

# Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



## Monthly Committee Meeting

Monthly Committee Meeting - with Mike

When 24-01-2024 at 19:30

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Brett Hainsworth , Mike HIPKINS , Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS , Louis MEYER , Jonathan RAFOLS

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Belinda Martella

## Minutes

### 1. Meeting with Mike Corren

The quarterly meeting with Mike was scheduled for this meeting however Mike has advised that he would prefer to meet with a representative of the committee rather than attend a committee meeting, and the committee will work with this.

Mike open to anyone talking to him about any issues, has an open door policy and is readily available.

Goals for the next 3 months:

#### 1. Courts

- Front walls to be renovated – this will happen, nothing else that we need to do with this
- 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)
  - Alternatively we can do a further fundraising campaign to cover the shortfall, around \$10,000
  - Steven to arrange for a further quote for painting
- Doors – Look at reinstalling closers on all the court doors

## 2. Centre

- Remove all excess furniture – donate, verge collection etc – odd chairs, round tables, anyt used (all)
- Spring clean – club to offer financial support to get someone in to clean the building, carp easier to maintain
- New Door – install the purchased door that will allow wind flow by the water cooler (Rob)
- 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)

## 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
- 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)
- Outdoor area – there is a strong smell of dog poo and urine, can this please be fixed

4th Feb - Discussion of the above with Mike

### Courts

- Front Walls - will happen in March, waiting for dates, then look at logistics, ie pennants, Tf in-house
- Painting - happy to wait, will look at running a tournament once front walls are in, procee be used for painting. Better to spend more money and get a better quality job. Aim for pa end of June.

### Centre

- Agreed that excess furniture should be removed
- Committee to arrange for new door to be installed downstairs
- Mike to clean the mens bathroom / toilet areas, paint changerroom, 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.
- Open to committee supporting cleaning of the centre, particularly carpets - Committee fo quotes
- Mike advised of the need for shampoo in the showers
- Mike advised that there are still ongoing issues with some members not locking up, leavir 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 i reminders are made via the club.
- Discussed recent enquiries regarding new players looking for a hit, nothing to offer at pre Mike agreed to try and offer a social hit on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - KOTC, rou style

### Outdoor area

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

## Decision

## Tasks

- ✓ Centre - Remove excess furniture  
Due date: 03-03-2024
- ✓ Centre - Install new door downstairs  
Assignee: Rob Blackett  
Due date: 30-04-2024
- ✓ Centre - Purchase and install door closers on each court  
Assignee: Rob Blackett  
Due date: 31-03-2024
- ✓ Courts - Painting - Obtain further quote for court walls  
Assignee: Steven JONES  
Due date: 17-02-2024
- ✓ Centre - Painting - Complete internal walls (can help if needed)  
Assignee: Mike Corren  
Due date: 30-06-2025
- ✓ Centre - Cleaning - Obtain quote to clean carpets, general clean of centre  
Assignee: Mike HIPKINS  
Due date: 09-03-2024
- ✓ Centre - Clean and paint changerooms, update vanities and taps  
Assignee: Mike Corren  
Due date: 30-04-2024
- ✓ Centre - Outdoor area - club to remove grass and dispose  
Due date: 02-03-2024
- ✓ Centre - Outdoor area - spray for bugs, and clean  
Assignee: Mike Corren  
Due date: 30-03-2024
- ✓ Centre - Send reminder to members to be responsible after hours  
Assignee: Steven JONES  
Due date: 17-02-2024

## 2. Membership

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

1. Aim to keep our current members (153 have renewed / joined for 2024 so far)
2. Work with Mike to increase membership numbers.

### 3. Calendar of Events

- Jan - Brentwood Cup (COMPLETED) - 6 teams competed
- Feb - Doubles (COMPLETED) - 9 teams competed
- Aug - Club Champs (doubles) - Saturday 31st - 12.00 start
- Sep - Club Champs (singles) - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9th to 14th, evening and Saturday afternoon
- Sep - AGM - Saturday 14th - 4.30pm
- Oct - Annual Awards Night - Saturday 12th - 6.00pm start
- Nov - Annual Golf Day - TBC

### 4. Pennants

Autumn season about to commence, registrations via My Squash Aus, causing a few issues, but manageable. We have 15 teams in the Tuesday pennant competition this season.

If you need a reserve, please contact Anthony Campbell or Steven Jones, as we may have some 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 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30 plus \$30 per player per season - min cost for 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. Further information will be provided early next year, but the fee structure is going to be as follows (from 10th November):

## 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

**Local** - This is for any players competing at a State Level - pennants, tournament etc - most of us in this group

### 5. Squash WA - Masters

**Lifestyle** - This is for club members who would like insurance coverage, can reserve for pennants, and have met with Squash WA in relation to Masters squash being managed by Squash WA in the future. Before needing to upgrade.

**Social** - Probably not a category that would be used, aimed at non-competition players. WAMS originally started as a sub-committee of WA Squash and incorporated about three years ago into its own entity.

**Support** - Squash WA has a Masters Support role and become affiliated with Squash WA. However, some 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.

**Digital** - Free option for all players at any level to keep in touch with what is happening in the sport.

Masters squash is the biggest demographic of players. BGSC has 119 registered players with Squash WA. Most of players will fit into the LOCAL or LIFESTYLE category, fees are increased from \$70/- to \$40/- to \$44. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local), particularly focus on their needs and participation.

Squash WA has put together a Master 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 category will 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.

## 6. 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 t waiting for payment. (SUCCESSFUL). Funds have been received and will be spent over the next 1 months to support the Fuel to Play and Go message. Had to replace the Water Cooler so these f be allocated to this.

**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, Si finalise the grant application with the Federal department this month. Funds won't be available 2024, to be spent in the next financial year.

### Potential Grants:

Community (federal) - Louis will contact Sam Lim's office to try and 'find' some funding for the cl Lim's office contacted to arrange a meeting to discuss the following:

- Infrastructure Grant - paint walls, bathroom facilities, air con - discussion with Sam Lim 2: letter detailing our needs has been provided, waiting to hear back from his office.

## 7. Facilities - Court Renovations

The ongoing development of facilities is critical for the future of squash in WA, and as the larges of the centre, the club is committed to the continual development of our centre for the benefit c members, all squash players, and the wider community. The current focus of the club is to work a permanent solution for the front walls in conjunction with other key stakeholders. This and ot items are listed below.

- CourtTech Australia currently supply and install glass front walls over old plaster walls, th per court is \$23,000 +GST
- COURTDesigns HALF SYSTEM Renovation is a permanent solution to reoccurring front wall wall problems. COURTDesigns offers renovations for plaster courts and panel courts. \*5 guarantee \*Low maintenance, same surface at the professionals \*Height adjustable tir installation of the 40mm thick COURTDesigns Half System Wall on existing plaster walls, t dimensions still comply with WSF guidelines
- <http://fitzsquash.com/index.php/courttech1/squash-courts/renovations/>
- 8 courts = \$220,000, DLGSC Funding \$110,000, Tennis Club \$77,000, Melville Council \$11,(\$22,000
- All building permits have been issued
- by 30 June - court walls will be painted
- by 31st March - front walls will be installed

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*End of minutes.*

*Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.*

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## Summary of Matters Arising

### Decisions

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