

SFC Squash Club

Annual General Meeting

1 April 2011, 6.30pm
SFC Main Club Function Room

Chairman's Report: April 2010 - March 2011

In 2011 the SFC Squash Club continued its impressive growth, in terms of membership numbers, finances and events.

Membership

When we did a member audit during July 2010 we had 80 paid-up members. I am delighted to report that as of 31 March 2011 we have 128 paid up members. That is an increase of 60%, which is absolutely brilliant.

Financial Report

- We started the year with a Balance of roughly N\$50 000
- Our income totalled N\$116 000 (of which N\$15 000 is still outstanding)
- Our expenses totalled N\$105 000
- That leaves us with a balance of N\$ 60 000, once our debtors settle outstanding bills, an increase of N\$10 000

Club Events

In the past year we inaugurated or resurrected the following events with great success:

- Handicap Tournament
- SFC Club Championships
- Social League
- Business League
- Wagner Cup
- Daikin Coastal Open Tournament

We also entered, with excellent results, all the national tournaments in Windhoek and Walvis Bay:

- Coastal League
- Namibian Closed
- Namibian Open
- Inter-club Championships
- Walvis Bay Business League
- Namibian Doubles
- The Supatronix Doubles
- We've also had members attending the world Masters in Cologne
- SFC Olympics

Facilities

- We've successfully replaced our 9 year old lights and booking system with a new state of the art system
- We restored the front walls of both the A and B court to pristine condition
- We noted with concern damage and markings being done to our courts when other codes host their events. We do not have concrete evidence of who the culprits are but we will pursue this

Squash Development

We started an experiment last year to see if coaching would be a viable and useful enterprise, and on the face of it, it definitely was. Thanks must go to Trustco and the NSA for making it possible to provide coaching for children who would not have been able to afford it otherwise.

- We've now got about 30 youngsters who regularly attend coaching, with more joining up all the time
- In 2010 we hosted, with input and scientific advice from Biokinetics, a fitness training program for adults which was very successful
- In addition we have about 25 adults receiving squash coaching – this is evident when looking at the improved levels of squash
- With only two courts, competition for bookings was fierce. This is an area we'll need to address if we are to maintain the success of our development initiative.

It's really encouraging to note the increase in women and juniors playing. These are two very important demographics of a squash club and in the New Year we plan to see an increase in both.

Thanks

I'd like to congratulate all members who entered into the competitions and events. Your participation is a credit to the club and I have had several positive comments about the improvement of players and their good spirit and exuberant nature.

It is safe to say that every active member has met somebody new through the club and this is as satisfying a result as any statistic or financial report could ever hope to achieve. To walk into the club and see people chatting and laughing over a round of drinks is to witness the very purpose of any sports club.

Ruan Kotze, SFC Squash Club Interim Chairman 2010 / 11