



CLUB FORUM SUMMARY NOTES

Tennis Central Region Inc. (TCRI) Club Forum

Date and Time: Tuesday 18th April at 6.00pm

Venue: Renouf Tennis Centre, Brooklyn Road, Brooklyn, Wellington

1. Welcome

Forum commenced at 6.00pm with introductions.

Attendance: Mel Jansen, Flo Perret (Tennis Central), Steph Walker (Miramar), Janice Laurenson (Ngatitooa), Greg Ratcliffe (Ngatitooa), Miles Rogers (Wellington Veterans), Peter McArthur (Kilbirnie), Chris Sole (Kilbirnie), Jan Milne (Hutt Valley Tennis), Jonathan Ayo (Vogelmorn)

2. Action points previous Forum

- a. Earthquake Update – Earthquake Response Draft template distributed. Advised Tim waiting on details from GeoNet as to where clubs can access ground force acceleration readings. Once complete will be added on TCR Website.
- b. Affiliations based on current year – No further update, with TNZ
Ngatitooa requested feedback on this matter when it was available from TNZ.
Jan Milne requested papers from TNZ on impact of casual play on clubs after discussion with Celia Patrick.
- c. Consistency of rules across Interclub Competitions – discussion later in Forum
- d. Heaters on Indoor Courts – added as part of asset management plan, currently other priorities.
- e. Invitation to Associations to Forums – Actioned
- f. Girls on Court – Not actioned, currently other priorities
- g. Volunteers: Employment Relations Act 2000 & Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 – draft
Discussion on whether clubs were exempt from Club WOF, tag and test? Is it compulsory?
- h. Love Tennis: Summer Promotion around Wellington/Kapi Mana – look to summer 17/18
- i. Volunteers of the Month – no interest via No Strings
Discussion around recognising volunteers, all agreed was important. Large volumes of volunteers, hard to single some out. Work needs to be done to attract, recognise and retain volunteers at many levels as they are at the heart of clubs. Mentioned that a great workshop was held on volunteers as part of club workshops in 2016 and could workshop material be shared to non-participating clubs.
- j. Board presentation to Clubs of Strategic Plan – being actioned – Board representatives will be added to website soon and visits from Board Members to be expected.

3. New Items from Clubs

- a. Consistency of rules between competitions – specifically doubles rules (**Ngatitooa**)
- b. Guarantee promotion/relegation between grades both pre-and post-Xmas (**Ngatitooa**)
- c. Scheduling – eg. Winter Interclub days and Vets days (**Ngatitooa**)

Large discussion around the scheduling, formatting and communication from committees of all interclub competitions. Point raised that there seemed to be a level of dissatisfaction amongst many teams, clubs and players on several issues. Discussed that Tennis Central's intentions were that clubs and teams would be consulted and given the opportunity to feedback with a full competition review/forum planned to involve all key stakeholder groups. Key discussion points;

- Need for one set of rules across all competitions – if either committee is unwilling to merge, direction from TCR is required. Board level.
- Some members felt that some communication to committees was not being dealt with to a desired standard / discussed that TCR can always be CC'd in to correspondence
- Should Tecnifibre I/C merge to Premier I/C – one competition – is there a need to still have two?
- Reiterated that each year there was a request for volunteers to join interclub committees sent to clubs and via No Strings Newsletter
- Review should include all parties together including representatives from all involved (both committees/club/player/board reps)
- Request that Midweek should also be included in review process
- Scheduling of calendar – need to include input from all, particularly Seniors (Kapi Mana/Wgtn/HV Vets).
- Scheduling of Winter competitions needs collaboration from all so no clashes over competitions

4. Update from Tennis Central

- a. Affiliation returns – due this week
Discussed procedure for submitting on Promato, demonstration.
Clarification and breakdown of affiliation requested. To be circulated.
- b. Interclub Competition Reviews – Senior & Junior
As discussion and notes above
- c. Central Awards – Friday 19th May – nominations open soon
Mentioned that award criteria are aligned with that of Tennis NZ
- d. Tennis Central & Sport Wellington Club Capability Workshops – registrations open
Previous participants (Vogelmorn and Ngatitooa) endorsed that these workshops are an excellent initiative for clubs to get involved in.
- e. Love Tennis 2016 Campaign Stats– presented
- f. Junior Interclub Prize giving Sunday 14th May

- g. Wellington Seniors Tournament – details will be emailed to clubs for circulation to members and casuals as it's a great way to increase participation for seniors
- h. End of Season survey template – clubs felt this would be of benefit to gauge how members assessed the season and to establish renewal or leaving patterns to determine if clubs were meeting members needs adequately.
- i. Tournament Planner sessions – likely interest from clubs in TCR running these as a means for clubs to run club champs and tournaments as fundraisers.
- j. Participation: NZTUA Courses/ TNZ Coaching courses – TCR to advise dates once finalised. Need club support with sending coaches and assistant coaches to participate on the TNZ coaching courses. Look to ways to subsidise/fund coaches on this education.
- k. Regional Performance Programme – sub-committee
Advised new programme had been released and available details on the website. Queries should be directed to the sub-committee.

5. Any other business

None

Meeting closed at 8.00pm (on the dot!)