

## 29/04/2019 - Minutes of Squash Committee Meeting

**Attendees:** John Cross (chairman), Rolf Buhler, Phil Black, John Sawyer, Nikki Sands, Paul Mayo, Phil Rushworth

**Apologies:** Mark Williams, Geoff Chapman, Raja Ram, Tina Fuseli

**Minute taker:** Rolf Buhler

- Minutes of previous meeting approved
- Pro squash night review
  - 18 people paid for attendance
  - Timing of evening discussed, and timing seemed right in terms of season gaps and player availability
  - Need to sell tickets in advance in future
  - Worked well and good feedback received
  - Keep format as is and possibly look to schedule one again
- Club champs
  - Draw to be sent out Wednesday
  - Entries numbers:
    - 27 attendance for main draw
    - 6 ladies
    - 13 for gold diver
    - 8 for Silver
    - 9 For bronze
    - 11 for O35
    - 10 for O45
    - 3 for O55
    - 10 for Doubles
    - 16 for junior
  - Focus on finals day (run by main club board)
  - Rotor of committee members to help run
  - Winner to mark next match
  - Finalist expected to play on finals day otherwise they will have to forfeit
  - Numbers nearly on a level of previous years but not quite.

- Both Mondays will not be used and only 4 courts for the champs
- Wimbledon cup - only update is that setting up a date is difficult as England squash calendar changed. Phil to advise
  - Possibility run same weekend as Graded tournament (eventually decided this would be our second choice)
  - Discussion on possible prize number combinations
  - Possibly combine ticket price with graded entry
  - Sponsorship - look to contact Peldom Rose
  - Decision finally was for PR to see if date of 16/17 Nov was free in calendar as it fits between the world open and the St Georges hill competition
  - Arrangements would need to be made around an aspire squad, but this could be managed with the help of other coaches and the s=committee
- Handicap event
  - Sat 22 June
  - Incentive to have decent prize money
  - Previously charged £20
  - NS to ask Joe to get info out
- Squash skills session again - 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Court 5 and 6 redevelopments
  - Points noted on spreadsheet for wish list, MW to review and add all points to the google drive document
  - Nothing further added to the list previously circulated by NS
  - Moveable wall was discussed and decided that this would not drive enough revenue so was dropped as an idea
  - Hossam Elghary has been sent the diagrams that are available, little is available anything else must be drawn up as part of our research. No cost without approval by board at this stage
  - JC has communicated with Serge (the DWP Chairman) about the project and aims to catch up soon on this as JC cannot attend board meeting this month to give a full update. DWP are happy to work with SC on this and have welcomed questions.
  - Sub committee (JC PR CB MA MW) to meet on 9<sup>th</sup> May to finalise a SC draft of what is required. Next stage will then be to reach out to Gym committee (Ernesto and / or Byron Davies) to discuss what their requirements and opportunities are.

- We would welcome a Bad com rep also and I will raise this at the May board meeting. Currently Bad com have a lot going on due to the ongoing work within the section.
- Hossam (structural architect and father of junior member) to attend next SC meeting in a consultancy capacity to discuss next steps
- Sponsorship
  - Unsquashable - No developments
  - Adidas - apparel sponsorship (leave with management for time being do not want this to impact on the Dunlop sponsorship deal)
  - Dunlop - WRFC have been sent a sponsorship proposal by Dunlop that would support our coaching team, juniors, teams & major events. The proposal will be shown to the board during the meeting at the end of May
- Finance
  - The subcommittee have gone to some lengths in closing the gaps in understanding between the management accounts and the operations side. GC liaising with the auditors to understand the details further and will be able to report back at May meet.
  - GC been working specifically on the Wimbledon cup following the loss of 4.5k for squash in November. SC budget does not tally with the club's management accounts, so GC is looking at full explanation on this. To report back in May.
  - CB to advise in May regarding the issue of two players paying for a court and whether we are losing money here.
  - Finance team to take on the role of Lewis Crabtree for consolidating figures for sessions and gaining info from legend. There is cross over here and it was accepted this would be appropriate and would at little more work as the members understand what is required and how the systems work and what is available. GC to report back if extra help needed for this.
  - GC to keep advised and advise when management information could be available on this.
- LED lights
  - JC asked CB for quotes for 5 and 6 - this is separate to any development of this area
  - Roughly 2k per court
  - JC to present this to the board at may meeting for consideration
- Warren cup at semi final stage and finals due to be held at club champs' finals day
- Vets team to be entered for the winter season
- Next meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May