

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

When 29-01-2018 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Jordan HUGHES , Jan INGRAM , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Barbara MILLS , Irene PETKOVICH (Deceased) , Steve TAPLEY , Madeleine (Maddy) TUSHINGHAM

Minutes

1. Bills received / to pay

\$195.00 - WA Squash - Metro Club Affiliation Fee 2018

\$40.85 - Gift for Neil Butler for Referee Course (Wine) - M Tushingham (reimburse)

\$373.35 - Pennant Prizes, 30 x Towels + Embroidery - S Jones (reimburse)

Bank Balance is around \$15,000, so we remain in a healthy position financially.

Decision

All approved for payment, payment processed 31/3/2018

2. Centre Improvements

Email received from Kane as follows:

Plans for kitchen are still in at Council. I chased up last week and the Facilities Maintenance Manager has given it a tick however it is now in planning. Pretty frustrating as it has now been there since November 22!

Roof leaked again in big storm, roof plumbers have since been back and they spent best part of a day up there drilling and doing god knows what so hopefully that is positive. The best part about it was that the plumbers attended the day after I reported. I am confident this new contact Dean Anderson will keep going until it is fixed for good.

I have a copy of an email stating the council will sand the floors once roof fixed so am hopeful this will occur.

I plan on replacing the cisterns and toilet seats in all ladies toilets by end of week as they are constantly leaking and I have replaced seals and rubbers with no luck. Pretty old so probably about time they were updated anyway.

We have now painted the side and back walls of 4 courts and are still patching front walls as we go.

Plan to paint all internal doors the Blue colour that is on the new door of the mens.

Have purchased artificial grass to put on the verandah. Am in the process of talking to Tennis club and council about painting the weatherboard before we put the artificial grass down.

Apparently the Council are supposed to do it but I am trying to get them to let me do it and change the colour to the Blue we used behind the tennis racquet wall. How long this process will take is anyone's guess but I don't see the point in putting down the artificial grass before we paint.

Decision

Maintain contact with Kane until the plans are approved, then further discussion about how to best support the improvements.

3. Umpiring Sessions

Being held Tuesday 30th January. Have had a good response with 30+ people signed up, not all are able to attend, but still expected at least 25-30.

Course will be held downstairs in the tennis clubrooms.

Cost for the event is free, just a couple of bottles of wine for the presenter.

4. **Calendar of Events**

Events in the immediate future:

30th Jan - Referee course

March - Possible matches with club from Singapore, waiting for confirmation.

May - Possible Quiz Night with the tennis club, Steven to follow up with the Tennis Club

July - Social Event - suggested this should be an activity & meal, looking at archery, bowls, golf, further discussion next meeting

Sept - Club Champs, if anyone is interested in organising this, please talk to Steven

Dec - Xmas function, started discussion about possible venues.

5. **Logo**

Committee were asked to vote on 10 new designs for a logo for the club, or if they preferred the old logo. The logos with the most support will be explored further.

Committee decided that logo 1, 2, 7 & 10 were preferred. These concepts will be explored further before providing these options to members for comment.

Tasks

Logo designs to be explored further

Assignee: Steven JONES

Due date: 12-03-2018

6. **Membership**

Membership as at 31/1/2018 is 52.

This is made up of the following:

Life Members - 7

Social Members (playing) - 17

Socail Members (non playing) - 1

Pennant Players - 27

Membership fees are now due for all pennant players and social members, reminder email to be sent now that pennant teams have been completed. Based on current membership, it is envisaged that will we exceed 100 members again in 2018. (122 in 2017)

7. **Entertainment Books**

Final returns for the 2017 year have been made, a further \$98 commission was received in addition to \$140 received directly into our bank account. Sold 17 books @ \$14 each = \$238.

Decision

Club will participate in 2018 entertainment books, Steve Tapley will remain the contact person.

8. Autumn Pennants

Autumn pennants commence in February - Monday night and Day League commence first week, Tuesday night commences the second week.

Day Pennants - 9 players registered this year

Night Pennants - Ladies - 2 teams nominated, same as last season

Night Pennants- Mixed - 3 teams on Monday (down 1 team), 7 teams on Tuesday (same as Spring 2016, but some changes)

A few teams are in need of an additional player, and we have struggled to fit 1 player into a team due to his ranking, and a lack of options. Hopefully all will go ok, and we should get a few more players back for the Winter season.

Thanks to Irene and Jeremy for putting the teams together.

9. Website

Steve advised that we had two options for this, the first is to build onto the Tidy HQ page, which will be very cheap, but not offer much flexibility. The second is to pay for our own domain, create a new website, and link this to our other site, ie Facebook, Tidy HQ.

It was discussed that the second option would provide more flexibility, would cost around \$100 per year, could be catered to our needs and what content we want, and would come with generic email addresses for key committee members to use.

Website to be called "Blue Gum Squash Club"

Decision

Committee agreed that the option of creating our own website was what we wanted.

Tasks

- Website domain name etc to be purchased
Assignee: Steve TAPLEY
Due date: 30-04-2018
- Website to be constructed
Assignee: Steve TAPLEY

10. Communication Strategy

We discussed the need for the Blue Gum Squash Club to communicate in several ways in order to remain visible. Part of this was to communicate with members, which currently is done via email, facebook, and posters at the club. Other options will include the new website when created, and possible links to other social media. There is also "The Swan" which is the WA Squash newsletter that is published monthly, not sure who gets this or how it is distributed.

After some discussion the following was agreed.

Day Pennant results - Barbara will collate individual results from Blue Gum players each week and email to Jeremy

Pennant Results - Jeremy will collate night pennant results from squash matrix, and post on Facebook (with Day Pennant results) each week

Local newsletter will continue to be created and distributed by Steven.

Steven will explore options for articles in "The Swan" to promote Blue Gum Squash Club.

11. Assets held by the Club

Given the changes to the layout of the centre, it was suggested that the committee explore what assets were currently held and what any future changes may mean. It was discussed that the club didn't really hold any assets at present, just a couple of fridges, as the oven and dishwasher were purchased for use by all at the centre.

It was discussed that the current stance of the committee was that we were committed to being in the centre, and as such would be looking to invest in improvements at the centre for the benefits of members, and others playing squash. Future expenditure on items would be based on the best use of our funds, and in the event of purchasing portable items, such as tables or chairs, these may then be placed on an asset register, or become 'shared resources'.

12. Sponsorship

Frank provided details of sponsorship arrangements for a soccer club he is involved with, which basically offers businesses the option of paying for advertising space, or naming rights on shirts. We discussed that the concept of having sponsors for shirts was worth following up, with the aim of the cost of shirts being covered so that they could be sold cheaply to members, or even given as part of your membership. Committee members to continue to look for possible sponsors and discuss were appropriate.

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting on 29-01-2018

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

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