

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 11-02-2019 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Rob BLACKETT , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Irene PETKOVICH (Deceased) , Clare Slyth , Steve TAPLEY

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- WA Squash - \$200 - Metro Club Fee for 2019

- Steven Jones - \$73.74 - Reimbursement for Stationery (Noticeboards / Business Card Holder / Donation Box / Whiteboard markers) and Sponsor (new Signs)

Income received

- Sponsorship - \$400 - Pritchard Francis

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Current update from Kane: (Update provided after meeting was held)

I have been patching but my plans to plaster court 1 didn't eventuate. I have ordered some new court tin tops so when they arrive I will replace the tins one by one and will try to get sponsors for them. I will try to advertise in different areas to you so that we aren't competing for the same sponsors. We have 2 quotes for the floors and are waiting on a third. We will be replacing all of the carpet upstairs as well as the new kitchen floor. I would hope to place the order by the end of next week. We have 2 new digital clocks! One is yet to be put up though.

Rob advised that he has been looking at BBQ's and talking to BBQ's Galore about possible sponsorship, or at least a good discount. Plans are coming ahead, but still need to talk to Kane further.

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Calendar for 2019 to be discussed next meeting

Summer Round Robin was held for three weeks, good turn out with around 20 players each week participating. Several players have expressed an interest in participating in something similar on a regular basis, so this information was passed on to Kane, as the centre may wish to offer something.

We discussed the option of starting up a 'coaching' session on a Saturday afternoon, initially once a month, for a couple of hours. The aim would be to provide another opportunity for members to engage with the club, and receive some tips to improve their squash. It could also provide another opportunity for juniors to engage in squash. Clare has followed up with Damon, and he is interested in helping with this.

Steven discussed with Damon and we are looking at offering a weekly session for a period of 4 weeks in March. This will allow us to gain a level of interest, and then decide what to offer in the future. Session will run from 12.30pm to 2.00pm, cost of the courts will be paid by the participants, cost of the coaching will initially be paid by the club - \$300 for 4 weeks. Steven to finalise the arrangements with Damon.

4. Logo

Voting on the logo was well supported with 74 responses out of 115 members (64%), with the koala holding the racquet the clear winner in the voting - 50% of responses chose this one, and most of the other responses had this as the second choice. The committee is now engaging an illustrator to finalise the design of the logo, based on this concept. It is hoped that this will be finalised by early January.

Committee discussed the latest draft and feedback from recent email. Final comments to be passed onto the illustrator to incorporate. Hope to have the final logo completed in the next two weeks.

5. Membership

We finished 2018 with 115 members - 1 Social (non-playing), 1 Junior, 7 Life, 43 Social (Playing), 63 Pennant

Membership fees for 2019 have been steadily coming in with 65 current members already paid. Reminders have been sent out to all pennant players, and following that, reminders will be sent out to 2018 social members who have not yet renewed. We appear to be on track for a similar number of members again this year, around 120.

6. Pennant Teams

Pennants for 2019 commenced this week.

We have 13 teams entered this year in night pennants - 4 Monday night, 7 Tuesday night, 2 Ladies Tuesday night.

Autumn Day League has also commenced, the following Blue Gum members are playing - Ali Butler, Cathy Wilson, Greg Mills, Natalie Arrindell, Wesley Emery, and Lynne White

7. 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.

We need to add a space for sponsors to the website, Steve will look into this.

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

8. Newsletter

Newsletter for December has been sent out. Next newsletter is due in March.

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.

9. 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 - Expression of Interest lodged for Defib Machine (\$200 is the cost of a machine if we are successful) **(application was successful, Defib machine will be located externally for public and club access, further details in the new year.)**

10. Movement of Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2018-19:

Steven Jones - President, Irene Petkovich - 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

11. Sponsorship / Shirts

As at December we have four sponsors signed up for the shirts, and aim to have a shirt run for early 2019.

Steven has located a local company in Welshpool that is able to provide printed shirts for the same cost as the online company previously explored, and a decision was made to go with this company as it is easier to obtain samples, and easier to negotiate with face to face. The company have a variety of short options for mens and ladies, and we can mix and match in our order.

Artwork for the remaining sponsors is needed, and for our new logo, then we can design and develop the shirts for 2019.

12. Juniors

Juniors has started up again this term with numbers being around 15-20 participants. Some juniors are also linking into the Wednesday night round robin, which is great to see. Several juniors have joined the club, but their details haven't been provided to the committee at this stage.

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.

13. SportyHQ - for pennant players

The Squash Matrix had ceased and all teams / results / rankings are now on SportyHQ. There have been a few teething issues, and these are slowly being worked through at club and WA Squash level, but it appears that the first season may be a little messy.

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.

14. 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.

End of minutes.