

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 21-02-2024 at 19:30

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Belinda Martella , Louis MEYER , Jonathan RAFOLS

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Brett Hainsworth , Mike HIPKINS , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain)

Minutes

1. Club / Centre priorities

Goals for the next 3 months (Feb to Apr 2024):

1. Courts

- Front walls to be renovated – dates provided for the update are 22nd - 26th April 2024
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- New Door – install the purchased door that will allow wind flow by the water cooler (Rob) Rob will get onto this
- 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) - 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.

4th Feb - Discussion of the above with Mike

Courts

- Front Walls - will happen in March, waiting for dates, then look at logistics, ie pennants, T-shirts in-house
- Painting - happy to wait, will look at running a tournament once front walls are in, proceeds can 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
- Committee to arrange for new door to be installed downstairs
- 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 painting, Mike will let us know if this is needed.
- Open to committee supporting cleaning of the centre, particularly carpets - Committee to look at this

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, 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.
- 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, round 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

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 aren't 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

3. Membership

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

1. Aim to keep our current members (176 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.

5. Pennants

Autumn season has commenced, some teams struggling already with unforeseen injuries. Need to ensure that we have some players in reserve, and keep recruiting new players to support the teams. 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 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. 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

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

Social - Probably not a category that would be used, aimed at non-competition players

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

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

6. Squash WA Masters

For players in the LOCAL or LIFESTYLE category, fees are increased from \$70 / \$40 to \$84. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local) present in Masters Squash (to be determined). BGSC 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 entity. 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 will be included in all major Squash WA events, are already included in many country tournaments, and 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 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. 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. Fi won't be available until May 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.
- Play our way program - new grant opportunity aimed at females in sport. Club to explore once guidelines are available.

8. 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://fitsquash.com/index.php/courttech1/squash-courts/renovations/>
- 8 courts = \$220,000, DLGSC Funding \$110,000, Tennis Club \$77,000, Melville Council \$11,0 \$22,000
- All building permits have been issued
- by 30 June - court walls will be painted
- by 30th April - front walls will be installed (delay due to manufacturing of glass panels)

9. Merchandise

Belinda is currently putting together some new merchandise options for the club, these will be r advertising shortly.

Aim to offer the following:

- 45th anniversary shirts (reprint)
- Hoodies
- T-shirt, casual

End of minutes.