

Ōtaki Sports Club
AGM MINUTES
Sunday 19 December 2021

Meeting start time: 4:45pm

Present: Hannah Grimmett; Gary Quigan; Lilian Bramley; Tony McMillan; Terama Broughton-Winterburn; Adam Shelton; Tony Hamer

Apologies: Fiona Wilson, Laura Bertelsen

Minutes:

- 2021 March AGM Minutes (re-shared via email pre meeting)

THAT

the Minutes of the 2021 March AGM be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

Moved: Gary

Seconded: Lilian

All agreed

- Annual Financial Report

THAT

the Annual Financial Report (1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021) be adopted

Moved: Tony

Seconded: Terama

All agreed

- Office Holder Reports:

President (Hannah Grimmett) attached

Treasurer (Lilian Bramley) attached

- Code Reports:

Football

Senior football (Laura Bertelsen) attached

Junior football (Kerry Bevan) attached

Squash (Terama Winterburn) attached

Tennis (Gary Quigan) attached

- THAT
the Reports be accepted by members present

Moved: Terama

Seconded: Gary

All agreed

- **Re-/appointment of officers**

President: Hannah Grimmett

Nominated: Gary

Seconded: Terama

All agreed

Vice President: Fiona Wilson

Nominated: Terama

Seconded: Gary

All agreed

Treasurer: Lilian Bramley

Nominated: Hannah

Seconded: Gary

All agreed

Secretary: unfilled

Code Reps (Tennis, Squash & Football):

Tennis: Gary Quigan (senior)
Matt O’Sullivan (junior)

Squash: Terama Winterburn

Football: Laura Bertelsen (senior);
To be confirmed (junior)

Committee members: Adam Shelton
Tony McMillan

- THAT
the election of the above office holders be accepted

Moved: Terama

Seconded: Gary

All agreed

General Business:

Terama mentioned that Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki was considering using local sports clubs (including Ōtaki Sports Club) as quarantine/isolation centres in the event that Ōtaki was closed off from the rest of the country during the pandemic.

Camper vans could be parked in the carpark as accommodation and the club's kitchen and bathrooms could be used by people isolating.

The club had not previously heard of this or been involved in it.

Gifts of appreciation:

The committee gave a box of wine and food treats each to Kerry Bevan (junior football) and Adam Shelton (tennis) in appreciation for the large amount of work they did in the 2020/21 year in growing and developing their respective codes.

President's report, AGM December 2021

We have made significant progress in 2021 as a club. We have many new faces around the club, which is wonderful. There is a positive energy at Otaki Sports Club - it is a great place to be!

As a committee, we would like to continue to improve our whare and facilities and we also want to keep recognising our people and our players that are contributing to the club. We will continue to build our sporting community and continue our kaupapa of bringing people together and having fun, keeping fit and healthy while playing sport.

We've had a significant amount of positive news stories in the media to build the club's profile and bring new people to the club.

We have also received grant funding for junior tennis coaching and the tennis court lighting project.

We've welcomed new coaches to the club that have made a great impact in all three sports. We must continue to value and support our coaches, managers and organisers - our sports depend on it!

Our membership sits at 204 members across the codes.

A big thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes this year. Committee and non-committee members (you know who you are) we would be lost without your support.

In 2022 we look forward to big projects of the tennis court lighting installation and upgrading the changing rooms.

As always, if you can contribute to the club in any way we would love to hear from you. We also really value your feedback.

We will continue to provide sporting opportunities to all, in Otaki.

Nga mihi nui

Hannah Grimmett

Senior Football report

This year Ōtaki Sports Club saw potentially the first women's football team compete for the club. We aren't 100% sure if it is the first but haven't been able to find a record of a women's team. The women's team were able to secure sponsorship from various local businesses across the local area to support their high affiliation fees. The women's team, Ōtaki Kaeaea, won the Wellington Div3 competition and will be promoted to the Wellington Div2 league in 2022. The men's team, Purutaitama, placed 4th in the Kāpiti Horowhenua League after some tight final games against KCU.

This summer one of the women's team members and junior coaches have coordinated and run the annual twilight competition at Haruatai Park on a Friday evening. Due to Covid restrictions in level 2, the competition had restricted teams playing which meant that there wasn't many opportunities for new teams to join the competition. It is hoped that next year the covid restrictions aren't a barrier towards growth and that the club room facilities can be used after the games.

For the upcoming season the football teams are looking towards seeking funding for new nets, balls and uniforms. The current nets have holes in them so are not able to be used appropriately for games, the mens teams balls are flat and they do not have a match ball, and the women's team require an away strip for Div2 due to colour clashes with Wellington teams.

Capital Football is also investigating delivery of a social local league for women in 2022. It would be a reduced field size and only 9 a side. This may be an opportunity to grow women's football in Ōtaki. The senior teams will begin advertising for players in the New Year prior to season beginning in April/May.

Laura Bertelsen

Junior Football report

We had 109 junior players this year. About 50 of them are new, which is the highest we have had for a few years.

This year was probably the final year for our two oldest teams who play 12th grade. This is the last grade kids can play locally in Kapiti. This will mean the club will lose Matt O'Sullivan, Rick Smith, Jeremy Brookman and Simon Heazlewood who have been great coaches and managers for many years. Because of Covid we had individual prize-givings to say our thanks and farewells.

We had a couple of new coaches, Scott Easthope and Brad Milne. Brad is coaching our 9th grade and Scott is helping run the 7th and 8th festival grade. Scott has also sponsored a couple of new strips for our two teams in the festival grade. The weekly festivals for our 7th and 8th grade went well this year. When it was at Otaki once a month there were 200 to 300 people so it's a very busy time at Haruatai park.

We had a junior and senior Otaki College team this year. 90% of our junior team have come through the Otaki Sports Club and a good amount of the senior team as well. The Otaki College really appreciated using the Otaki Sports Club's facilities to feed the Wellington teams after the games.

Overall, it was a great season and all the players old and new had a lot of fun.

Kerry Bevan

Squash Report

Summary of verbal report to AGM, December 2021 from squash captain Terama Broughton Winterburn

Best year for many years for the number of players and involvement from new people

Arrival of coach Tony Hamer will see big improvements in interclub next year.

Terama says he is putting together a history of squash at the club, working with people with the historical knowledge. Also researching the history of the club's squash trophies.

Announced new sponsors of squash cups:

- Heenan family: Open Men
- Matthews family: Junior
- To be confirmed: Open Women

3 squash tournaments being considered for 2022: Summer Open, Matariki, Novice Women. All are uncertain though due to Covid environment. Planning yet to begin.

See Terama's earlier written annual report online at: <http://otakisportsclub.co.nz/squash-report-2021/>

AGM – Tennis Report 19 December 2021, Gary Quigan

I have reported on the early part of this year at the AGM we had in March so will concentrate on the year since then.

There have been 2 great initiatives that have occurred for tennis in this time – the first being the grant from the NZ Community Trust of \$120,000 for the installation of lights around our courts.

The 2nd is the procuring of a professional coach from PN to run sessions for kids and adults.

Both of these initiatives come from the sterling work done by one person in particular – Adam Shelton.

For the lighting Adam put forward the application to the council, attended a meeting to put our case directly, followed up any requests/conditions they wanted sorted until finally they gave us the resource consent to carry on with the project. He then spent time researching where and how to get funding for this and through his diligence and stamina we got the grant from the NZ Community Trust.

For the coaching he contacted Kurt McNamara from PN and managed to convince him it would be worthwhile to have a day of coaching here in Otaki. He then advertised this and the response was so great he extended the junior programme to include Thursday afternoon which he takes himself. On the Tuesday main session the coaching was done by Kurt with 3 volunteers from our club.

As an indication of the popularity of these sessions, there were 85 people getting coached – 65 juniors and 20 adults. Of the 65 juniors only 20 already belonged to the club, so hopefully there will be more who join us in the future. The coaching sessions with Kurt have been a huge success with both kids and adults alike and we are to see more of him next year.

I would like to thank Adam for his efforts and ask you to join me in applauding his persistence and pragmatic approach.

Because of the enjoyment from all sections involved it is likely that we will have extra teams in interclub competitions in the new year – 1 in Senior and 4 in Junior. We have to put the application for these new teams in by 6 January so if anyone is having second thoughts about this, or would like to be included, contact either me or Adam asap.

The results in the pre- Xmas competitions have shown we are a competitive club.

The Mixed A grade team were 5th in their competition and the Mixed B grade team 3rd in theirs. The top Junior team from last year decided to challenge themselves this season, so entered the Men's 6th Grade competition, finishing a creditable 3rd where only 3 points separated the top 3 teams. They will only get better from this experience so we will watch them with interest as they progress through the grades.

The 2 Junior teams competed in the Kapi Mana Mixed C grade with the Hit and Misses winning the grade and the Aces finishing 4th.

We have continued with our club days on a Sunday from 2 to 4. Although not a huge success in terms of numbers it has been an enjoyable experience with a number of new players bringing a lot of enthusiasm, energy and laughter to the occasion. Some of these new players will be part of the fore-mentioned teams in interclub next year. So there are plenty of positive things happening in the tennis world.