

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 17-07-2024 at 19:30

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Brett Hainsworth , Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Belinda Martella , Louis MEYER , Jonathan RAFOLS

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Mike HIPKINS , Frank LUPIS

Minutes

1. Club / Centre priorities

Goals for the next 3 months (Feb to Apr 2024):

1. Courts

- Front walls to be renovated – COMPLETED
- Other walls to be painted –
 - Feb 24 - Plan for painting - Nick has suggested that we paint a couple of trial courts and play on them for a couple of months before completing the job. This will allow us to see how the paint and preparation works, and allow us to raise the remaining fund needed. Mike is open to this option as well. Committee agreed to proceed with this plan, Steven to notify Nick and Mike, and leave it up to them to agreed to when this will take place, and how many courts. We can fund up to 5 courts at the moment.
 - Mar 24 - Courts 3 & 8 to be painted 20th - 22nd May, then we will play on these for a period of time to see how they go before completing other courts.
 - Apr 24 - Tennis club have offered to pay \$6000 + GST towards the painting, this means that our final balance for the painting will be \$13,170, which we have funded.

- Jul 24 - Remaining 6 courts to be painted. Have spoken with Mike about possibly the next school holidays as there will be no juniors and a break in pennants due to the long weekend. Steven to send an email to Mike & Nick Hipkins
- Doors – Look at reinstalling closers on all the court doors - Feb 24 - Rob will sort this out, only a couple of doors need to be fixed

2. Centre

- Spring clean – club to offer financial support to get someone in to clean the building, carpets so easier to maintain - Feb 24, Mike is open to the club getting quotes, particularly around cleaning the carpets. Mar 24 - Quote \$2400 for deep clean. Discussed that we need to wait until the glass is installed, and maybe just get a quote for carpets only at this stage. Mar 24 - Electrodry - \$1500, Jan-Pro \$800 - COMPLETED - carpets cleaned 19th July
- Men's toilet – fix the taps (talk to Mike C) - COMPLETED
- Mens toilet / change room – investigate what needs to happen to improve ventilation and reduce smells hanging around (Mike H to follow up) - Mar 24 - Phil Scott advised that he is providing a report to the Tennis Club on this issue.

3. Club (Louis)

- Create brand, identity guidelines for future use
- Update website to ensure it is club based and link centred based info to centre website. Mar 24 - website has been updated to ensure current information is accurate.
- Actively use our social media pages – Facebook / Instagram – possible advertising
- Explore promotional material with new sponsor – brochures, banners

4. Feedback from members for Centre

- Changerooms – can we please have shampoo and soap supplied (isn't consistent) - Feb 24 - Mike advised that he updated the shampoo supply but it was stolen the same day. Will look at basic supplies being available.

4th Feb - Discussion of the above with Mike

Centre

- Mike to clean the mens bathroom / toilet areas, paint changeroom, and update vanities - Pending with Council
- Mike to complete painting of the walls, aim to complete by end of April. Offered help with this, Mike will let us know if this is needed. (IN PROGRESS)
- Mike advised that there are still ongoing issues with some members not locking up, leaving ovens on, and treating the centre as if they own it. Mike happy to support the club, but we need to take responsibility for out of hours use, and see it as a privilege, not a right. Agreed to ensure regular reminders are made via the club. (ONGOING)
- Discussed recent enquiries regarding new players looking for a hit, nothing to offer at present. Mike agreed to try and offer a social hit on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - KOTC, round robin style (BEING PROMOTED)

2. Club / Centre - responsibilities

Discussion around what the club does vs the centre (& others). There is a need for the club to move towards being more member centric focus and redirect people to the centre for some of the queries. The club will advocate on behalf of members, so we want to know what is going on, but we aren't responsible for resolving many of the issues raised.

Plan

- develop a process for members to advise the club of their concerns, while also directing them to Mike and the other staff as appropriate. Club will advocate with Mike on a regular basis, and work with the centre to address issues.
- club to email members to advise of responsibilities between club and centre and who to contact in each instance

This still requires actioning by the committee.

3. Promotional Video

The club has developed a promotional video (thanks Louis) which has been receiving great feedback on our social media pages. The aim is to develop further materials from this to promote the club, the centre and squash in general.

Initial aim is to make people aware that squash exists and encourage them to book a book and have a go. Future promotional material may then promote specific programs available, and the benefits of joining the club. This is still being determined.

Video can be viewed on our Facebook page - [CLICK HERE](#)

4. Membership

Membership - priorities for 2024 - We finished with 203 members for 2023 (209 for 2022)

1. Aim to keep our current members (188 have renewed / joined for 2024 so far)
2. Work with Mike to increase membership numbers.

5. Calendar of Events

- Aug - **Club Champs (doubles)** - Saturday 31st - 12.00 start - ENTRIES OPEN

- Sep - **Club Champs (singles)** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9th to 14th, evening and Saturday afternoon - ENTRIES OPEN

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- Sep - AGM - Saturday 14th - 4.30pm

- Oct - Cocktail / Awards Evening - Saturday 19th - 6.00pm start (8 Knots Tavern) - tickets on sale

- Nov - Annual Golf Day - TBC

Discussion around the club focussing on running a few more events throughout the year, either for members to participate in, or to attract more people to play. Some suggestions discussed:

- Doubles tournament - expand to twice a year
- Host a Come and Try Day - 2 hours, aim to get new people into the centre
- Junior Open Day - attract new juniors to the sport
- One day / half day tournament - short sharp competition, revised scoring, open to all

Decision

6. Pennants

Winter season is well under way, with Blue Gum teams doing well. We have 15 teams in the Tuesday pennant competition this season.

If you need a reserve, please contact Anthony Campbell or Steven Jones, as we may have some options available.

Contact the committee if you are interested in being in a team for future pennant seasons, or as a reserve.

Refereeing - What to know more about the rule and how to referee matches?

The World Squash Officiating website has courses for referees and players to help them better understand and apply the rules during competition. It's free to access so check it out!

[WSO Website](#)

Fees for WA Squash 2024-25

Squash WA expired 30 June 2024. Fees for 2024-25 registration are now due and will be collected directly by Squash WA, via a link provided by the club - [RENEW REGISTRATION](#)

New Squash WA members are able to join for 2024/25 via our portal - <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bgsci/rego/start> - and membership will expire 30 June 2025.

Categories of Registration

Compete - this is for any players competing at a National Level - Squash Australia events

Local - This is for any players competing at a State Level - pennants, tournament etc - most of us fit in this group - Squash WA events

Lifestyle - This is for club members who would like insurance coverage, can reserve for pennants twice before needing to upgrade

Support - For those who are in a support role and what to keep connected to Squash WA and Squash Aus

Digital - Free option for all players at any level to keep in touch with what it is happening

Most of players will fit into the **LOCAL or LIFESTYLE category**. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local), and discounts, which are still to be determined.

7. Squash WA - Masters

Squash WA Master committee and WA Masters Squash Association met to discuss the future management of the Masters 'pathway' during. The aim is for both committees to work together to develop, support and deliver a consistent calendar of events for Masters players, and to share expertise and workload to cater for as many players as we can.

The initial discussions went well, with a further meeting scheduled for 30th July.

Calendar may include - State Age Titles, National Titles, Masters events in most sanctioned tournaments, teams events, 'social' tournaments and challenge evenings to attract new players, Friday night league, social events, social events, club based events, development of zone identity - plus some new initiatives.

8. Grants

October 2022 - Fuel to Play and Go - \$2000 grants available to promote healthy food and drink options, application made. Waiting for meeting with Healthway to final grant. Grant of \$1600 offered to the club, waiting for payment. (SUCCESSFUL). Funds have been received and will be spent over the next 12 months to support the Fuel to Play and Go message. Trying to allocate this funding towards the purchase of the new fridge, Steven submitted request to Healthway, waiting for confirmation this is ok.

August 2023 - Volunteer grant - new round coming up - new fridge, tables, benches, bag storage - application made for \$5000 (Aug 23). Advised by Sam Lim we have been 'approved' for \$3000. Funds received, purchasing 4 new tables for the clubroom (\$1086.00 + delivery), and Blaze Pods for junior training (\$1489.66)

April 2024 - Play Our Way Program - this is a federal grant through the Dept of Health and Aged Care aimed to promote equitable access, build more suitable facilities, and support grassroots initiatives to engage women and girls in sport and physical activity throughout their lives. There are two focus areas - (1) Facilities - safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming, and increased useage, \$50,000 to \$1.5 mil, (2) Participation and Equipment - Organisational delivery, quality of programs and support, access, increased involvement across all areas of club development, \$50,000 to \$1 mil. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2027. Applications close 2.00pm (Canberra time) on 29th April 2024.

We have asked for \$250,000 for the change rooms, and \$75,000 for programs. Thanks to Louis for putting this together.

9. Merchandise

New merchandise is out and about. Some stock available.

- Polo Shirts (\$40) - 1 x Kids 14, 2 x Med, 4 x Large, 2 x X-Large
- T-Shirt (playing) (\$38) - 3 x Med, 2 x Large, 1 x XXLarge
- T-Shirt (casual) (\$25) - 1 x Small, 1 x Med, 2 x Large
- Stubby Holders (\$8) - 6 available

End of minutes.
Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting on 17-07-2024

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

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