

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 09-08-2021 at 02:30

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 , Louis MEYER , Brian SEARLES

Apologies Mike HIPKINS , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain) , Elliott SAWYER

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Current balance - \$23,038.98 @ 9th August 2021 (includes \$2,160 grant funds)

- Winter Pennant fees have been invoiced. Reminder sent 10/7/2021. Minimal outstanding
- Invoice for the replacement water cooler still to be received.
- \$495.88 - net profit from the Quiz Night, allocated to Junior Program

2. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Quiz Night - Saturday 31st July - Brian

- Held, successful evening with around 80 people attending. Thanks to all for supporting and organising.

Club Champs - Juniors & Doubles - Saturday 4th September - Steven

Club Champs - Individual - 6th & 7th Sept (heats), Saturday 11th September (finals) - Steven

AGM - 11th September - Steven

Doubles competition - Squashworld clubs - Saturday afternoon in September, dates to be confirmed. - Louis

Awards Night - Saturday 9th October - Mike (see separate item)

- Band booked, need to start selling tickets!

2.1. Awards Night - Dinner, Dance

The aim of this event is to make the main event on the club's calendar. It will celebrate members achievements for the previous 12 months (Oct - Sept), and provide a focal event for members, partners and family to get together. The event will be held the second Saturday of October, which in 2021 coincides with the 20th anniversary of World Squash Day, and in 2022 will also coincide with the club's 45th anniversary.

Pennants winner, club champions, volunteers, golf winners, etc will be highlighted and honoured at the event, followed by dancing and frivolity!

We are aiming for 100 people to attend this event!

Bernice Gryguc nominations - we have received 2 nominations so far for this trophy.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE, see any committee member for tickets. Get your tables of 8 together and let us know if you are coming, as we need numbers to make this happen!

3. Centre Improvement / Club Development Plans

New items for discussion

- Discussed the floors could do with sanding. Steven to follow up with Kane as Melville Council had made a commitment to do this once the roof leaks had been fixed.

Possible long term goals for the centre (note current fundraising will not fund these projects):

- Upgrade the front walls - Louis talked about trying to get this on Ben Mortan's radar prior to the election next year.
- Air conditioning

Tasks

- Court Floors - Contact Kane to ascertain if Melville Council can start this process
Assignee: Steven JONES
Due date: 21-08-2021

4. Membership

We currently have 164 members including 34 junior members so we have achieved our goal of 150 for 2021. Well done to everyone!

Possible options to increase membership:

- Flyers to Murdoch Uni - discussed whether this could be a useful place to advertise squash, felt it was worth a shot. We will contact the university and see what options there are to advertise squash internally. Louis will contact Murdoch University, with the aim of running an open day in early 2022.
- Capture names and contact details of regular casuals and contact them about the benefits of membership etc - maybe offer some 'learn how to play squash' sessions to try and encourage adults to improve their squash. The introduction of the SquashLab app may assist with this process, as we will be able to communicate with people who have the app on their phone.
- Past players - actively follow up members who don't renew their membership, or past players, and encourage them to rejoin the club

Tasks

- Membership - Contact Murdoch Uni, find out how we can contact students
Assignee: Louis MEYER
Due date: 13-09-2021

5. Juniors

Term 3 commenced again next Monday - 19th July. Runs from 4.00pm to 4.45pm (coaching), then through to 5.30pm for games. Current numbers are around 25-30.

Tim Cowell is the Head Coach, and he is supported by Clare Slyth, Hannah Sylth, Steve Newman, Anthony Campbell, Mark Gelman and Steven Jones. Thanks to everyone for volunteering their time. Further help is always welcome, so if you are interested in helping run the Junior Program, then please contact the committee or Clare Slyth

Our Junior Club Champs will be held on Sat 4th Sept, at the same time as the Doubles. The WA State Junior Champs will be held at the end of September, we will have participants in the individual age groups, and a couple of teams in the team event.

Junior pennants commenced 8th August for a seven week season. We have two teams entered, total of 12 teams this season.

Funding for our juniors is mainly via the Containers for Change refunds, which generates around \$60 per month. Donations can also be made via the Australian Sports Foundation (tax deductible). Estimate we need \$1500 per year to fund this program.

If you know of any juniors who may be interested please point them in this direction.

6. Sponsorship / Shirts

Shirts - have arrived and been distributed, current stock is (2): T-Shirt x 1(s), Polo x 1 (m)

Sponsors - We currently have 10 sponsors. Nine have renewed for 2021, one still being followed up. Sponsor board has been updated.

\$ 200 per year for Sponsor.

\$ 400 per year for Shirt named Sponsor (initial year only, then \$200 pa)

7. Online Presence - Web / Facebook

Website - www.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.

The website has been useful for new players locating our club, with several enquiries being generated since it has been up and running. Aim to have one article posted onto the webpage each month, just to keep it active.

Website has been updated with current prices, recent photos, new sponsors and fundraising.

Articles - Need to get this up and running on an ongoing basis.

Hosting has been extended until 2022.

Facebook - this is our main space for sharing information. Posts need to be more regular and targeted. Louis has been added as an admin to the page and will support the management of this, and the development of content. Jeremy is also available to support this.

Instagram - an Instagram page has been created to link in with WA Squash, as this seems to be one of the main platforms used.

8. Newsletter

June newsletter has been sent out, next one due September 2021.

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. Pennant Teams

Winter season has 3 weeks to go, we have 11 teams again this season - 1 x Monday night, 9 x Tuesday night (includes 2 x Ladies Tuesday). We have several teams heading towards finals this season.

Scoring for the Winter season is PAR, to 15, win by 2 points (except State & Div 1 Tuesday - play to 11)

Day League - Autumn season has finished, Blue Gum were the Champion club again. New season has already commenced.

Fees for WA Squash 2022 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30, Insurance only \$40

10. Grants

Mar 2021 - TAB Sports Grants - \$2000 towards equipment for the Junior program

Apr 2021 - Volunteer Grant (via Federal MP) - \$5000 requested for equipment, coaching courses, and furniture. Advised that approved for \$4,400. Final application provided to Federal department, now waiting for confirmation of funds. Decision due in November, funds to be released in December.

Funding application was for coaching fees, new tables and chairs, training for the committee, junior equipment.

GRANT UPDATE - GIRLS ONLY SQUASH CLINIC

The acquittal has been finalised, we are waiting for approval to use the remaining funds as per below.

We were funded \$2400 per term for the program, based on 5 courts and 5 coaches for 8 weeks. As our numbers were lower and the duration shortened, we didn't use all the funding available, and have \$2160 remaining as at 30th June. When the acquittal is submitted we will seek permission to use this funding to run a series of Girls only sessions over the next 6 months, as a way of keeping this group of girls connected to the club and squash in general. Each session would cost around \$250, so we could effectively run another 8 sessions over the course of the year.

Decision

11. Child Safe Organisation

As part of the grant funding acquittal the club has to develop a Child Safe Code of Conduct. This has come out of the Royal Commission into Child Abuse, and is aimed at ensuring organisations are protective of children accessing their programs, and have processes in place should abuse occur or be disclosed.

Steven has drafted a Child Safe Policy, and Code of Conduct, based on templates available and these have been circulated to the committee for input. Discussion at the next meeting.

12. Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2020-21:

Steven Jones - President,

Mike Hipkins - Secretary

Audrey Lazaroo - Ladies Club Capt, Jeremy Claudius - Mens Club Capt

Committee - Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Brian Searles, Elliott Sawyer, Vacant

Vacant - Vice President, Treasurer

Louis Meyer has joined the committee, welcome and thanks! Louis will be looking at options for increasing our profile, and attracting some younger people into the club, supporting our Facebook page, and trying to get a Squashworld Doubles event happening.

We discussed that each member of the committee should have a role, these could include - publicity, events, sponsorship, fundraising, social media, grants, or any of the vacant positions. Committee members to have a think about what role they could take on for the next 12 months.

Mike Hipkins - Membership

Brian Searles - Doubles development

Clare Slyth - will continue to manage the juniors

Steve Tapley - will continue to manage the website / entertainment books

The AGM for the election of the 2021/22 committee is scheduled for Saturday 11th September, following the Club Champs. If anyone is interested in nominating for any positions on the committee, please contact Steven Jones - 0422 459 771. We are going to need a Men's Club Captain to manage our pennant teams, as Jeremy is unable to continue in this role.

Tasks

- AGM - Advertise the date / time
Assignee: Steven JONES
Due date: 25-08-2021

13. WA Squash

Strategic Plan for 2021-2026 has been developed and distributed to clubs.

Next step is for clubs to consider what they would like WA Squash to provide, and to discuss plan with centre managers.

Anticipated outcomes for the first 12 months of the plan are still to be determined.

14. Goals for 2020-21

Possible goals:

1. ACHIEVED - Increase our membership to 150 members - currently 160
2. Create a business directory to market to our sponsors

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting on 09-08-2021

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item Decision

10.

Tasks

Item	Task	Assigned to	Due date
3.	Court Floors - Contact Kane to ascertain if Melville Council can start this process	Steven JONES	21-08-2021
4.	Membership - Contact Murdoch Uni, find out how we can contact students	Louis MEYER	13-09-2021
12.	AGM - Advertise the date / time	Steven JONES	25-08-2021