

Squash Committee Meeting July 15th 2019

Present; John Cross, Phil Rushworth, Niki Sands, Raja Ram, Phil Black, Rolf Buhler, Mark Williams, John Sawyer, Claire Baker

Apologies; Tina, Paul, Geoff

Meeting start: 19:45

JC - opened the meeting discussing the recent document provided by Hossam regarding the potential re-build of courts 5 and 6. Hossams ideas in this document weren't exactly to plan of what we discussed as it also went into the re-development of all areas of the club including the various parts of the roof. It was decided that the way forward would be for us to obtain more / different quotes for this work so we can present this to the squash committee and the DWP and board. Action point for JC to speak with Mark Adkins.

JS - Provided an update on the first DWP meeting. Part of this was that the Squash Committee needed to provide a list of maintenance items that was required. The maintenance was broken into areas, squash courts, lighting and heating, stairwells and walkways / viewing galleries.

Squash Courts

Courts 1 and 2 - Re-plastering every 4 years, which will include sanding of the squash floor.

Front wall re-skimmed every 18 months

Courts 3 and 4 - Re-plastering every 6 years, which will include sanding of the squash floor

Front wall re-skimmed every 24 months

Courts 5 and 6 - Re-plastering every 8 years, which will include sanding of the squash floor

Front wall re-skimmed every 24 months. With the proposed redevelopment of these courts there would be an increase in use and therefore we would anticipate the re-plastering to be carried out more frequently perhaps the same as courts 3 and 4.

Floors typically last 15 years each. Apart from 1 and 2 which because of the usage is closer to every 10 years. Courts 3, 5 and 6 are over 15 years old. 1 and 2 are approximately 12 years old with court 4 being 8 years old.

Court 3 does require a new floor currently as there are uneven parts on the floor.

All tins as and when but they would be reviewed every time the re-plastering is completed.

Lighting and Heating

Courts 5 and 6 do require new lighting and heating but the committee felt this would be best dealt with during the re-build of this area. Courts 1 - 4 all have LED lighting.

Lighting needs to be changed as and when (LED light bulbs) but they are LED so last longer.

Heating would be tested annually as it is gas and therefore part of the annual gas certificate for the club.

Stairwells, Walkways, viewing areas

The tiles outside of courts 1 and 2 are a trip and fall hazard as they are uneven, cracking and coming up. The walkways outside court 5 and 6 is also in the same poor condition.

Stairwells and walkways need some TLC and redecorating, painting and generally brightening up.

The viewing area behind courts 3 and 4 would be better with a glass viewing rather than the current perspective. This is loose and the benefit of the glass would make it look more professional and we could also have the Dunlop etching on it, thereby cementing further the squash relationship with Dunlop.

Seating area behind 1 and 2 needs to be re-developed because the levels are too deep and awkward to sit on. The balcony is too narrow so a re-design of this area would be required to maximise the seating and bring it up to a modern standard.

Costs

We are currently investigating the costs for re-plastering courts and re-skimming the walls. We are also investigating the costs for replacing the floors. This is an action point to be provided by the next meeting. PR and CB to obtain an approximate costings for each.

The list discussed last night needs to be provided to the DWP so it can be incorporated into the overall maintenance list for the club.

PR - Squash Update

Handicap tournament was a success and we will do another one next year. There were a number of drop outs on the day but we had 24 players. We still made a £100 profit on the day.

Squash skills master class was also a success although due to the weekend being the Wimbledon weekend there were not as many attendees as before. All those that attended found it an insightful day & took loads out of it. There will be more as the company organizing this does like to use the club and the support it gets from the squash committee.

Graded Event on 20th to 21st July is sold out. 98 entries which is the most there has been for a number of years. It was felt the online booking capability was a large reason as to why this has been so successful.

A grade - 26 players

B grade - 32 players

C grade - 32 players

D grade - 8 players

We are going to arrange a racket marketing event with Dunlop where players can try different rackets in an effort to encourage more players to buy Dunlop rackets but also buy them from the club.

We have a Nick Matthew squash day on the 23rd November which as a result of the Dunlop sponsorship. We have sent emails out confirming the Dunlop sponsorship and also explaining why the banners are up. Dunlop will be stocking the shop with squash rackets etc too. This is an exciting deal for the club.

Court bookings have improved since emails have gone out telling players to pay for their share of the court. We will continue to send emails out on this subject to ensure this is doesn't revert back.

AOB

NS - Issues with marketing but this will be dealt with when NS speaks with the Roehampton contact.

PR - Will need some help on Saturday regarding the running of the graded event. Any committee member who can give a couple of hours to help would be much appreciated.

There was a break in on a car in the club carpark on Saturday night. A reminder to all that they should not leave bags or any items in sight of "strangers".

No progress at the moment from the Finance Working Group. Geoff is currently away.

Paul Mayo has agreed to develop the safeguarding policy for squash along with Christine Wu from Badminton and Peter Freil