

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 11-11-2019 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Kane FASOLO , Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain) , Frank LUPIS , Brian SEARLES , Clare Slyth

Apologies Tom Bernardi , Rob BLACKETT , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Steve TAPLEY

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$40.00 - WA Squash, rego fees
- \$168.50 - Shirts (final order)
- \$151.40 - Willetton Trophy Centre - Junior Champs
- \$560.00 - Club Champs (courts / balls)
- \$241.28 - Club Champs (food / drink)
- \$1082.00 - WA Squash - Spring fees
- \$468.00 - TidyHQ fees

Expenses expected

- Nil

Income expected

- Entertainment books commission

Current balance - \$9469.41 @ 11 November 2019

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Outdoor area - the BBQ has been upgraded with the new cabinets now in place. Some general sprucing up is now needed. Kane advised that he is looking to put down some fake lawn, and paint the walls

Court front walls - Mike Millington has repaired court 8 and this is being played on at present to see how it holds up. This has been in place for about 2 weeks now, and appears to be ok. If this continues to hold, then Kane will look at fixing up all the courts with this method.

Plans for 2020 to be discussed further

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Kids Open Day - WA Squash are providing funding for clubs to run an open day, targeting children who haven't played before. Funding of \$500 is available to help with costs of the Coach (Sue or Tim may be available), and food etc. Support will be needed on the day to supervise each court, and also to learn how to do this ourselves in the future.

Xmas Function - Brian suggested Bowling, and offered to explore Rossmoyne for this. Aim is to have a function prior to Xmas, but we recognise that we have left this a bit late, so an alternative may be to hold a welcome to 2020 function. Update - Rossmoyne only available on the 20th Dec, which is too late for this year, so will look at January 2020 for a function.

Summer Squash - we will organise a doubles competition and a round robin over the January break, leading up to the start of pennants in February.

Doubles - Brian suggested that we hold a doubles tournament, Kane is looking at having one on the WA Squash calendar

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. This hasn't progressed and will be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

4. Membership

We currently have 125 members @ 11th November

Spring fees are now due, invoices have been sent out, fees due asap, the following are still outstanding - Andrew Hveissel, Bryn Donoghue, Natasha Beattie, Ric Nicholas, Brett Pitman, Dennis Heathcote, Lorna Roberts, Paul Massara, Tim Cole & Tracey Tapley

Discussed that the Brentwood centre has more capacity for players, and that some consideration towards marketing, or providing further organised squash events to attract new players, is needed. We discussed that the schools programme has generated a number of new juniors, so we need to keep a profile there, Murdoch Uni has a market of students that do not have courts, we need more female players, we need the City of Melville to promote squash, as the centre is a big asset for them, we need to talk to more casual players and see if we can get them into social events, the Wednesday round robin is struggling, Mondays are very quiet.

5. Pennant Teams

Winter Pennants is finished, we won 1 pennant.

Spring Pennant season commenced, we have several teams in finals contention, with two rounds remaining. Finals are in early December.

Autumn Pennants - commences in Feb 2020, teams will need to be finalised by mid-January.

Fees for WA Squash will increase next year - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30 - team fees remain unaltered.

6. Website - bluegumsquash.org

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

Steve to update the website to show the new committee details.

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 until 2022.

7. Newsletter

The October newsletter has been sent out, next one is due in December.

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 2019-20:

Steven Jones - President, Audrey Lazaroo - Ladies Club Capt, Jeremy Claudius - Mens Club Capt

Committee - Steve Tapley, Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Clare Slyth, Tom Bernardi, Brian Searles

Vacant - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

10. Sponsorship / Shirts

Final order arrived, approximately 10 shirts available for sale.

Sponsors - to be billed each calendar year. Steven to draft a letter by the end of November to send out to sponsors. If anyone has ideas for new sponsors, please let the committee know.

11. Juniors

WA Squash have been running a metro promotion of squash through schools in the Brentwood / Hilton corridor and this has generated an increase in the number of juniors attending the Monday afternoon programme. For the past three weeks the numbers have been around 40 kids, and we need to look at how the junior programme is structured in order to meet everyone's needs.

There are a couple of issues that can be addressed now - more volunteers needed to help out - Steven, and Brian are available for the next couple of weeks, and a couple of others are helping as well. There is a current regular court booking that takes two courts away from the programme at 5.00pm, the players will be approached to see if they are willing to start at 5.30pm for the remainder of the term. Older kids are being offered the chance to play in a competition from 5.30pm to 6.00pm, as a way of keeping them involved.

Discussion around possible changes included splitting the time, first hour for beginners, second hour for more experienced, then offer kids the opportunity to play for a further 30 mins on any courts not booked. This would help with managing numbers, and having programmes that are more suitable to the skill level of the participants. Kane to discuss with Tim and see what we can offer in 2020.

End of minutes.