SQUASH SOUTHLAND AGM
Venue: ILT Stadium Southland, Legends Lounge 1
Date/Time: 15 February 2023, 7.00pm

Apologies	Gareth Kean [Tapanui President]; Dan Nieuwenhuyse [FLD President]; Dave Madden [SS Life Member]; Andrea Dudley [Makarewa];
	Jacob Priergaard Petersen [Balfour President]; Angee Shand [ILT]; Brent Hansen [GTC President]

Attendance	Chris Heaslip [SS Board Chair]; Duncan Stalker [SS Board]; Bridgett Hitchens [SS Board]; Lawrence Paskell [SS Board]; Alan Croswell
	[SS Board]; Bruce Thirkell [SS DM]; Anthony O'Connor [SS contract]; Karyn Flett [Squash City Sec]; Rach Mercer [Makarewa Junior Co-
	ordinator]; Vanessa O'Connor [Riverton President]; Phil Arnold; Roger Patterson [Waiau President]; Andy Yule [Makarewa President];
	Tanya Colyer [Riverton]

Agenda	Discussion
Welcome	Chris welcomed all and thanked everyone for coming. Roll call taken. Apologies moved by Chris Heaslip and Seconded by Phil Arnold.
1. Minutes of Last Year's Meeting	Minutes a true and accurate record. Moved: Karyn Flett Seconded: Bridgett Hitchens Matters arising of these minutes: N/A
2. Review of Reports: Chairman's Report & DM Report	Chairman's Report Moved: Chris Heaslip Chairman's Report Seconded: Vanessa O'Connor District Manager's Report Moved: Bridgett Hitchens District Manager's Report Seconded: Lawrence Paskell No initial questions raised from either report

3. Financial Report	Anthony stated that the organisation was in a solid financial position after funding applications to the ILT & ILT Foundation had been approved at the same amounts as 2022.
	These accounts are still to be audit approved after some minor changes.
	Roger Patterson questioned the drop in administration wages. The reason for this was that Anthony now works on contract so his wage fee has dropped significantly, with some admin responsibilities passing over to Bruce.
	Andy Yule questioned the rise in Masters costs. Anthony explained that it had been entered differently, and that the money had been recovered by the Masters team.
	Moved: Anthony O'Connor Seconded: Duncan Stalker
4. Election of Officers	Lawrence Paskell and Bridgett Hitchens' two year tenures were up for renewal. Alan Croswell's one year tenure after replacing Nic Jordan was up for renewal. Nominations in writing were received from: Lawrence Paskell, Bridgett Hitchens and Alan Crosswell. There were no nominations from the floor. Lawrence, Bridgett and Alan were all re-elected for two years.

5. General Business	Bruce started discussions on current topics which lead to further talks on:
	Interclub: reminder of entry dates and changes to various competition formats, agreed to by clubs at the 2022 end of season meetings
	Squash NZ update: lots of negative feedback on the upcoming new Affiliation structure; potential costs of MySquash; and in particular the Activity Fee. All of these are set to be introduced in 2024. Andy Yule recommended that Squash Southland write a letter to the Squash NZ Board voicing the concerns of the District and our clubs. All agreed that this should be done. Confirmed by Squash Southland.
	Club ball supply no longer available through Squash NZ. Top Shots have offered to supply all Southland clubs for \$60 per dozen including GST. Karyn explained that they would need support with this offer to make it viable going forward. Bruce to contact clubs with the information.
	The fi innovations Southland Open poster has been released with entries limited to 120. Already at 80 after less than a week.
	The proposed 2023 South Island District Open Series will not be happening. Hopefully to be launched in 2024. The delay is down to some Districts [not Southland] not being ready.
	The stand-alone South Island Open is expected to go ahead in Christchurch from July 14-16 [Matariki Weekend]. Going forward, this is expected to be a Premier event in the South Island and to rotate between the 4 Districts.
	Southland Graded Teams' Event / SuperChamps
	Coaching and coaching resources update, including National and Southland coach development opportunities, plus the online SquashSmart.
	Monday Night Doubles will be run as fundraisers for Southland Rep teams. Income raised should be at least enough for new playing shirts. Any extra would help to reduce costs for those representing Southland.
	Excitement over the NZ Masters being held at Squash City in October, including the 3 rd and Final Trans-Tasman Test.
	Updated Junior squash pathway from Ungraded events to a 900 Series, club 1 Dayers and the Southland Junior Open.
	Squash Southland Awards' Night to be held at the Kelvin Hotel on Saturday, November 11 with a dinner. Approximate cost of \$50pp to attend.
	Club contact form to be updated to an editable Word document to make it easier for clubs. Suggested by Anthony O'Connor.

 Rules & Ref sessions. Hoping to confirm Nicky McNaught as the deliverer, with Squash Southland to cover her travel expenses. No expectations on the number to be delivered. Potential WhatsApp contact group suggested. No interest from clubs. Following on from a suggestion made by Dave Madden at the previous AGM, Squash Southland has raised the proposal of visiting clubs on an individual basis to work together to increase membership and participation. Bruce explained that this didn't happen in 2022 due to workload and time constraints, but that it had been discussed at the recent Roadshows and had been met with support, so the process of contacting clubs to ascertain interest would begin ASAP. Squash Southland is to create and distribute a database of coaches who make themselves available to visit clubs. The clubs and coaches would then co-ordinate between themselves to confirm dates, costs and all details. Phil Arnold offered to help out Squash Southland in any way needed. This was acknowledged and appreciated. Chris Heaslip opened the floor for comments. General support received.
Meeting closed at 8.05pm Signed by: