

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Northern Squash Association held on Monday 16 November 2020 at 18:30 at PHSOB**

### **1. Welcome**

Blaar Coetzee (BC) welcomes everyone to the AGM.

### **2. Apologies**

As per the attendance register attached.

### **3. Attendance**

An attendance register was circulated and signed by everyone present. A copy of the attendance register is attached to the minutes. A quorum is established.

### **4. Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM held on 29 October 2019**

Proposed by Bertus Kruger

Seconded by Mike Pierce

### **5. Matters arising from previous minutes**

None

### **6. Ratification of the NSA By-Laws for 2021**

No changes to the league rules. Very few league matches were played therefore no issues arose. It was unanimously decided to keep the rules unchanged.

### **7. Financial Report**

The Annual Financial Statements were circulated and is also available on the website. NSA only received 25% of its income during 2020 due to the Covid-19 situation. The IPT that was held fell outside of the financial year for 2020 and these costs will be reflected in the 2021 financial report. Toepie Wood suggests that a note should be made in the AFS to explain the decrease in income due to Covid-19. The AFS is signed off with the addition that will be added to explain the drop in income due to Covid-19.

#### **2020 Management Committee**

Blaar Coetzee (Chairman), Cornelia Read (Treasurer), Gerda Dreyer (Administrator), Innes de Vries, Musa Malinga, Bronwen Martin, Angelo Shaik, Derek van der Merwe & Blaine Verhage

## **8. Club fees and levies:**

BC – small increases are made every year rather than a large increase after a few years. The proposed levies are R 2000 per team and R 120 per league player. It was unanimously decided to accept the increases as proposed.

## **9. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman's report was circulated via email and published on the Northerns website. BC read out a summary of the Chairman's Report. The report is attached to these minutes. BC thanks the NSA Committee for their input and work during 2020.

No questions on the Chairman's report.

## **10. Election of Office Bearers for 2021**

Musa Malinga resigned from the committee earlier during 2020. Innes de Vries and Blaine Verhage did not make themselves available for re-election.

All other members on the committee are available for re-election – Blaar Coetzee, Cornelia Read, Bronwen Martin, Angelo Shaik and Derek van der Merwe. There is a nomination for Jacques Kruger (member of Harlequins club), he was nominated by TUKS. No nominations from the floor.

Jacques Kruger was elected unanimously.

## **11. Appointment of Auditor for the year ending 30 September 2020**

BC suggests that Auditors Frits Beyers Incorporated will be retained as auditors for NSA.

Proposed: Brett Cousins

Seconded: Mark Southwood

It was unanimously decided to appoint Frits Beyers Incorporated for 2021.

## **12. General**

- Adoption of the Guardian Policy – added to the agenda

A Safeguarding Policy to protect children in the squash community was circulated via email. This policy was adopted by Squash SA at the Convention and by the Squash SA executive committee.

The proposal is to adopt the policy and make the necessary semantic adjustments to make it applicable to Northerns and that the EXCO be mandated to approve those changes and to implement the policy in the NSA.

Proposed: Blaar Coetzee

Seconded: Cornelia Read

It was unanimously decided to adopt the Guardian Policy.

- Liz Mackenzie requests that when the league calendar is compiled, to take into account that Universities are only opening on 15 March 2021. BC will take this into account when setting up the league dates.
- Marking and Refereeing courses will continue during 2021. The qualification is valid for 3 years.

**The meeting closes at 18:45 and the first NSA Committee meeting will be held within 30 days.**