

**QSquash Ltd**  
**Meeting Minutes – Northern Suburbs Squash Centre**  
**Saturday, March 8, 2014.**

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the QSquash Ltd was called to order at 9.50am on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Northern Suburbs Squash Centre, Brisbane.

**Present:**

Ros Preston, Michelle Eyles, Grant Fraser, Alex MacDonald & Robyn Prentice.

**Guest:**

Gary O'Donnell, CEO Squash Australia was invited to the meeting for the purpose of explaining the rewrite of the SA constitution.

Whilst awaiting the arrival of Gary O'Donnell, Ros Preston advised that there was a grant from Jetstar Travel for the amount of up to \$30,000 - \$15,000 for flights and \$15,000 for other purposes. Applications close on 31/3/2014.

Grant Fraser verbally reported on the Brisbane City Squash AGM, and presented the minutes and financial reports presented at their AGM. Grant advised that the region was starting out the new year looking positive.

It was reported that some of the court operators have real problems with sponsors being permitted to sell direct to the players/parents during tournaments thus taking profit away from the operators.

Gary O'Donnell arrived at 10am.

Squash Mad: Southern Region advised that they were not supportive of a former CEO of QSquash writing articles that have been sent out all over the world. It was suggested that these articles should not be reproduced in any way shape or form through regional newsletters/websites etc.

World Junior Squash Championships: Gary O'Donnell was asked why Australia were not sending a team to the 2014 World Junior Championships. Gary advised that the Board of SA had resolved to build up Australia's talent through attendance at different junior international events ie Oceania, New Zealand, Malaysia, and other overseas destinations to try to build up the strength in each of the groups and teach the players about being in a team etc. It was also advised that no junior player had reached the required benchmarks

to be eligible for selection. Individuals were however absolutely able to attend the World Junior Individual Competition if they desired but would be self funded. Gay also advised that there was a request to split the individual and team components into two separate events at the World Junior Championships which would make participation even more expensive for the nations. SA not particularly happy with this proposal.

### **SA New Constitution:**

Discussion, question and answers session was then held regarding the SA new Constitution.

Some of the details were:-

Why does the SA AGM need to be deferred as it is not in accordance with the current articles?

Has any legal advice been sought regarding this deferment?

Gary O'Donnell replied that the members had supported applying for an extension to the AGM and that ASIC rules state that there is a five month window according to law which allows for an extension to be applied for.

Gary then left the meeting and the Board further discussed the matter. The main three areas of concern are: Clauses 9.1(a); 12.2(c) and 13.11(a) and also the reporting requirements that should be written in the document.

After discussion it was resolved to try to come up with a resolution rather than just negativity. It was also suggested that rewording the clauses as listed may alleviate some of the problem. Michelle to reword where required and forward out for further comment by the Board and to be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

### **OJC POLICY 23**

Michelle Eyles and Northern Region both presented a new version to the meeting. After much discussion it was resolved that Michelle would rewrite allowing for the changes discussed at the meeting and will be discussed again and hopefully formalised at the next meeting.

### **OLD SHARKS UNIFORMS**

The Board discussed the prices and proposals that had been presented and it was felt that none of the quotes received were adequate to our needs. It was then resolved to get the tracksuits from our usual provider – Lida Sport (Heather Wilson) and that during the next

couple of years expressions of interest be sought from suppliers which will be able to be used to our best advantage as we have a great product to be sold following our tenth title from the most recent AJC.

**SQUASH MAD MEDIA ARTICLE:**

After further discussions it was resolved that this article should not be printed in any of the QSquash Regional Newsletters under any circumstances as the article did not reflect the current board's feelings on this matter. Michelle Eyles offered to send an email to Squash Australia advising that the QSquash Board does not support the opinion as written on SquashMad.com.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Alec MacDonald reported that the retained profit as at December 31 2013 totaled \$60,000. Of this figure \$24,000 was held over from 2012. After discussion it was resolved that Central, Northern and Southern would be paid \$3000 each as a rebate against affiliations collected to that date. It was noted that Brisbane had already received a discount of \$9,500 for the 2012 year and as such would receive no further rebates for that year. This affiliation rebate will be revisited again when budgeting for 2014 begins and after we know what charges from Squash Australia will be for this financial year.

**STATE REFEREES**

It was resolved that Michelle Eyles would email John Small with regard to obtaining information on how to proceed to getting the current referees who are partially completed finished and how to get more people in and qualified prior to the AJC being held in Queensland in 2015.

**Meeting Closed: 3.45pm**

Next Meeting: Saturday, 29 March, 2014, at Palm Beach Squash Centre, Palm Beach following the Annual General Meeting.

Roslyn Preston – President

Date approved:.....