

## Squash Committee Meeting Minutes 10th December

Attendees: John Cross, John Sawyer, Mark Williams, Nicky Sands, Phil Black, Phil Rushworth, Paul Mayo

Apologies: Tina Fuselli, Geoff Chapman, Rolf Buhler

- Minutes of the meeting of 11th November were approved
- Individual photos of Committee members taken to update website.
- No representation from Board present. JC provided a general club overview. Next bit Included as on agenda item). The fair representation on the Board of the various sports has been raised at the Board and will be discussed at the next Board meeting scheduled for 19th December. George Maxwell replacement currently being discussed by board. Development Working Party currently on hold.
- Wimbledon cup debrief. Event considered a success overall earning a small loss (wait for Phil Black to confirm P&L) for the club. Key learnings to take forward are to implement a flat pricing structure throughout event (finals were perceived to be expensive), to introduce a kids price, and to add an additional event to the Sunday programme (see reference to Neil Desai below). Player feedback was really positive too with many players enjoying the crowds and staying on to participate in the doubles tournament. PB to circulate profit and loss account to all Committee members. NS to circulate post event debrief note to all Committee members. Roehampton University have kindly agreed to sponsor £500 to this year's Wimbledon Cup, which the committee very much appreciate and look forward to developing this excellent partnership even stronger.
- Social media/Roehampton intern. The usage of an intern during the Wimbledon Cup worked well and was considered to be good value for money. A proposal to expand usage of this approach (to 350 hours a year) will be discussed with the Badminton Committee, and should there be an agreement then a proposal will be made to the Board. NS to follow up.
- Charity Work. The Sports & Social Committee has chosen two charities for the year. The Neil Desai foundation and the Anders foundation. The Committee welcomed the focus on local charities from the local community. The Committee agreed to consider running a Neil Desai branded tournament on the Sunday of a future Wimbledon Cup.
- Squash Court renovations. Courts 1 and 2 re-plastering and renovations have gone well and these will reopen on time. Tins on 1 and 2 are being cleaned up as part of this. Fixing for tins on 3 and 4 has eroded. PR to check whether they can use allen key bolts. Court 5 walls need doing and not scheduled as part of current refurb - PR to chase the builders to see if they can fit into current project. Otherwise schedule at a later date. Court 6 was considered to be ok. PR to stick note on courts 5 and 6 clarifying usage of fans as their use appears to be confusing players.
- Internal leagues. TF has agreed to pick up league administration from GC. Estimated inputs around 10 hours per cycle for 8 cycles a year. Responsibilities including running leagues, email communications to league members, and updating notice boards. JC to speak to club about a thank you present for GC for his 8 years of service in running the league.
- JC to add news item on internal leagues promoting pickleball tournament.
- Squash update. Upcoming events ...
- Squash teams (1-4) curry night Thursday 20th.
- Social team Xmas social 21st.
- Xmas new year doubles - successful last year - set for same date Friday 28th December. St George's have shown interest in entering some teams.
- Pickleball 30th December. Committee members encouraged to stoke up interest.
- Racketball round robin 18th January.

- 19th January Squash skills masterclass day (10am to 4pm) which is aimed at gold level & team players but open to anyone comfortable doing various drills. Entry of 18 players. Pricing to be confirmed. Club gets court fees.
- February Surrey Gold juniors 16th-18th February.
- Starter course 6 week period beginning 24th January.
- Beginners improvers on 30th cancelled due to quiet time & Pickleball Event
- Team sessions cancelled on 23rd/30th December.
- RR and JS will be organising Warren Cup. PR to send background info then.
- Club champs 7th-18th May.
- Has the Geoff Mayne Memorial trophy been updated? PR to follow up where this has got to.
- Racketball. JC updated on sessions. Interest picking up. Targeting greater interest in this at club championships. PR suggested one night round robin tournament prior to club championships. JC to gauge success of 18 January round robin. MW to encourage entry to 18th round robin.
- Squash session figures. PR to bring session figures to next meeting working with Lewis Crabtree. Legend system not providing the insight hoped eg splitting members non members for Squash sessions. Leigh Clements is trying to improve it. Phil to feedback on required changes once he has had a proper look at the system. Phil to share session stats report from Legend.
- AOB
- Xmas party - committee members encouraged to attend
- club team shirts PR looking in January. Interest in black zip up tops. Zip hoodies and team hoodies. Good to know cost before.
- Showers - concerns raised by some members regarding timed showers to be directed to the Board
- Email groups need tidying up. JC to speak to Leigh Clements about email list. JC to speak to Leigh Clements about GDPR implications.
- Club calendar - some embryonic discussions about getting the club calendar to be up to date and more relevant.
- Next meeting 14th January