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Dear Club Presidents

Well it has come time for our first update from the board on all squash matters for the new year.

The development grant funding that Squash Canterbury receives from Squash NZ has changed for the new year with the introduction of the Towards 2020 programme being implemented. We would love to know of any programmes and initiatives that you as a club are doing, or have plans of doing for the next year. Please note these can be structural, strategic or operational. We would like to be able to assist in these programmes as much as we can. Thanks for your assistance here.

With the new season coming up fast we seek nominations from you our Events Advisory Group who are offered to give opinions on important rules for interclub and tournaments in our region. Please forward your nominations to [info@squashcanterbury.co.nz](mailto:info@squashcanterbury.co.nz)

Squash Canterbury would like to announce that we have adopted the Squash NZ ruling at their recent AGM about juniors and eyewear. From 1/2/10 it is compulsory for all juniors (aged under 19) to wear eyewear in all forms of squash whether it be junior or senior competition (interclub, tournaments etc.) This is an important health and safety issue and we thank you for your support. Please circulate to your members.

The Squash Canterbury AGM is coming up very soon on Wednesday 3 March, 7pm, at Squash HQ (Sockburn). We look forward to seeing you all there.

At the end of last year the board has completed their plan for the 2010. This covers a wide range of areas and will be presented at the AGM. Also to be presented at the AGM will be a report on the Strategic Plan (2004-09) which came to an end last year. A full agenda will be circulated following the final consideration for remits etc.

Part of this plan was to move Piet Van Hasselt into the Operations Manager role and taking over many of the tasks that were completed by the CEO position in the past. In addition to this change of structure, a new part-time administration position has been advertised. The existing District Coach/CoachForce (Mike Allred) and Junior Development Officer (Tim McVie) part-time roles remain.

Also a component of this plan is to work with Sport Canterbury's Tony Harvey who may approach you soon to discuss being club mark affiliated. This is a great way to look at formalising some of the procedures at the club as well as growing and developing.

Winter Interclub commences on March 22/23 with entries due March 1. Please note that the PAR scoring system that will be used is the short/long format when scores reach 14-all in a game. This was adopted at the Squash NZ AGM. More information will be posted on the Squash Canterbury website in due course.

Unfortunately Squash NZ did not receive the funding to proceed with the National Open Weekend this year, but Squash Canterbury is very interested in running an open day on March 27. More information will be coming very shortly about this, but please prepare your clubs and some volunteers for this initiative to drive up your membership and casual players.

One of our new initiatives this year is to produce an A3-sized full-colour promotional flyer in the Star newspaper, which is well underway. Please take a look at the email circulated from Piet last week about advertising your club details.

Since our last communication we welcome two former club presidents Jeanette Beatty and Stu Camp who have been co-opted onto the board until the AGM in March. Both have been at our last two meetings and were a part of setting the plan for the 2010 year.

Thank you for your support over the summer and we look forward to an exciting winter season.

Regards

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Squash Canterbury