



TAWA SQUASH CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Subject:	Minutes of the AGM held on 9 December 2018
Present:	Adam Blanken, Andrew Smith, Ann Smith (Committee Member), Anthony Bowe (Vice President), Averalie Paenga, Barbara Davies, Brendan White, Bridie Richardson, Bryan Smith (Chair & President), Cathy Percy, Cheryl Nicholson, Chris Appleby, Chris Sinclair (Property Co-ordinator), Chrissie Kelman, Craig Nicol, Damon Winter, Darrin Leggett, Des Bloomfield, Des Nicholson, Duhee Kim, Duncan Smeaton, Erica Bowe, Eva Richardson, Evan Williams, Flynn Farmer, Fran Lints (Committee member), Geordie Fisher, Geordie Grieve, Gordy Hunter, Graham Williams, Hayley Presling, Greyling, Ian Richardson, Jen Petersen, Kim Grieve, Krishna Naidu, Lisa McGrath, Louise Sinclair, Madeleine Farmer, Malcolm Thomas, Margie Peterson, Martin Finnimore, Mary Ellen Wakefield, Megan Wakefield, Michael Hutchison, Mike Slape, Mike Wynne-Jones, Miles Fleming, Nick Hogg (Treasurer), Nicola Ward-Thomas, Nikki Farmer (Junior Co-ordinator), Patrick McArdle, Paul McKelvey, Peter Bowers (Club Manager & Committee member), Peter Gooch, Peter Highsted, Raiko Richardson, Raj Nallaiah, Rebekah Rogers, Renee Waihi, Rex Verry, Richard Allan, Richard Creasy, Richie Hoare (Squash Development Co-ordinator), Ryan Wilson, Sandrina Williams, Scott Farmer, Shaun McMeekin, Simon Hogg (Committee Member), Steve Dennis, Steve Loader, Terry Henry, Thea Rogers, Tim Perinpanayagam, Tony Nelson
Apologies:	Sandra Tinkler, Trish Gavin, Steve Baker, Matt Bull, Gerard Bone, Nick Mita, Grant Slape, Aaron Havill.

Item 1 – Welcome

- Bryan opened the meeting at 2:10pm, welcomed everyone and explained the agenda.
- Apologies were noted.

Item 2 – Approval of previous AGM minutes held on 3rd December 2017

The only matter arising from the minutes was the date – noted by Tim Perinpanayagam. Advised the date should be 3rd December, not 2nd as stated. Peter Bowers agreed to make the change.

- Moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting by Ann Smith
- Seconded by Simon Hogg
- The minutes of the AGM held on 3rd December 2017 were approved.

Item 2 – Approval of previous Special General Meeting (SGM) minutes held on 29th April 2018

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

- Moved as a true and accurate record of the meeting by Nick Hogg

- Seconded by Fran Lints
- The minutes of the SGM held on 29 April 2018 were approved.

Item 3 – Adoption of Annual report

- Bryan Smith, Club President thanked the huge number of members for attending the AGM and then provided a summary of the Annual report highlighting the following:
 - a most successful year in particular, with the winning of the NZ Squash Club of the Year and the Sport Wellington Sports Club of the year.
 - successful implementation of a women’s co-ordinator role and the exciting programme that is in store for next year.
 - The property working group have completed a future plan for maintenance and improvements.
 - Congratulations were extended to Nikki Farmer and the Juniors for winning the Wellington Junior Interclub competition.
 - The North Island Junior Age Grade Tournament co-hosted between Tawa and Mana was a huge success with fantastic reviews from several avenues. Special mention was made of the leadership provided by Steve Dunbar for this event.
 - A doubles tournament is scheduled for Tawa next year.
 - All major sponsors were thanked – Harcourts Tawa, Thump Sports, A-Z Flooring, Totalflow, and GG Builders.
 - All volunteers were thanked.
 - Peter Bowers as Club Manager and the management committee were thanked for their support.

Item 4 – Financial Report

- Bryan introduced Nick Hogg, the treasurer, to deliver the 2018 Financial Report
- Nick summarised the main points as follows:
 - It has been a successful year with bottom line earnings of \$1,190 after depreciation, non-trading items, transfer to club reserves and some other expenses carried forward from the previous year.
 - The reviewers had questioned the charging of depreciation in the books as in their opinion there was no benefit to the club by doing this.
 - All building levies of \$7,615 were carried forward to the General Club Reserve which now sits at \$14,695
 - The financial performance was generally better than budget.
 - In overall terms the Club finances which includes its liquidity, are in good shape with assets exceeding liabilities by \$66,000 at the end of this financial year compared with \$52,000 at the same time last year.
- Bryan opened the floor for questions.
- Duncan Smeaton asked if provision was being made to build a new court in the immediate future. Nick responded by saying that at an estimated price tag of around \$1 million it is unlikely to happen in the very near future.

- Bryan asked for members to move to accept the annual report as presented including the financials which were
 - Moved by Graeme Williams, and
 - Seconded by Geordie Grieve
- Bryan advised that there is no intent to increase annual subscriptions for the next financial year.

Item 5 – Election of Officers

- Bryan advised that the post of president was being contested and the candidates were Geordie Grieve and Bryan Smith.
- Bryan asked if there were any further nominations from the floor to which there were none.
- Before voting commenced, Louise Sinclair stated that many members had read what Geordie plans to bring to the role and asked Bryan if he would like to explain what he would bring, an invitation duly accepted by Bryan. When completed, Geordie was also asked if he wished to address the audience and he briefly reiterated what was on his personal profile which had been available for members to read at the club over the previous week.

A secret ballot was then called for, in accordance with the rules of the constitution which required 3 members present to make the request, by Ann Smith, Graeme Williams and Peter Highsted.

The scrutineers Simon Hogg and Fran Lints advised the voting process to be followed which all full financial members were entitled to participate in. Ballot papers were then handed out. Once voting was completed the scrutineers carried out the count.

Bryan announced the result of the ballot, that was advised by the scrutineers Simon Hogg and Fran Lints without the actual number of votes cast for each candidate being disclosed, that the President for 2019 was Geordie Grieve. Bryan duly congratulated Geordie.

Vice President – Anthony Bowe elected unopposed.

Club Captain – Chris Sinclair elected unopposed.

Treasurer – Nick Hogg elected unopposed.

Junior Co-ordinator – Nikki Farmer nominated from the floor - elected unopposed.

Women’s Co-ordinator – Louise Sinclair elected unopposed.

Property Co-ordinator – Simon Hogg elected unopposed.

Committee Members (3) – Brendan White, Fran Lints and Kim Grieve (who was nominated from the floor) – all elected

Squash Development Co-ordinator – vacant – no applicants, secondment required from incoming committee

Business Development Co-ordinator – vacant – no applicants, secondment required from incoming committee

Item 6 – Constitutional Changes

- Two minor changes were submitted for amendment, which were as follows:

- a) "The quorum at any SGM shall be eleven (15) members"
to be changed to
" The quorum at any SGM shall be fifteen (15) members"

And

- b) "MINUTES : A minute taker will be appointed at each meeting to accurately record and publish the meetings minutes to all Management Committee members within seven (7) days of each meeting"
to be changed to
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A third proposed change around reciprocal rights was cancelled as the need for it was superseded by the subsequent receipt of a letter from Squash Wellington which can now be displayed in the club beside its liquor licence to address the specific issue and thus avoids the need to have it included in the constitution.

Item 7 – Appointment of a Reviewer

It was explained by Peter Bowers that the Club is now paying market rates for this review work to be done as opposed to the historic use of an Honorary Reviewer.

Item 8 – General Business

- Richard Allan asked if the pitting on court 1 and 2 front walls was being addressed soon. The response from Chris Sinclair, outgoing property co-ordinator, was that it wasn't an immediate priority but is scheduled to be done in the new year.
- After congratulating Geordie on his election as President and thanking Bryan for his contribution as President over the last year, Louise Sinclair expressed, without disclosing any specific details, her personal opinion of disappointment at what she saw as inappropriate behaviours being displayed in the last few weeks in the lead up to this AGM. Louise went on to say that nevertheless she was looking forward to working with the new committee.

Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 3:40pm