addition to Totball and Squash-in-Schools.

After school squash coaching programs are being provided in most Tasmanian squash centres. New programs commenced this year at Devonport, Latrobe and Deloraine.

Seven participants attended the Level I Squash Coach Training Course held in October. The course resulted in three new coaches becoming accredited and four coaches that are required to complete their practical assessment requirements. I would like to thank Max Moorhouse, Bob U'Ren and the other volunteer coach/presenters for delivering these courses.

Facilities, Competitions and Tournaments

Most clubs continued to enter their competition results on the Matrix. In addition most of the junior, senior and Masters' tournament results were entered on the Matrix. Squash Australia has taken over the Matrix and will be upgrading it continually. It will eventually include an on line subscription service.

Eleven Dunlop Competition Ball and Karakal Big Ball junior tournaments were held at various venues around the state, including four multi-day events. One hundred and Sixty juniors participated in one or more junior tournaments during the year.

This year the state junior rankings were taken from the Matrix. This is an interim measure until the new Squash Australia Ranking System is introduced.

The 2012 Tasmanian Open was hosted by the Tasmanian Squash Academy at Eastside. Players from seventeen countries participated and the event received excellent publicity in all forms of the media. It was a tremendous promotion for our sport. The prize money was made available by Squash Australia and the Tasmanian Squash Academy. We are still hoping to secure a major sponsor for future years.

Three weekend open tournaments were held for local players; the Eastside Open, the Devonport Open, and the City of Clarence Open were held in accordance with the official calendar. Parsons Sports also ran an additional open tournament. In addition, seven one-day open events were held at Eastside, Penguin, Devonport and Theogenes.

Two Tasmanian Masters' tournaments were held; the Devonport Masters and the Tasmanian Masters at Eastside.

The squash calendar for 2013 has been finalised and will be posted on our website. A planner and poster will be distributed to all clubs and players.

Player, Coach and Official Performance

Squash Tasmania Performance Pathway documentation has been under review during the year as a result of our program achieving recognition by Squash Australia and the Australian Institute of Sport. Agreement has been reached and increased funding in 2013 is likely. The 2013 Talent Squads will be selected shortly.

Tasmania was represented by junior and Masters' teams this year. The National Teams Championship was cancelled this year and a replacement event is being considered.

The Australian Junior Championships were held in Hobart at Eastside Squash. In the teams event, we were represented in the Boys 19, 17, 15 and 13 year age groups and Girls 17, 15 and 13 year age groups.

I congratulate the nine Tasmanian juniors that achieved an end of year national ranking of 16 or better. This must be our best overall result ever.

Marketing and Communication

The annual review of the Squash Tasmania Strategic Plan was distributed as widely as possible. This is available on the website together with our meeting agenda, minutes, regulations and policies.

A number of newsletters were distributed during the year. We hope to publish newsletters at least quarterly.

Governance, Leadership and Commercial Interests

Work continued this year to improve our administrative procedures and to develop regulations for our activities. We are still attempting to get more accurate membership details.

The review of the constitution is still to be completed and will include amendments to allow for a national registration system and representation from each club.

We continue to take an active role in the move towards a national approach to squash. Our Vice President, Kent Harbutt, attended the Squash Australia AGM and workshops as well as Squash Australia President's Council meetings. I represented Tasmania on the Executive Officer's Council. Max Moorhouse was our representative on the Squash Development Council.

All of our governance activities were completed with the usual diligence.

This year we held our first annual dinner. Awards were presented to Ross Barnden, Grace Pattison, Claire Ward, Darcy Evans, Max Moorhouse and Chris Doig.

Concluding Comments

I am pleased with the outcomes that we have achieved in 2012 and I continue to look forward to seeing the results of our efforts over the next few years.

Chris Doig
President, Squash Tasmania
1st January, 2013