

## Squash Committee Meeting - Minutes

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 @ 7.30pm

**Attendees:** John Cross, John Sawyer, Phil Rushworth, Phil Black, Tina Fuselli, Rolf Buhler, Mark Williams, Pau Mayo, Beatrice Marett

**Guest speakers:** Sergio di Nardo, Simon Shields

**Apologies:** Nicola Sands, Raja Ram, Geoff Chapman

- Minutes of last meeting approved
- DWP update from Serge
  - DWP looking at a maintenance plan
  - A 1 year plan has been submitted to the board
  - In the process of creating a 3 year plan
  - The DWP noted a wide range in prices provided by squash court maintenance companies
  - The DWP has received a survey report from Ryan Leisure
  - The DWP has what it needs from the squash committee to move forward
- JC asked when the DWP might expect squash maintenance to begin
  - Serge indicated timelines would be reliant on building surveys
  - Health & safety is the top priority at the moment
- The Squash Committee drew attention to a leak in the roof of squash court 3 as a priority.
  - Maintenance of the roof is also reliant on building surveys
- Simon highlighted the goal to end 'firefighting' issues and form a plan.
- The DWP has been sent a list of ongoing maintenance items by the Squash Committee, though costs were unavailable at that time.
- The DWP need to obtain estimates from at least 3 providers
- JC outlined current maintenance items:
  - New floors for squash courts 3, 5 & 6 (can be done without impacting future upgrades to the area surrounding courts 5 & 6)
  - LED lights on courts 5 & 6 (will break even in a matter of months) and can be installed independently of any future upgrades to the surrounding area.
  - The idea of a moveable wall was discussed. It was the Squash Committee's opinion that there was little benefit to be gained from this.
  - The balcony behind courts 3 & 4 needs securing. This was flagged as a management issue. Beatrice will put up a notice.
  - Longer term redevelopment of area behind courts 1 & 2.
  - Tiles behind courts 1 & 2 need attention
- Banner

- Discussion surrounding advertising banner at rear of club
- Sponsors may fund
- The club board is handling this
- Sign-off
  - JC asked Simon the process/procedure for signing off Squash Committee requests - such as court bookings for tournaments, etc.
  - JC to ask Vincent Tam for details.
  - JC to write an email explaining rationale behind each special booking
- PR England Hub Club opportunity
  - PR has emailed full details to the Squash Committee
  - England Squash changing the policy for junior players
  - Opportunity for the club to be a designated England Squash hub club to train juniors
  - 4-12 players per squad invited by PR
  - 3 coaches per squad
  - 2 sessions per month
  - 1.5 hours per session
  - £10 fixed fee per session designated by ES
  - Squash Committee to decide how to allocate fees
  - Suggested times Friday evenings and/or Saturday mornings - to fit around Ladies' Squash Morning on Saturdays.
  - PR to come back on court fee - other clubs not charging
- Junior Inter-county Tournament
  - 4 courts
  - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 6pm
  - Sun 10<sup>th</sup> - 9am to 4pm
  - Events on 3 consecutive weekends (Wim Cup/Nick Matthew) of concern
  - Clash with Vets squash match on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> - TF suggested swapping home and away fixtures, through it has already been moved
  - The committee voted to approve the tournament
  - TF notified ES.
  - Fee £300
- PR Ball Promotion
  - Poster designed by Joe
  - MA to set up button on reception

- £30 per box
- Vincent has not agreed how what share of proceeds to be assigned to squash committee fund
- Wimbledon Cup
  - Players are registering slowly. Many will wait until closing date to enter.
  - Some big names have entered (Sam Todd)
  - Ladies have good entry
  - Court costs have not been agreed
- Nick Matthew Masterclass - 23<sup>rd</sup> nov
  - Ben Coleman to play exhibition match (cost £250-£300)
  - PR - P&L:
    - Clinics £1080
    - Games £250
    - Exhibition £500
    - TOTAL: £1830
    - Outgoing: £600 (Courts/Coaches/Ben Coleman)
    - Profit: £1230
  - Raffle
    - The Squash Committee to investigate any legal requirements
- Coaches
  - Cannot put prices up as court fee included
  - Suggest court fee reduced to 50%
- Dunlop Sponsorship
  - Simon - Delegated to board members
- Social Media
  - Joe is back and available
- Safeguarding update from Simon
  - Nothing new to report
  - Strategy to bring in to line with national compliance.
  - Introduce parent consent forms at parent's point of entry
  - Beatrice and Mark taking over as welfare officers
  - Any staff coming into contact with children need to be DBS checked
- Next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> October

- AOB:
  - Sean Leahy won the Warren Cup 2019