

## Newcastle Squash Rackets Association

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

1. Call to order  
Trish Medioli called the meeting to order at 7.32pm
2. Register

| Delegates        |            | Visitors       | Apologies        |
|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|
| Dragan Mijatovic | Hit'n'Dip  | Jeremy Ryan    | Helen Campbell   |
| Wal Gray         | Cardiff    | Melody Francis | Pat Wilkinson    |
| Joe Ghattas      | Wyong      | Sally Moody    | Chris Corling    |
| David Sherwood   | University | Trish Medioli  | Lynn Philpott    |
| Tony Elloy       | Cardiff    | Tim Dann       | Tanya Bailey     |
| Neil Ross        | Medowie    | John Carroll   | Paul Faulkner    |
| Sharon Bamback   | Hit'n'Dip  |                | Todd Noon        |
| Donna Mallon     | Dora Creek |                | Kay Linsley      |
| Ken Melvey       | Dora Creek |                | Frank Benaquista |
|                  |            |                | Les Kiskapati    |

3. Approval of minutes from last meeting- carried.  
Approved: Dave Sherwood  
Seconded: Joe Ghattas
4. Business arising from previous minutes – nil.
5. Life Membership badge from previous year's appointment presented to John Carroll.
6. Elections of the following Office Bearers for 2017
  - a. President – Trish Medioli
  - b. Patron – John Carroll
  - c. VP Admin – Todd Noon
  - d. VP Promotions – Jeremy Ryan
  - e. Treasurer – Sally Moody
  - f. Chairperson Women's Pennants – Tanya Bailey
  - g. Chairperson Men's Pennants – Paul Faulkner
  - h. Junior Chairperson – Melody Francis
  - i. Women's Pennants Committee – Marie Milek & Marg Turner
  - j. Men's Pennants Committee – Dave Sherwood & Joe Ghattas
  - k. Promotions Committee – Wal Gray, Tony Elloy, Marie Payne, Chris Jenkinson

## 7. Consideration of motions

Motion 1: The NSRA pennant comp is a weekday comp and the Grand Finals should be on a weekday evening as too many players have work, family commitments and other sport on the weekend.

TM discussed reasons why GF went to Saturday - Council initially advised not enough courts for GF by Cardiff and this will become a problem again in the new year. Discussed feedback from players, court owners, positive feedback from trial Autumn weekend grand finals and survey of players, etc. Discussed short term and long term options, including GF being on a Sunday instead or a presentation night. Was generally agreed that the constitution currently allows for grades to move if they cannot make the Saturday with due notice etc etc but the feedback on this from the teams that moved this season was that when there were only 2 teams playing their GF there wasn't the same atmosphere that was on the Saturday or a Wednesday when everyone played. If we move all teams to various week nights we will not be giving the atmosphere of an 'event' to any of the players and lose the ability to use these occasions to promote the sport. Obviously each season the calendar will need to be consulted to try and avoid most known events from being an issue. Overall there didn't seem to be less referees than are usually there on a weeknight.

Motion voted on - 1 for, remainder against- Motion denied.

Motion 2: The one season trial of 'Play to recording system (Matrix) ranking order' with automatic re-ordering of teams approved at last AGM be adopted as a permanent playing condition.

Feedback discussed that there were overwhelmingly positive responses to this in player surveys.

Motion – carried unanimously.

Motion 3: Reserves policy trialled in the Autumn 2017 comp to support 'playing to Matrix ranking order be retained.'

Motion – carried unanimously.

Motion 4: To move towards a more cost effective and environmentally friendly option for running the association, including making online forms available and primarily providing Pennants booklets in digital, rather than paper copies to all clubs and players.

Motion – carried unanimously.

Motion 5: To run a trial over the next season to have players, or a subset of players in selected grades enter their own scores online.

Motion – carried unanimously.

8. Appointment of Auditor Graeme Pritchard of Nelson St Wallsend the previous auditor was proposed – motion carried.

## 9. General Business

Reserve rules – discussion of feedback from players about issues, and stricter rules around GF's may not be appropriate and creates undue confusion to be fully looked at before next AGM. Discussed matrix adjustments during season.

Constitutional changes should be made so that a motion may be adjusted and voted on during the AGM rather than being voted out on wording, semantics or a need for compromise which cannot be currently catered for.

Meeting Closed: 8:39pm