

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Northerns Squash Association held on Monday 14 November 2022 at 19:00 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 16 November 2020

Proposed by: Mark Southwood

Seconded by: Mike Pierce

5. Matters arising from previous minutes

None

6. Proposed changes to the by-laws for approval by the Northerns Squash Federation for the 2023 season.

BC mentions that the current dates as per the By-Laws remain unchanged.

A technicality that must be rectified is to make it clear in the By-Laws that if a match is played earlier- before the scheduled date – that that match must be played before the actual fixture and not before the next upcoming fixture.

No objections. Changes to the By-Laws are unanimously approved.

7. Financial Report

BC discusses the financial report and highlights the following:

- On page 7 of the Annual Financial Statements, it is stated that NSA had R 149 000.00 of “Trade and other Receivables” at the end of the financial year as opposed to R 87 000.00 at the end of the previous financial year. This is because the clubs were slower to pay their annual fees compared to previous years.
- On page 14 – NSA tournament fees decreased from R 212 340.00 to R 43 457.00. One of the reasons for this is that in the previous financial year, some of our income came in in the wrong financial year – 2 IPT incomes in the same year. Another reason is that in the past we invoiced players to play in the Growthpoint IPT, but for 2022 the strategy was changed and the players were responsible for their own transport to the IPT and had to pay it in advance, this was a good strategy and we will continue with this going forward.
- No Golf day was held in 2022
- PSA tournaments – Fewer entries during 2022 and the top 32 PSA players enter for free.

8. Club fees and levies for 2023

BC – small increases are made every year rather than a substantial increase after a few years. The proposed levies for 2023 are R 2200 per team and R 135 per league player. The proposed increases were unanimously accepted.

9. Chairperson 's Report

BC reads out a summary of the Chairperson's Report. The report will be posted on the website. BC mentions that he moved to Limpopo Province permanently, because of work commitments. According to the Constitution, he is not allowed to serve as Chairperson of the NSA. He therefore must step down as Chairperson and he thanks everyone for their support during his time serving as Chairperson of the NSA.

10. Election of Office Bearers for 2023

Brett Cousins was nominated for the position of chairperson for NSA. No other nominations were received.

No nominations from the floor.

All current committee members are available to serve on the committee and do not have to be re-elected. BC will also be available to serve on the committee as a member.

Derek van der Merwe resigned from the committee and BC thanked him for his service.

Brett Cousins is elected unopposed as Chairperson for NSA and BC congratulates him.

11. Appointment of Auditor for the year ending 30 September 2023

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

Proposed: Blaar Coetzee

Seconded: Donald Weir

It was unanimously decided to appoint Frits Beyers Incorporated for 2023.

12. General

De Jongh van der Berg raises the issue of Marking and Refereeing as prescribed in the By-Laws.

BC confirms that in 2023 courses will have to be presented again and mentions that the Marking and Refereeing qualification is only valid for 2 years, thus courses are necessary and will be implemented as intended.

BC discusses the NSA Prize giving function and mentions that quotations received for the function were very expensive. BC suggests a more informal function to be in line with the NSA budget. Attendees all agree that it is important to have a function even if the format is more informal. BC confirms that a function will be held.

The meeting closes at 19:30