Joburg Junior Squash

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT

PARKVIEW SQUASH CENTRE ON FRIDAY 06th FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6PM

PRESENT
Angelique Clifton-Parks – Chair
Simone Hope – Administrator
parents and coaches as per the attendance register.

APOLOGIES
Jennifer Sawyer
Mike Mitchell
Mike Bester
Jennifer and Barron Charsley

PROXIES
Mike Bester, in favour of Simone.
Mike Mitchell, in favour of Angie.

QUORUM
As a quorum was present, the meeting was opened.

WELCOME
Angie welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the 2024 AGM were proposed by Kris Igrec and seconded by Shelley Manning.

CHAIRMANS REPORT
Angie introduced the committee and thanked them for their work. Her reports is attached.

FINANCIAL REPORT
We are in a good financial position. The tournaments are expensive to run which is why the decision was made to not have prizes and rather keep the costs the same as last year. The leagues were profitable, so we have left the cost the same for this year. The loss made on IPT is due to the unrecovered costs of the U19's flights. Hopefully we will be able to recover some of those costs this year. Sundry creditors is mostly unpaid prizegiving costs.

SELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE
All current committee member were available for reselection.
There were no new nominations.

NEW FORMAT OF JUNIOR SQUASH

The new age groups and format of junior squash was explained. Angie and Simone said that everything that they knew had been passed on to parents and that they would continue to pass on any relevant information.

GENERAL

- *Linda Shannon: The new rules regarding age groups are quite confusing. Do all grade 7's play U13 regardless of their age? What about a player who will turn 14 at the end of their grade 7 year?* JJS will write to SSA and ask for clarity.
- *Linda Shannon: In the new SSA rules, rankings will be published at the end of August. Previously this was the Top 10. Any idea of how many will be included now, specifically for U19, as now all junior players will be included and not only players who are still at school.* JJS will confirm this with SSA. Angie clarifies that we are a junior committee and not aa school committee so anyone under the age of 19 falls under us.
- *Linda Shannon: Players are ranked on SportyHQ. How do they calculate this as there already seems to be errors. Is it based on tournaments? Are they still working on it?* SSA are still working on it and SportyHQ is currently not a true reflection. It is a player's responsibility to make sure that all league matches are sent through for results to be captured, as these will also affect rankings.
  Tseliso Motsoeneng: Do we use SportyHQ for our ladder? No, we use our own system.
- *Linda Shannon: Can players play up an age group?* In the past it has been allowed in certain circumstances. Joburg have only allowed it if the player plays their own age group as well. JJS will find out is SSA is allowing it.
  Tshepo Molefe: A player playing in 2 age groups often doesn't have enough time between matches which makes it very tiring for them.. Arranging the schedule is complicated and we cannot take into account players playing in multiple age groups. We need to consider the majority of players rather than one or two.
- *Elize Kruge: Why the strange cut off dates for age groups?* SSA rule is that a player must be under the age at the end of a tournament. IPT's finish on 1st July so that is the age cut off.
- *Trevor Ferreira: How often does player need to do the M&R course?* Every 3 years. Your certificate shows the expiry date.
- *Amy Lowe: The WSO certificate is very confusing for young players. Is there any chance of having a workshop to help the younger players.* Yes, we will look into this.
- *Tim Schaerer: Do league results affect the ladder?* No, unless it is a challenge match (i.e. players are within 2 places of each other on the current ladder).
- *Angela Steenkamp: Is a school match automatically a challenge match?* No, only if the players are within 2 places of each other.
  Graham Kidson: Does the match have to be pre-approved as a challenge match. No
- *Linda Shannon: Can the ball for Top Schools be decided upon soon? Can JJS secure the accommodation for Top Schools early as there is often a problem getting accommodation in Petermaritzburg once the teams are finalised. Eg, Stay Easy.* JJS will look into this.
- *Zita Gouvea: Thanks for having more squad training sessions.*
- *Sharon Sibinda: Thanked JJS for all they do for Egoli.*
- *Elize Kruge: Thanked the committee for all they do.*

CLOSING

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting closed at 18.55pm.