

SQUASH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date 25 March 2019

Attendees: Claire Baker (CB), Nicki Sands(NS), John Sawyer (JS), Raj Ram, John Cross (Chairman), Mark Williams (MW), Tina Fuselli, Phil Rushworth, Paul Mayo, Phil Black

Apologies: Geoff Chapman

Remaining Individual photos

Photos not available for today

No issues re last minute -all ok and passed.

- Board meeting: Squash committee meeting to be moved after 1 week afterwards propose JC --- 8 April next.

Board meeting points

- 7-11.30 long meeting, requested vision for year -As yet JC explained that we have no plan. More emphasis on badminton. New role for badminton---Head of Elite. This is a new role.
- JC explained sq. do not have a similar structure.
- JC explained squash priorities, development of courts 5 and 6. ---suggested glass backing integrates ---on the back of cycling income

Junior tournaments—better viewing

6 ct facility

Board thought 3 and 4 were our priority. Board would consider and were keen.

Obtain quotes -3 quotes and grants.

Board inclined to assist if we do this.

CB said it would encourage people to play on 5 and 6 if glass backed.

JS said this idea had not been discussed at committee first.

Development working party have met---- only two members Neil Baldwin and Vincent, --- no progress being made

Adverts for 2 general managers--- some interest, more interviews ongoing. Potential start date 15 April but may be earlier.

JC asked for any questions.

JC went through performance of teams at Board meeting. Ct3 ,4 need some work.

JC and CB attended whole meeting.

AGM is Week on wed.

JC referred to resolution 1 -----fair division of Board directors----depends on volunteers so could be unequal.

3 people will be stepping down at AGM and replaced by the three nominees.

Resolution 2 mentioned 12 months off every two cycles

Resolution 3 --3 year voting rule. PM thought the reduction to 1 year ok

Squash Committee in favour of resolution 1,2 and 3.

JC explained that there was a bias re how resolution 1 had been written and that the resolutions had not been advertised thoroughly. JC had written to the board personally to object to the wording as it is not something that has been suggested by the squash committee which is what is written in the text. This is a resolution for the future health of the club.

It was agreed that we should let people know about the resolutions, no mass lobbying however.

Raj asked if they were lobbying Badminton members

Nothing has gone out to all members as yet regarding proxies, although reception had handed out over 100 proxies??

It was felt that it is more difficult to motivate squash members in the same way as badminton to vote in mass due to the methods employed. The way badminton works on a group session basis it is easy to gain votes.

CB says that we do have a voice with the Board (despite having no reps on it) and we should make sure we concentrate on our own sport and remain at the board meetings.

SQUASH OVER VIEW

a) PR explains

Pro squash night. One night event from 7.20, nominal entry fees and potential for referring, crowd decision. Possible some food.

What can you charge, beer, food - fridge upstairs and courts 1 and 2 viewing area roped off

£10 entry was voted on and passed including a free drink & some goodies (CB). ---- No food as it is too complicated

PR to ask for subsidised cts

Possibility of vouchers and a sweepstake

PR thought 40 people would be ideal. -20 per ct.

PR to be the MC for the night introducing players with facts and figures etc

How should the process be monitored and supervised to ensure only paid entrants see.

Agreed date 24 April on wed before club champs.

JS says keen not to lose money. It was agreed that we should give this a go although there was debate about how successful it could be. Its all about generating enthusiasm and member engagement with the club and the team players.

Conclude (by vote) £10 and includes a drink 24 April .

NS will look at marketing the event. Refer to surrey sports park recent T20 squash night

b) Wimbledon Cup

PR -Need to secure a date and advise PSA. Last first week in November. PR explained finances ---loss making and £4.5k loss in November last year.

Do we continue to run in the same way

Cost £ 4,500 in prize money. Sub committee to investigate the finance element of this tournament so we know what we have to achieve. RR to feedback for next meeting

Squash comm did a P&L of the event and the figures did not match what the club had published.

Due to loss, consider missing a year to get a reorganised event in place. It was agreed we would clarify financial position first before deciding anything.

JS thought that Bonfire night was not a good idea.

PM makes point that food and drink purchased reduces loss. Not appreciated in current accounting however.

Would Neil Desai assist in running the tournament?

JC thought Neal Desai the following year once relationship improves.

PR mentioned other charities that have done this. Click at St Georges Hill, get charity awareness and proceeds we get in goes to them.

PR thought we may ask Neal Desai.

Smaller tournament could be run instead---say £ 1000.

CB said she could speak to ND.

Raj will look at figures again.

Decision for next committee meeting.

c) And d)

Finance sub committee

Legend and sage systems

Two conclusions:

From base data to give management accounts---overall club result

1. Raj thought it was not giving a true result.

Discussion on allocations. Raj did not think this was practical. Suggested a more summarised approach

2. Thought also that the systems did not easily identify the second person playing. So, second person may not be charged. Easier for Badminton as the person that books pays the whole ct. Billing of second player .
3. Online payment system is not accurate for players.

Executive Board are looking into making improvement to Legend.

Plan - Dig into the data, especially seeing if the sub-committee can make court bookings better.

4 c). Club Champs - All going along.

4 d). Starter Session Cancelled - NC didn't think well promoted. No adverts in Time and Leisure magazine. Dates for starter session.

e). Junior club champs - Internal Tina to sit with Phil.

5). Friday nights / team evenings - Promote social team squash on a Friday.

Lunchtime leagues - Good idea. Geoff is possibly going to set it up.

Racquetball League - Talk off-line.

Tina and John to send email on leagues to members.

7). Internal League - Still some glitches. Going well.

8). Warren Cup - On going. 2nd round about to start.

9). Courts 5 and 6 to discuss next time. Please have a think and formulate your views

Tina's juniors are going well and getting greater numbers.

Members need to tidy up after themselves - help cleaners clean.

Next meeting - 8th April.

