

TAWA SQUASH CLUB INC



Annual General Meeting – Meeting Minutes

Held	Sunday 6 th December, 2020 @ 4 pm		
Where	Tawa Squash Club		
Present	Graham Williams John Wolyncewicz Richie Hoare Craig Nicol Richard Creasy Chris Appleby Des Bloomfield Conrad Wildig Nicola Ward-Thomas Tim Perinpanayagam	Anthony Bowe Geordie Grieve Scott Farmer Flynn Farmer Matt Green Stephen Dean Peter Highsted Jeremy Thomas Cheryl Nicholson Anna Du Plessis	
Apologies	Rex Verry, Terry Henry, Kim Grieve		
Minutes	Anna		

Agenda Items

1. Meeting Opened - Geordie @ 4:03pm – welcome
2. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on 8th December 2019
<p>Peter Bowers moves the previous minutes are an accurate reflection of the meeting. Anthony Bowe seconds. All in favor.</p> <p>Peter Bowers advised that in the previous minutes Graham Williams raised the secretary position is vacant to which Peter Bowers advised the role is merged into the club managers role – however the annual report still shows the secretary as a specific role.</p>
3. Adoption of Annual Report
<p>Geordie Grieve spoke to the report:</p> <p>The year has been very unusual, and Peter Bowers managed to hold everything together and including organizing the government wage subsidy.</p> <p>Plans for the new court were stalled a bit by COVID-19 up but it's going ahead now. By the end of the year we should have full working drawings. We have been allocated the hosting rights of the NZ Masters event next year (October) subject to court four being completed by mid August.</p> <p>The worst feature of the year operationally was the lack of activity and growth in juniors sector. This will be priority next year.</p>

Congratulations were extended to Debbie Dunbar for Wellington Senior Squash Women's player of the year, and Matt Green for Wellington Masters men's player of the year, as well as division 5 men's interclub team who won their division. Also to Ollie Dunbar and Liam McGrath, both selected for the Wellington Juniors team.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the club and making it a successful year, particularly contributing their subs during lockdown.

4. Financial Report

Kim Grieve is away and had asked if Peter **Bowers** can stand in for the financial report.

Clayton Webb, a chartered accountant has assisted with the financials and is confident that there should not be any undue issues. They will be reviewed in due course from a certified reviewer.

Key areas were sport NZ relief initiative, as well as Squash NZ and SQ Wn gave us a rebate on membership fees, which put us in good light for the year.

Member subscriptions generally continued to be paid through COVID-19 which helped keep the club afloat and shows the bond the club members here.

Membership is down 14%, started dwindling the year before last. Covid-19 has affected this somewhat.

Bar and kitchen proceeds were expectedly down on the previous years (the previous year included a record week of trade due to hosting of a national superchamps final.) Without the impact of that record week, 2020 bar trading was still 95% of 2019's and was higher than all of the previous year (2018) even though we lost 2 months of trading. This trading loss included 2 cancelled functions and two cancelled tournaments (one of which was rescheduled to the next financial year).

Peter **Bowers** thanked the loyal sponsors who provided sponsorship for tins, courts, and tournaments.

Bank account sat at \$110,182. Close to \$100K is potentially usable by the club. When the 4th court goes forward we should be able to contribute a fair percentage (around 20%). This includes the building levy which has accumulated approximately \$30K and is earmarked for new building work, not maintenance.

The bottom line for the year showed a net surplus of \$22.5K. When the building levy is included and depreciation is removed, we still had a net surplus of approximately \$13,800. This was a very good end result.

Peter **Bowers** asks that the financial report is adopted, subject to a review in the new year.

A question is asked whether the club does not have a reviewer. Peter **Bowers** explains that new accountabilities now make it quite difficult to find a reviewer, and a professional will have to be engaged at the clubs cost.

Graham Williams has a possible person to approach that does the same function at the Tawa Bowls Club.

Tim Perinpanayagam proposed that the report be adopted and Graham Williams seconded it.

5. Remit: That Tawa Squash Club changes its financial year to 31st December (currently 30th September) as from 2021.

Rationale –

- To align with Squash Wellington and Squash NZ who have both recently changed their financial years to 31st December. This will align our affiliation fee periods with both bodies.
- To allow the financial accounts to be reconciled during a quieter time in the year
- To ensure when a new committee is elected there is no 6-8 week hiatus when they don't meet
- To ensure the AGM isn't held at a time when member's time is being competed for with the run up to

Peter **Bowers** moves that the remit is accepted, Peter Highsted seconds, all in favour.

6. Setting of Subscriptions and Building Levies

Peter Bowers moves not to increase subscriptions for the next year, Scott Farmer seconds, all in favour.

7. Election of Officers

Current

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| 1. President
Chris Appleby. | Geordie Grieve | Nominated by Peter Bowers , seconded by |
| 2. Vice President*
Cheryl Nicholson. | Anthony Bowe | Nominated by Peter Bowers , seconded by |
| 3. Treasurer
Peter Bowers | Kim Grieve | Nominated by Grieve Geordie, seconded by |
| 4. Club Captain
Du Plessis . NOTE: Deon Van Rensberg has agreed to assist | Aaron Havill | Nominated by Peter Bowers , seconded by Ann |
| 5. Womens coordinator | Vacant | |
| 6. Junior Co-ordinator | Vacant | |
| 7. Club Development Coordinator | Vacant | |
| 8. Marketing and Communications | Vacant | |
| 9. Squash Development
Cheryl Nicholson. | Anthony Bowe | Nominated by Peter Bowers , seconded by |
| 10. Property Co-ordinator | Des Bloomfield, Chris Appleby – happy to continue | |
| 11. Business Development | Vacant | |
| 12. Committee (up to three) | | |

Peter Bowers nominates Nicola Ward-Thomas, seconded by Malcolm Thomas, all in favour.

Peter **Bowers** nominates John Wolynceiwicz, all in favour.

Geordie Grieve nominates Cheryl Nicholson, all in favour.

* Although Anthony Bowe was nominated for Vice President, when the Squash Development role came up he explained he would prefer that role and was duly elected. The incoming committee will thereby look at seconding people for the unfilled positions, including that of Vice President.

8. General Business

- Graham Williams enquired about the 4th court, and where the funding would come from. Geordie advised the original plans for resource consent was priced as around \$300K mark. With more engineering expertise it might go up to \$400K. Applications to NZ Community trust, are hinting at around \$120K *which* is very inspiring (before lockdown). Lotteries will also be a consideration for funding. Pete says the club has the council backing which should be a great help.
- NZ Masters competition has been allocated to Tawa with help from Mana is in late October subject to a glass back court being completed by mid August otherwise Mana will become the host.
 - Graham Williams asks that everyone be kept up to date with progress.
- Other: LIFE MEMBERSHIP RICHIE HOARE

- Peter Bowers read out a list of achievements and contributions from Richie Hoare over more than 25 years of association with Tawa Squash which culminated in the granting of Life Membership.
- Richie Hoare says thanks to everyone, especially Peter Bowers. He says the club promotes great diversity, and friendships are formed with anyone from 8 to 80. This is quite unique.

Meeting Closed 4:47 pm

Next Meeting: TBA but in March 2022