

# Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



## Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 08-06-2020 at 03:00

Location: Squashworld Brentwood, 33 Moolyeen 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 , Brian SEARLES , Clare Slyth

Apologies Steve TAPLEY

## Minutes

### 1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$39.60 - Web Hosting Fees (reimburse Steve Tapley)

Expenses expected

- \$3600 - WA Squash Player + Team Registration Fees

Income received

- Member fees x 4

Current balance - \$16,093.73 @ 12th June 2020

## **2. Centre Improvement / Plans**

Court front walls - Most of the courts have been patched, painted and had the tins updated. Two courts left to finish, looks great.

- Committee agreed to offer financial support towards the cost of repair to the front walls to the value of \$2000. The committee will make this offer and request that one of the tins advertise our club, if this is possible.

Locked cabinets - committee agreed to install some locked cabinets under the noticeboard for storage of club merchandise and other items - Rob to source the same style of cupboards as the kitchen and install. This will provide a lockable storage area for the club to use.

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

- Upgrade the courts to Court tech walls - discussed that this needs around \$50-\$60,000 to do all the courts to the optimum level, we don't really have any ideas on how to raise that much money. This issue is not a club issue, but obviously would be desirable for members to have the best facilities. Good to have this goal, but further discussion, and partnership with others is needed.

- Air conditioning - not discussed

### **3. Calendar of Events**

Events planned:

Welcome back to squash day - It was proposed and agreed that the club host a 'return' to squash afternoon at the end of June. Members will be invited to come and play squash in the afternoon, club will provide some drinks and food, and cover the cost of the courts. Tentative date is Saturday 27th June - 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Quiz Night - Re-scheduled for Saturday 29th August. This will be a club event, held at our venue. Tickets \$10 each, tables of 8, should be able to cater for 5-8 tables in our area. Club will sell drinks, and provide prizes & platters for each table.

The potential attendance in March was around 60-70 people so hopefully everyone can get on board with the new date!

Club Champs / AGM - To be held in September, dates to be confirmed once pennants schedule is known.

Xmas Function - to be arranged around the end of November, beginning of December.

To be explored further:

Doubles - Brian raised the possibility of Blue Gum hosting a doubles tournament , Kane is looking at having one on the WA Squash calendar, but this needs to be followed up. Dates are difficult to come by, and it is difficult to gauge the potential level of interest.

Squashworld Challenge - Last year Kane suggested a Squashworld challenge between two clubs, or all four clubs. This was supported by the club. This hasn't progressed and will require further discussion.

Tennis Club - Colin Lorimar contacted Steven to discuss a possible event, this may be a Quiz night, or other function.

#### **4. Membership**

We have 104 members as at 12th June

Outstanding Fees - Pennant nominated:

Night - Bryn Donoghue, Andrew Hviessel, Charles Mallozzi,

Team fee only - Ric Nicholas (night), Greg Mills (day)

Possible members - playing regularly: Darryl Carpenter, Andrew Bordin, Jinseok Kim, Lynne White, Theodore D'Souza, Nick Enzor

Possible options to increase membership - none of the options discussed in March we actioned, so now look at options

Marketing:

Bumper stickers - agreed to look at creating bumper stickers to give to members to display, Steven to look at costs and options

Sponsor a tin - discussion around whether it would be useful to have a tin with the club logo etc on it. This is covered in relation to our financial support of the court upgrades

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.

Recontact the schools targeted last year to promote junior programme, flyer to promote what is happening at the club,

Regular updates to website & facebook page - this is occurring

Contact City of Melville, get them on board with promoting the centre as a drawcard for the council

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

New programmes - start up a King of the Court on Monday evenings, possible 'ladies' only session targeting mums of juniors (Vic Park run one with a creche) - could be squash / fitness based programme - start up a junior competition, maybe Sunday afternoons - promote Saturday afternoon squash, maybe round robin from 2.00pm

#### **5. Pennant Teams**

Autumn Pennants - cancelled due to COVID-19. One final pennant season to commence in July 2020 and run for 15 weeks. Teams need to be organised by the end of June. Please contact us if you wish to play.

Fees for WA Squash 2020 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30

## **6. Juniors**

Junior programme has recommenced for Term 2, now runs from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, for the remainder of the term, then will look at going back to coaching and gameplay in Term 3. 11 juniors currently attending at the moment.

## **7. Sponsorship / Shirts**

Only a few shirts left for sale.

Sponsors - Steven has sent a renewal letter to all sponsors inviting them to renew for 2020. Four sponsors have renewed for 2020, two remaining to be followed up to see if they are still interested.

If anyone has ideas for new sponsors, please let the committee know.

## **8. WA Squash**

AGM - The WA Squash AGM has been held for 2020.

WA Squash - Leigh-Ann Kaye, and Raelene (?) attended our committee meeting and asked our opinions on a range of topics currently being considered by the WA Squash committee. They are developing a strategic plan and further information will be made available at a later date.

Topics of discussion included - what can WA Squash offer clubs, marketing of squash, attracting and developing new players, how clubs, centres and WA Squash work together, coaching, refereeing, junior development, fees, how to spread the cost of squash over affiliated players and the many casual players in the system.

## **9. 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.

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, photos from last year, and a Junior section.

Articles - Need to get this up and running for June onwards

Hosting has been extended until 2022.

## **10. Grants**

We haven't applied for any grants in 2020.

## **11. Newsletter**

The next newsletter is due, will aim to get out by the end of June.

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.

## **12. 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

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*End of minutes.*