

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 20-01-2020 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Tom Bernardi , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Brian SEARLES , Clare Slyth , Steve TAPLEY

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain)

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$125 - Xmas Round Robin, Food & Drinks

Expenses expected

- \$200.00 - WA Squash Club Registration Fee

- Autumn Pennant fees - Player & Team Registration

Income received

- Sponsorship x 4

- Member fees

Current balance - \$13,694.70 @ 20 January 2020

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.

Need to talk to Kane about progressing these items, then discuss plans for 2020.

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Kids Open Day - Held Saturday 18th January. 14 children attended, out of 16 'tickets' sold. Costs still being determined, but should all be covered by WA Squash. Catering was around \$100, just need to get coaching and court hire costs.

2020 Summer Function - Agreed to hold a welcome to 2020 function. After some discussion it was decided that lawn bowls didn't appear to be supported, so we are going to plan a Quiz Night, with the tentative date being the end of March. At this stage it would be held in the squash club rooms, but if demand is high, then maybe use the tennis club room. Steven to approach the tennis club to see if they are interested in joining us, but if not will hold independently.

Summer Squash - there is two Mondays, tonight is the second evening. A round robin was held with 8 players, tonight we had 13.

Summer Squash - Four Tuesdays available commencing tomorrow night. A variety of formats will be held over the weeks, ie round robin, king of the court, team evening, doubles. Numbers are unclear but expect a few people to play.

Doubles - Brian asked about a doubles tournament, Kane is looking at having one on the WA Squash calendar, but this needs to be followed up.

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 have 36 members as at today, and finished 2019 with 126 members.

All 2019 fees have been paid.

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

Autumn Pennants - commences in Feb 2020, teams will need to be finalised by mid-January. Jeremy to send in teams. Audrey has finalised the ladies.

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

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. Tim to send out some options shortly.

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. 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. Steve will audit the information to make sure that it reflects the current fees for 2020.

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.

Articles - Jan (Jnr Open Day), Feb (Pennants start), Mar (Day Pennants)

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 (Unsuccessful)

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, this is still to be done.

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.