

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 09-12-2019 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Tom Bernardi , Rob BLACKETT , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS , Clare Slyth

Apologies Brian SEARLES , Steve TAPLEY

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$84 - Gas Bottle / Cleaning Supplies

Expenses expected

- Nil

Income received

- Entertainment books \$322

Current balance - \$10,523.51 @ 9 December 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 several weeks now, and appears to be ok. 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. This has been set for Saturday 18th January. Steven to contact Sue Hillier to check if the date is ok.

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.

Xmas Function - Round Robin to be held at the club, followed by drinks and BBQ, Steven to advertise

Summer Squash - there is two Mondays, and four Tuesdays available for a pre-season competition. Discussed a range of options and decided to hold a variety of formats over the weeks, ie round robin, king of the court, team evening, doubles. Monday nights will be a round robin to give people match practice.

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

4. Membership

We had 126 members @ 9th December

Spring fees have all been paid. One player outstanding from Ladies team. Natasha Beattie (\$55)

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

Finals for Spring Pennants have been held. Blue Gum finished with three pennants, all Tuesday night - Ladies State, Ladies Div 1, Mixed Div 3

Autumn Pennants - commences in Feb 2020, teams will need to be finalised by mid-January. Jeremy to send out a reminder for teams.

Fees for WA Squash will increase next year - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30 - team fees remain unaltered. Steven to send out reminder to member regarding 2020 fees being due from the 1st January.

6. Juniors

Junior programme remains strong, hopefully this will continue into 2020.

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.

7. Sponsorship / Shirts

Final order arrived, only a few shirts left for sale.

Sponsors - to be billed each calendar year. Steven has sent a renewal letter to all sponsors inviting them to renew for 2020. If anyone has ideas for new sponsors, please let the committee know.

8. 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 updated 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.

9. Grants

We have applied for the following grants:

1. Bankwest - \$1000 - for purchase of dishwasher (not successful) - programme has now changed

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)**

10. 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.

11. 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

End of minutes.