

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 24-04-2024 at 19:30

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS , Belinda Martella , Jonathan RAFOLS

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Brett Hainsworth , Mike HIPKINS , Louis MEYER

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 – 2 quotes, \$11,000 & \$24,000, trying to get one more quote, then can finalise person and talk to Mike about timing
 - Don't have \$24,000 for this so, (a) tennis club, (b) Sam Lim & (c) David Wilson to be contacted for potential funding (Louis / Steven) - Feb 24 - Tennis club open to discuss further funding once front walls are installed, Sam Lim - Louis still to contact, David able to assist with shortfall if needed.
 - Alternatively we can do a further fundraising campaign to cover the shortfall, around \$10,000 - Feb 24 - seeking alternative funding first.
 - Steven to arrange for a further quote for painting - Feb 24 - Court Designs quote is GST, decision made to go with local quote - NDH painters.
 - Feb 24 - Plan for painting - Nick has suggested that we paint a couple of trial courts 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, Steve to notify Nick and Mike, and leave it up to them to agree when this will take place, 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 bit 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 our final balance for the painting will be \$13,170, which we have funded.
- Doors – Look at reinstalling closers on all the court doors - Feb 24 - Rob will sort this out, a couple of doors need to be fixed

2. Centre

- Remove all excess furniture – donate, verge collection etc – odd chairs, round tables, anything used (all) - Feb 24 - items to be removed for the centre and placed outside, club to look at bin if necessary. COMPLETED - items have been removed
- Spring clean – club to offer financial support to get someone in to clean the building, carpets 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 they are installed, and maybe just get a quote for carpets only at this stage. Mar 24 - Electrodry - \$800
- New Door – install the purchased door that will allow wind flow by the water cooler (Rob) Rob will get onto this (COMPLETED)
- Men's toilet – fix the taps (talk to Mike C)
- Mens toilet / change room – investigate what needs to happen to improve ventilation and smells hanging around (Mike H to follow up) - Mar 24 - Phil Scott advised that he is providing 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. The 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 - advised that he updated the shampoo supply but it was stolen the same day. Will look at supplies being available.
- Outdoor area – there is a strong smell of dog poo and urine, can this please be fixed - Feb 24 - club to remove the lawn from the patio. COMPLETED

4th Feb - Discussion of the above with Mike

Courts

- Front Walls - will happen in April 22nd to 28th
- Painting - happy to wait, will look at running a tournament once front walls are in, proceed to be used for painting. Better to spend more money and get a better quality job. Aim for painting by end of June.

Centre

- Agreed that excess furniture should be removed - COMPLETED
- Committee to arrange for new door to be installed downstairs - COMPLETED
- Mike to clean the mens bathroom / toilet areas, paint changeroom, and update vanities
- Mike to complete painting of the walls, aim to complete by end of April. Offered help with Mike will let us know if this is needed. (IN PROGRESS)
- Open to committee supporting cleaning of the centre, particularly carpets - Committee for quotes (QUOTE OBTAINED)
- Mike advised of the need for shampoo in the showers (COMPLETED)
- Mike advised that there are still ongoing issues with some members not locking up, leaving on, and treating the centre as if they own it. Mike happy to support the club, but we need responsibility for out of hours use, and see it as a privilege, not a right. Agreed to ensure 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, rock style (BEING PROMOTED)

Outdoor area

- Odour in artificial grass also caused by water not draining away. Need to remove. (COMPLETED)
- Mike planning to spray all outdoor area for bugs, and give a thorough clean

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 are not 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. Membership

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

1. Aim to keep our current members (185 have renewed / joined for 2024 so far)
2. Work with Mike to increase membership numbers.

4. Calendar of Events

- Mar to July - no planned events, do we need to add something?
- Aug - Club Champs (doubles) - Saturday 31st - 12.00 start
- Sep - Club Champs (singles) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9th to 14th, evening and S. afternoon
- Sep - AGM - Saturday 14th - 4.30pm
- Oct - Annual Awards Night - Saturday 12th - 6.00pm start**
- Nov - Annual Golf Day - TBC

** Discussion was had in relation to the Awards Night and whether this should be the same as previous years, change the format, venue, DJ, food etc. Initial thoughts were in relation to how to get more people to attend, maybe move to an annual celebration event that includes some award presentation, move away from a sit down meal and have platters, possibly reduce the cost of attending. Agree an annual celebration event needs to happen but is there a way that we can make it more appealing to more people.

Committee to discuss further next meeting. (DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING)

5. Pennants

Autumn season is coming to an end, we will have several teams in finals. Need to ensure that we have some players in reserve and keep recruiting new players to support the teams. We have 15 teams in Tuesday pennant competition this season.

If you need a reserve, please contact Anthony Campbell or Steven Jones, as we may have some reserves 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 2023-24 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30 plus \$30 per player per season - minimum playing pennants is \$150.

All current players registered with Squash WA are covered until 30 June 2024. Fees for future registration will increase next year, and will be collected directly by Squash WA, via a link provided by the club.

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.

Current Squash WA members will need to renew their membership on the 1st July 2024.

Squash WA Registration Fees to 30 June 2024

	All amounts below Incl GST							
	Metro				Country			
	SQA Fee	SWA Fee	Club	Total Rego Fee	SQA Fee	SWA Fee	Club	Total F
Compete Adult	\$49.50	\$71.50		\$121.00	\$49.50	\$49.50		\$99.00
Compete Jnr	\$38.50	\$27.50		\$66.00	\$38.50	\$27.50		\$66.00
Local Adult	\$27.50	\$82.50		\$110.00	\$27.50	\$60.50		\$88.00
Local Jnr	\$16.50	\$38.50		\$55.00	\$16.50	\$38.50		\$55.00
Lifestyle Adult	\$11.00	\$33.00		\$44.00	\$11.00	\$44.00		\$55.00
Lifestyle Jnr	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$22.00	\$11.00	\$22.00		\$33.00
Social Adult	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$22.00	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$22.00
Social Jnr	\$11.00	\$5.50		\$16.50	\$11.00	\$5.50		\$16.50
Support	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$22.00	\$11.00	\$11.00		\$22.00
Digital	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00

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 u: this group - Squash WA events

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

Social - *This category is being deleted, as not applicable at this time*

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

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

Most of players will fit into the LOCAL or LIFESTYLE category, fees are increased from \$70 / \$40 t \$44. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local), . discounts, which are still to be determined.

6. Squash WA - Masters

Steven met with Squash WA in relation to Masters squash being managed by Squash WA in the present WA Masters Squash (WAMS) manages most of the Masters squash in WA. WAMS originally started as a sub-committee of WA Squash and incorporated about three years ago into its own. At the recent Squash WA AGM, WAMS requested to become affiliated with Squash WA, however the member clubs weren't supportive of this occurring, as it creates a precedent for other groups to separate, and the ultimate aim is for squash in WA to be united in its approach.

Masters squash is the biggest demographic of players. BGSC has 119 registered players with Squash WA. 97 (80%) of those are aged 35+, which qualifies for Masters, so it is vital that these players have a particular focus on their needs and participation.

Squash WA has put together a Masters committee and is applying to manage the 2025 Australian Championships in Perth. Ideally this will be done in conjunction with WAMS, and further discussion will be held in this regard.

Further information about Masters competitions for 2024 will be advised soon. Masters categories to be included in all major Squash WA events, are already included in many country tournaments, there will continue to be Masters only tournaments held locally.

7. Grants

October 2022 - Fuel to Play and Go - \$2000 grants available to promote healthy food and drink application made. Waiting for meeting with Healthway to final grant. Grant of \$1600 offered to Steven, 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 to submit request to Healthway

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 won't be available until May 2024, to be spent in the next financial year.

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 million; (2) Participation and Equipment - Organisational delivery, quality of programs and support, access, increased involvement across all areas of club development, \$50,000 to \$1 million. 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.

8. Merchandise

Belinda has put together some new merchandise options for the club, these are available to orc

Aim to offer the following:

- New playing shirt - 2 styles
- Hoodies
- T-shirt, casual

Orders have been made, waiting for delivery.

End of minutes.