



## **TASMANIAN SQUASH RACKETS ASSOCIATION INC MEETING**

**Date:** Saturday 18 December 2010

**Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** Eastside Squash Centre or via Skype

### **AGENDA**

- 1. PRESENT**
- 2. APOLOGIES**
- 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS & OUTWARDS**
- 6. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 7. GENERAL BUSINESS**
  - 7.1 Report Grant Delivery
  - 7.2 Report Delivery of Primary School Squash Promotion
  - 7.3 Report Ian Hocking Memorial Medal
  - 7.4 Report Attendance at SAEOG Meeting
  - 7.5 Report Attendance at MPIO Meeting
  - 7.6 Report AJC 2012
  - 7.7 Report NZ Squash Tour
  - 7.8 Report Coaches' Meeting
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
  - 8.1 Affiliation Fees for 2011 – currently \$35 senior, \$24 junior
- 9. CLOSE**

Cheryl Unsworth

Secretary

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**  
**From: Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**Subject: 2010 Grant Program Delivery**

**Background**

The Tasmanian Squash Academy was engaged by Squash Tasmania to deliver the Squash-in-Schools Promotion funded by Sport and Recreation Tasmania and the Tasmanian Squash Academy. Refer to the attached reports dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

**Discussion**

The Squash-in-Schools program delivery for 2010 has been completed.

The Academy was engaged to deliver the Squash-in-Schools program to 28 schools. The program was delivered to 32 schools. The promotion was delivered to nearly 5,000 primary school children.

A summary of the Squash-in-Schools Promotion 2010 Outcomes is attached.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the Tasmanian Squash Academy on the delivery of the 2010 Squash-in-Schools program be received.

**Chris Doig**

**Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy**

**4<sup>th</sup> December, 2010**

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Date	School	Squash centre	Program	Promotion	Come & Try	
				Number	Number	% A
				A	B	
Mar-10	Albuera Street Primary	University	Squash-in-School	75	3	4%
Mar-10	Albuera Street Primary	University	Totball	73	4	5%
Mar-10	Bellerive Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	169	30	18%
May-10	Bellerive Primary	Eastside	Totball	112	5	4%
Oct-10	Cambridge Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-School	202	2	1%
Oct-10	Cambridge Primary	Eastside	Totball	78	7	9%
Jul-10	Corpus Christi Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	181		N/A
Jul-10	Corpus Christi Primary	Eastside	Totball	122	13	11%
May-10	Cottage School	Eastside	Totball			No data returned
May-10	Devonport Primary	Devonport	Squash-in-School	168	30	18%
May-10	Devonport Primary	Devonport	Totball	88	4	5%
Apr-10	East Devonport Primary	Devonport	Squash-in-Centre	52		N/A
Apr-10	Friends Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	46	2	4%
Mar-10	Goulbourne Street	University	Squash-in-School	90	5	6%
Mar-10	Goulbourne Street	University	Totball	39	0	0%
Oct-10	John Paul 2	Eastside	Squash-in-School	83	2	2%
Oct-10	John Paul 2	Eastside	Totball	52	1	2%
May-10	Kingston Primary	Kingborough	Squash-in-School	101	23	23%
May-10	Kingston Primary	Kingborough	Totball	140	15	11%
May-10	Lauderdale Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-School	213	0	0%

May-10	Lauderdale Primary	Eastside	Totball	116	6	5%
Oct-10	Launceston Preparatory	L'ton College	Squash-in-School	52	1	2%
Oct-10	Launceston Preparatory	L'ton College	Totball	27	0	0%
May-10	Lindisfarne North	Eastside	Squash-in-School	160	3	2%
May-10	Lindisfarne North	Eastside	Totball	111	4	4%
Mar-10	Montagu Bay Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	105		N/A
Oct-10	Montagu Bay Primary	Eastside	Totball	88	2	2%
Apr-10	Moriarty Primary	Devonport	Squash-in-Centre	26		N/A
Jul-10	Nixon Street Primary	Devonport	Squash-in-School	251	12	5%
Jul-10	Nixon Street Primary	Devonport	Totball	46	0	0%
Nov-10	North West Christian	Penguin	Squash-in-School	18	0	0%
Nov-10	North West Christian	Penguin	Totball	7	0	0%
Jul-10	Penguin Primary	Penguin	Squash-in-Centre	89	5	6%
May-10	Penguin Primary	Penguin	Totball	97	2	2%
Jul-10	Penguin Primary	Penguin	Totball	31	7	23%
May-10	Railton Primary	Railton	Squash-in-School	59	3	5%
May-10	Railton Primary	Railton	Totball	40	0	0%
Oct-10	Redpa Primary	Smithton	Squash-in-School	14	0	0%
Oct-10	Redpa Primary	Smithton	Totball	11	0	0%
Jun-10	Rokeby Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	104	5	5%
Jun-10	Rokeby Primary	Eastside	Totball	41	5	12%
Nov-10	Scotch Oakburn Primary	L'ton College	Squash-in-School	205	9	4%
Sep-10	Scottsdale Primary	Scottsdale	Squash-in-School	191	33	17%
Sep-10	Scottsdale Primary	Scottsdale	Totball	126	41	33%
Mar-10	Smithton Primary	Smithton	Totball	40	7	18%
Jul-10	St Alloysius	Kingborough	Squash-in-Centre	120		N/A
Oct-10	St Cuthberts School	Eastside	Squash-in-School	101	7	7%
Oct-10	St Cuthberts School	Eastside	Totball	87	1	1%
Feb-10	St Pauls Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	25		N/A
May-10	Stanley Primary	Smithton	Squash-in-School	19	6	32%
May-10	Stanley Primary	Smithton	Totball	18	2	11%
Mar-10	Trevallyn Primary	L'ton College	Squash-in-School	142	8	6%
Mar-10	Trevallyn Primary	L'ton College	Totball	136	6	4%
May-10	Warrane Primary	Eastside	Squash-in-Centre	73	7	10%
May-10	Warrane Primary	Eastside	Totball	58	3	5%
Oct-10	Waverly Primary	L'ton College	Squash-in-School	43	1	2%
Oct-10	Waverly Primary	L'ton College	Totball	41	0	0%
			2010 Squash-in-Centre	785	17	2%
			2010 Squash-in-School	1526	96	6%
			2010 Totball	2650	219	8%
			2010 Promotion Total	4961	332	7%

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## **Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**

**From: Tasmanian Squash Academy**

**Subject: Delivery of 2010 Primary School Squash Promotions**

### **Background**

For the past few years the Tasmanian Squash Academy has been appointed to deliver Development Programs for Squash Tasmania. These programs have been funded by Sport and Recreation Tasmania's State Grants Program and the Tasmanian Squash Academy.

This year Squash Tasmania was ruled ineligible for the State Grants Program as we do not have sufficient member numbers in the north of the state (63 telephone district). Squash Tasmania did, however, subsequently apply for another Sport and Recreation Tasmania grant, the Minor Grants Program, and received a \$10,000 grant to deliver squash promotions to primary school children. This grant is conditional on Squash Tasmania funding at least half of the program. The Tasmanian Squash Academy was able to sponsor the Squash Tasmania portion of the funding.

The Squash Tasmania Committee has been kept informed throughout the grant application process.

A number of the 2010 primary school squash promotions have already been delivered by the Tasmanian Squash Academy.

### **Discussion**

This report has been prepared to formalise the engagement of the Tasmanian Squash Academy to deliver the Primary School Squash Promotion for which the grant was obtained.

If approved the process will be as follows:

- Squash Tasmania to accept the \$10,000 grant conditions. These have been accepted.
- Sport and Recreation to transfer the \$10,000 to Squash Tasmania's Bank Account. The money has been transferred.
- The Tasmanian Squash Academy to transfer the \$12,400 sponsorship to Squash Tasmania.
- The Tasmanian Squash Academy to invoice Squash Tasmania for two separate installments of \$10,000, the first in May and the second in November.

Regular progress reports will be provided by the Tasmanian Squash Academy to Squash Tasmania and Sport and Recreation Tasmania.

A copy of the grant application is attached.

### **Recommendation**

That the Report from the Tasmanian Squash Academy on the Delivery of 2010 Primary School Squash Promotions be received and that:

- 1 The Tasmanian Squash Academy's sponsorship of the Primary School Squash Promotion of \$12,400 plus GST is accepted on the condition that the programs are delivered by the Academy.
- 2 The Tasmanian Squash Academy is appointed to deliver the Primary School Squash Promotion.

- 3 Two payments of \$11,200 plus GST each are to be made to the Tasmanian Squash Academy in May and November after satisfactory evidence is provide to the Squash Tasmania Committee that the projects have either been delivered or are on target for delivery.

**Chris Doig**  
**Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**

**From: President**

**Subject: Ian Hocking Memorial Medal**

**Background**

Ian Hocking was a well known squash identity who recently died. A group of fellow squash players have formed a steering committee to oversee the establishment of a memorial to Ian. I was invited to attend one of their meetings follow which a letter from the Convenor of the Steering Committee was forwarded to me. This was previously forwarded to the committee and is attached.

**Discussion**

The responses I have received from the committee regarding the proposal to establish a Ian Hocking Memorial Medal have been supportive.

The steering committee wishes to seek donations to be used to purchase enough medals. The proposal is for the donations to be deposited in Squash Tasmania's bank account and that the funds be set aside for the purchase of medals.

The deposits would either be made by electronic funds transfer directly into the account or be deposited by the Convenor of the Steering Committee, Ralph Tapping.

I understand that once the Memorial Medal is established Squash Tasmania would administer the selection of the recipients and award presentation.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the President of Squash Tasmania regarding the use of the Association bank account for the Ian Hocking Memorial donations be received and that:

1. The use of Squash Tasmania's bank account for donations to the Ian Hocking Memorial Medal be approved and that the funds be set aside exclusively for purchase of the medals.
2. The Convenor of the Steering Committee be advised accordingly and be provided with the Association bank details.

**Chris Doig**  
**President, Squash Tasmania**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2010**

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8 Buscombe Street,  
Bellerive 7018

25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010

Mr Chris Doig,  
President, Tasmanian Squash Rackets Association,  
Eastside Squash Centre,  
69 Cambridge Road,  
BELLERIVE 7018

Dear Chris,

Thank you for your participation in the discussion about the proposed Ian Hocking Memorial Medal to be presented to the "Most Outstanding" Tasmanian player each year.

As we discussed, we would very much appreciate the involvement of the TSRA because the members are active in the game and will be familiar with the current players.

Our Committee is in the process of accumulating a contact list of former players with the aim of seeking donations to enable us to establish an appropriate memorial to Ian Hocking, who was a major force behind the advancement of the game in Tasmania. Before advancing the proposal we need to reach an agreement with the TSRA so that any awards can be made appropriately. Initially there will be one medal each year, but with sufficient financial support we hope to extend this to both male and female players and also to juniors.

We think that any medal should be awarded to a Tasmanian player, broadly based on their performance during the previous 12 months in tournaments around the State, held over a minimum of two days, with the proviso that other results may be taken into account. The following selection guideline is suggested :

70% based on performance  
20% on contribution to the game ( admin., coaching etc )  
10% on attitude to others.

It is suggested that presentations could take place at the Tasmanian Open each year.

Collection of donations to the project will of course involve the handling of moneys. Would the TSRA consider operating a bank account under the auspices of the TSRA to provide a facility for banking of donations and payment of expenses ? We would not expect such an undertaking to be onerous and would very much appreciate your assistance in this way.

We consider this be a project well worthy of support because Ian was a mentor to so many players, particularly in Southern Tasmania and to State teams over some 40 years. Already we have many past players willing and anxious to assist.

We trust that your committee will agree.

Yours sincerely  
Ralph Tapping  
( Convenor, Steering Committee )

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee****From: President****Subject: Attendance at Squash Australia Meetings, Brisbane, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2010****Background**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October I attended two meetings in Brisbane. I was invited by Squash Australia to attend both meetings and I accepted. There is no budget allocation for my attendance and I did not seek prior approval.

**Discussion**

Over the last few years I have attended most Squash Australia Executive Officer's Group (SAEOG) meetings. They are often held in conjunction with other events such as the Squash Australia AGM and an additional budget allocation has not been required. I felt that it was important to attend this meeting and I am now seeking reimbursement of my costs.

In addition to the SAEOG meeting a meeting on the National Squash Calendar was held the following day. This was also an important meeting.

Details of the air fare have been sent to the committee separately. The cost of the air fare was \$759.08 of which \$291.99 cost equalization has paid to the Tasmanian Squash Academy account by Squash Australia. My net air fare cost was, therefore, \$467.09.

In addition, I expect Squash Australia will invoice Squash Tasmania for one night's accommodation costs. The accommodation was ranged by Squash Australia at the cost of each state.

I do not wish to claim additional costs incurred in attending the meetings.

The outcomes of the meetings will be reported on by Squash Australia in due course.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the President of Squash Tasmania on the reimbursement of travel expenses in order to attend Squash Australia meetings on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 be received and that:

1. The President be reimbursed the net cost of air fares of \$467.09.
2. Squash Tasmania pay the accommodation costs associated with the meetings.

**Chris Doig****President, Squash Tasmania****5<sup>th</sup> December, 2010****Report to Squash Tasmania Committee****From: Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy****Subject: Attendance at a Member Protection Information Officer Course****Background**

On several occasions committee members have been invited to attend Member Protection Information Officer Courses. No volunteers were forthcoming.

**Discussion**

Squash Tasmania is obliged to have a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO). Without a MPIO Squash Tasmania's State Grant could be in jeopardy. Therefore, I attended a course and I am now Squash Tasmania's MPIO. Additional MPIO's would be desirable but at present we have met our minimum obligation.

The only course that I could attend was at Elizabeth Town over two consecutive Sundays, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Some costs were incurred by the Tasmanian Squash Academy in attending the course. The Tasmanian Squash Academy wishes to claim \$50 per trip to cover a portion of its cost (a total of \$100).

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the Tasmanian Squash Academy on the attendance of Chris Doig at a Member Protection Officer Course at Elizabeth Town be received and that:

1. Squash Tasmania reimburses the Tasmanian Squash Academy \$100 towards the cost of Chris Doig's attendance at the course.

**Chris Doig,  
Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**

**From: Leon Barnett**

**Subject: AJC 2012**

**Background**

Leon Barnett has been appointed co-ordinator of the AJC 2012 to be held in Devonport.

**Discussion**

To date a small working party has been organised, negotiations with Devonport Council re court hire fees are still ongoing, court refurbishing has been promised and the Council has promised to give this event as much promotion and help as needed. Devonport Squash Club has agreed to have their Clubroom as the rest area and the kitchen area will be available. Quotes for a suitable presentation venue are being sought. It is understood that there may be a change in the playing format with doubles being introduced but as yet no confirmation has been received. The assumption is that we will be notified as time goes by and if so there may be some slight changes to the running regulations.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from Leon Barnett be received and that:

1. The contents of the report be noted.

**Leon Barnett  
Co-ordinator, AJC 2012  
8 December, 2010**

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**  
**From: Manger, Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**Subject: New Zealand Squash Tour Report, July 2010**

**Background**

In July a group of Tasmanian juniors, coaches and parents attended two New Zealand tournaments. The tour was organised by Bill Cook and he has provided a report.

**Discussion**

Bill delivered to me a hard copy of his report. I do not have an electronic copy. A copy of the report will be scanned and forwarded separately.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the Tasmanian Squash Academy on the report by Bill Cook on the New Zealand Squash Tour in July, 2010 be received and that:

1. The contents of Bill Cook's report be noted.

**Chris Doig**  
**Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**9<sup>th</sup> December, 2010**

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**Report to Squash Tasmania Committee**  
**From: Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**Subject: Recommendations from a Meeting of Coaches**

**Background**

A group of coaches held a meeting at the Penguin Junior Tournament. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss junior squash.

**Discussion**

A report prepared by Max Moorhouse on behalf of the coaches that attended a meeting is attached.

**Recommendation**

That the Report from the Tasmanian Squash Academy on the meeting of coaches at the Penguin Junior Squash Tournament be received and that the contents of the report be discussed.

**Chris Doig**  
**Manager, Tasmanian Squash Academy**  
**5<sup>th</sup> December, 2010**

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Date: 6th Nov.

Time:

**Theme: Junior focus 2010 - forward.**

**Max Moorhouse as acting Chairman**

**Those present:**

Max Moorhouse, Bob Uren, Steve Lee, Tim Robertson, Leon Barnett, Greg Ward, Mark Noonan, Linda Pattison.

The aims of the meeting: **The growth of junior squash in Tasmania**

**Chairman's Overview:**

In 2008, Tasmania junior squash began its current extraordinary growth period. Before that time and in early 08 we were lucky to have 25 juniors play in a tournament. That meant junior tournaments in those early days were running at - or close to a loss every time. The low entries meant it was not viable to run a 2 day event so all matches were played on one day only.

A concerted effort was made to find more coaches - to help build up our junior base and to enhance and continue this growth – most of whom are here now at this meeting.

Those clubs with junior programmes were encouraged to hold their own club championships. We brought our club juniors to play your club juniors in your club championships. Smithton, Wynyard, Eastside and Kingborough were later joined by Devonport when it gained an accredited coach and much later Parsons.

It was decided to introduce doubles on Saturday as a fun event for the players and as a good warm-up event for singles – and because the number of entries were still low and also, so that the visitors had 2 days of squash to make the journey worthwhile.

That has been a successful formula until now - where we have an excess of players entering every tournament. The 4 court venues are simply too small to cater for 50 plus entries. In 2011 we may have 70 + entries and by 2013, 100 or more entries.

The cost of accommodation and travel is a major consideration for families as is the number of tournaments - now increased - at least by this one - this year.

This year the funding from Squash Tasmania, for the junior state teams, coaches workshops, and 2 LVL1 coaches courses, has been withdrawn; the reason given by Chris Doig was 'there's no money for it'.

The TSA manages most junior club tournaments professionally but in doing so home courts are unable to take advantage of any profit made outside of the volunteer's tuck shop money. The profit could help offset some of their own junior expenses; I'll ask each of you to comment and put forward your recommendations to be considered.

**Discussions: dot point notes taken by Max.**

Bob :

4 court events to continue. Doubles as separate events.

Steve:

Suggested 2 big tournaments, say around June - other clubs to run their own events.

Perhaps 2 majors are at Eastside and Devonport run by TSA.

TSA invited to run or help 4 court venues.

(TSA has no input to Selection)

Club events should be left up to the clubs.

Each club to generate their own extra income

Have club run tournaments to include all ages.

Leon:

We should form a committee to make recommendations on junior funding to squash Tasmania

Mark:

Chris to continue with his pathways but is working too hard and needs help.

State teams, state team management and State coach (s) needs to be chosen much earlier and fully funded.

Greg:

Get a group structure in place.

Find professional finance person/persons to obtain and manage income.

Identify Grass roots – mid strength – elite juniors.

Max:

Funding for junior squash as an ongoing process.

Place a Levee of \$5 on all player registrations and on all tournament entry fees (agreed by most)

Set the calendar ASAP.

If run by the TSA then set your club event to suit you.

### **The points arising; taken by Bob Uren**

1. That two 'major' tournaments be held at the 8 court centres, per year - i.e. one at Devonport and one at Eastside. These to be 'Team Selection' events.
2. Individual clubs to run their own events (independent of the TSA) - to fit in with the State Calendar of junior events. Funds from these to go back to the individual club. Each club however is free to involve the TSA if so desired.
3. That a Tasmanian Junior Squash Development Committee be set up to organize, oversee and direct the development of junior squash in this state.
4. That an approach be made to Squash Tasmania for extra funding, specifically for the 'Team selection' events.
5. A firm proposal be made that a levee of \$5.00 be included in all registration fees collected in Tasmania, and that such monies be allocated solely to the development of Junior Squash, this being administered by the Tasmanian Junior Squash Development Committee.
6. That the Tasmanian Junior Squash Development Committee establish sub-committees to facilitate fund raising, club tournaments, State Junior Team selection, Calendar scheduling, etc.
7. Via E-mail the state coaches liaise to make firm recommendations to Squash Tasmania regarding the dates for the major ('Team selection') tournaments, having regard to the National Junior Championship events and the preparation of our selected players.
8. That training groups (based on perceived ability and/or on competition performances, be established with, say 2 players, from either each age group or from each division. These to be trained by their club coaches, but each of these players also attend specified 'training camps'.
9. That a State Junior Championship (singles event only) be held each year.
10. That specific dates be established, by which dates selection of the State Training Squad for each year must be finalized - and that this provides adequate time for full training of the individuals so selected.

11. That doubles competition be separate from singles competition in the smaller centres - Devonport and Eastside being excepted.

Looking at the proposals made by Chris in his E-mail of 5/11/2010, there appears to be a reasonable overlap of ideas so hopefully our future negotiations may proceed more smoothly than at least I was anticipating.

**Recommendations: To Squash Tasmania**

1. Club tournaments should remain as the catalyst for club growth and that each member club has the right to conduct its own event or seek the expertise of the TSA management as and when required. Steve Lee suggested that a club event should be juniors and adults combined.

2. That 2 or more major events which cater for PARS matches and 70 + players be included into the 2011 calendar. Those events should be played at 8 court centres.

3. That a Levy of \$5 be added to all player registrations and entry fees and that the money be held in Squash Tasmania's account for the benefit of the state's juniors.