

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 10-06-2019 at 03:00

Location: Squashworld Brentwood, 33 Moolyeen Rd, Brentwood WA 6153, Australia

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Clare Slyth , Steve TAPLEY

Apologies Rob BLACKETT

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$375.50 - Final payment for Shirts (2nd order x 22)

Expenses expected

- Winter Pennant fees will be due end of June - approx \$1200

Current balance - \$12,222.28 @ 5th June

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Flooring - all completed, door issue has been resolved.

Outdoor area - the BBQ has been purchased and has been constructed, it works very well! Rob has enclosed the end patio area, and is currently designing some cupboards to surround the new BBQ..

Court front walls - Kane advised that he will continue to patch the front walls at present, as funds are not available to do a full re-plaster of the walls. Kane looking into the replacement of the tins, changing these to advertising boards. Kane advised that the Masters Squash have been approached for a contribution towards the kitchen and the Tennis Club are also going to contribute.

Focus for the remainder of the year for the committee is the complete the work on the patio area.

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Family Day - Date is the first Saturday of term 3 - 27th July, from 2.00pm onwards for squash, sausage sizzle around 5.00pm. Discussed that this would be a round robin type event, but we could organise a couple of 'exhibition' games to showcase higher level squash, we could have a couple of members available to offer some informal 'coaching' - will ask Mike Millington if he is available. Cost would be \$10 for court hire, we provide the BBQ, drinks for sale via the centre and our fridge.

Squashworld Challenge - Kane suggested a Squashworld challenge between two clubs, or all four clubs. This was supported by the club, and it was suggested that a time towards the middle/end of October may work well. Steven to discuss further with Kane.

Xmas Function - to be decided for early December

4. Membership

We currently have 110 members @ 10th June

Members from 2018 who have not renewed have been contacted and encouraged to join the club in 2019.

Fees are up to date, but we have two of the State League players still needing to pay their fees.

There are some new members who are joining teams for winter pennants that will need to be followed up.

5. Pennant Teams

Night Pennants for Autumn 2019 have finished, we ended up with 1 pennant win. Congratulations to the Monday Div 2 team.

Winter Pennants is about to commence - we have 11 teams entered this season - 3 Monday night, 6 Tuesday night, 2 Ladies Tuesday night.

We have a State League entered under the club name. The State League is currently sitting in third position with one round to go. Finals for the State Grade are scheduled for June / July.

Autumn Day League has almost completed, the following Blue Gum members are playing - Ali Butler, Cathy Wilson, Greg Mills, Natalie Arrindell, Wesley Emery, Bob Vivian, and Lynne White. Day League finishes at the end of May, with finals next week.

6. Website - bluegumsquash.org

We all need to be sending content to Steve to post in order to keep our website current and relevant. If you have any ideas, suggestions or content, please forward them to Steve.

The website has been useful for new players locating our club, with several enquiries being generated since it has been up and running.

Hosting has been extended for three years.

7. Newsletter

Next newsletter is due in June.

If anyone has any articles or suggestions for future newsletters, please let Steven know.

If anyone would like to take on the creation of the newsletter, again let Steven know.

8. Grants

We have applied for the following grants:

1. Bankwest - \$1000 - for purchase of dishwasher
2. Giving 4 Grassroots - \$4000 for development of junior program, and advertising **(Advised that this was unsuccessful)**
3. Community TAB - \$2000 for development of facilities
4. St John Defib - **(application was successful, Defib machine is located externally for public and club access)**

9. Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2018-19:

Steven Jones - President, Irene Petkovich (deceased) - Ladies Club Capt, Jeremy Claudius - Mens Club Capt

Committee - Steve Tapley, Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Clare Slyth

Vacant - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1 x committee, Ladies Club Capt

10. Sponsorship / Shirts

We have finalised our order for shirts, and ended up with 77 in circulation, which is great for the club and the sponsors.

Cost was subsidised by sponsor funds - 1 shirt (\$20), 2 shirts (\$50), 3 shirts (\$85). Total cost of shirts \$2927.00, less payments received, \$1570 = Cost to club of \$1327

Steven has contacted the sponsors for Facebook posts, and to update on the current situation.

11. Juniors

Juniors has started up again this term with numbers being around 15-20 participants. Several juniors have joined the club, and their details have been updated.

We discussed that the pathway for juniors at our club is really via the Wednesday round robin at the moment, and Thursday in-house, before pennants. There may be other opportunities developed along the way, but these are our current staple options.

WA Squash are planning to do a metro promotion of squash through schools in the Brentwood / Hilton corridor in the next 12 months, so we need to plan for how to incorporate more juniors into our club.

A Southern Stars team has been entered into the WA State Team Championships. This team is made up of juniors from Blue Gum, plus Eric Gray. Cost for the team to enter is \$132, Clare is the manager. Discussed the club supporting the team financially due to mainly all Blue Gum members participating. Club will pay the cost of the entry fee, and subsidise shirts for the team (shirts will be kept for future teams). Clare to advise the costs, anticipated to be around \$400.

12. SportyHQ - for pennant players

The Squash Matrix had ceased and all teams / results / rankings are now on SportyHQ.

Contact details for any enquiries or support are: SportyHQ <sportyhq@squash.org.au> This is the Squash Australia contact, and in my experience this has been the most responsive avenue for support.

Who do you contact for any support issues?

Russell Weatherburn – Squash Australia Membership Coordinator
(rweatherburn@squash.org.au)

Leanna Davey – Squash Australia SportyHQ Coordinator (LDavey@squash.org.au).

There is also a shared mailbox where you can send queries, issues and general feedback
SportyHQ@squash.org.au

13. Community Fundraising Box

Steven raised the question of whether the Centre and the Club could jointly support a donation box for collection of change for local community projects, or charities. As we are a 100 person strong club, plus have tennis players and casuals through the centre, we could raise a few thousand dollars per year, and give back to the community. We could also look at doing a fundraiser once a year for a specific reason, as has been done in the past with Purple Bra day.

The initiative was supported but needed to be discussed with Kane as the box would need to be located at the front counter.

This initiative is currently on hold, and may commence later in the year.

14. Masters Squash

Centre Improvements - Steven had written to the Masters Committee (President & Treasurer) and asked them to consider a regular contribution to the club to support the ongoing improvements to the centre. It was suggested that \$1000 per year may be appropriate. At this stage no response has been received.

WA State Masters Championships - this event is being held south of the river this year at the Belmont Centre. Steven will advertise this event via the members with the hope that Blue Gum can have a strong presence this year. It would be great if we could have 15-20 people entered and wearing our new shirts!!

End of minutes.