

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

Monthly Committee Meeting - online

2nd week of the month

When 09-10-2024 at 19:30

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Brett Hainsworth , Josie Jones (Secretary), Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Belinda Martella , Louis MEYER , Jonathan RAFOLS , Vincenzo SCAGLIOTTA , Yvette Yvette

Apologies Rob BLACKETT , Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain)

Minutes

1. Outstanding items

- Painting - side walls - 4 courts left to paint, this will be arranged by Nick Hipkins & Mike Corren, funds have been transferred to Tennis club to manage future payments.
- Court Doors – Reinstall door closers, only court 1 left to do
- Mens Changerooms - Ventilation issues, club to follow up with Tenn is club, as report provided by Phil Scott
- Develop a process to report concerns
- Develop a statement to advise club members of club vs centre responsibility
- Develop a process for the club to support juniors to participate in state, national and international events

2. Committee - roles

It was discussed that each committee member should have a role, and report to the committee meeting each month. This will help to spread the workload, share the responsibility.

Steven Jones - President

- Main club contact point
- Support Treasurer
- Grant identification and application
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee
- Co-ordinator - Thursday night in-house
- Advertising - maintenance of digital signage via piSignage
- Liaise with Squash WA, Squashworld Brentwood, Blue Gum Tennis Club, City of Melville
- On Squash WA Masters Squash committee
- Level 1 - Squash Aust coach

Louis Meyer - Vice President

- Create brand, identity guidelines for future use
- Development of club policies and guidelines, ie child safe
- 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
- Internal communications and strategic advertising - newsletter
- Liaise with state and federal politicians
- Grant identification and application

Josie Jones - Secretary

- Junior co-ordinator, zone development, club development squad
- Support social media content, especially Instagram
- Level 1 - Squash Aust coach
- Level 1 - WSO Referee

Belinda Martella - Treasurer

- Merchandise options - junior shirts, reprints
- Social functions, couple of times per year
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee

Anthony Campbell / Audrey Lazaroo - Club Captains

- Liaises with members to form pennant teams
- Ensures pennant players are eligible to play, and financial
- Key contact for Squash WA enquiries
- Liaise with Pennant committee, and Club Captains group
- Anthony - on Squash WA pennant committee, Level 1 - Squash Aust coach

Brett Hainsworth - Committee

- Social events - annual evening, club tournament, other

Yvette Clement - Committee

- Membership - aim to increase retention, participation, convert casuals to members, build Squash WA participation
- Liaise with Squashworld Brentwood
- Play Our Way grant sub-committee

- On Squash WA Board, member of Country Week committee

Frank Lupis - Committee

- Fundraising - annual Bunnings BBQ, promotion of other sources of income - containers for change, entertainment books, ISponsor, new sponsors, business directory

Jonathan Rafols / Rob Blackett - Committee

- Maintenance - identification and support to report or maintain the centre facilities
- Liaise with Squashworld Brentwood as required
- Juniors - support development through weekend coaching / game play session (if viable)

Vince Scagliotta - Committee

- Happy to take on any role as new to the committee this year

What we would like to achieve in the next 12 months:

- Improve the changerooms, showers and toilets
- Explore options to paint the carpark wall - mural, public artworks
- Use the Play Our Way program grant to the fullest capacity
- Update the outdoor area, make this more attractive
- Expose our juniors to more interclub options

3. Calendar of Events

- Oct - Cocktail / Awards Evening - Saturday 19th - 6.00pm start (8 Knots Tavern) - tickets on sale
- Nov - Annual Golf Day - TBC

2025 events to be determined

Discussion around the club focussing on running a few more events throughout the year, either for members to participate in, or to attract more people to play. Some suggestions discussed:

- Doubles tournament - expand to twice a year
- Host a Come and Try Day - 2 hours, aim to get new people into the centre
- Junior Open Day - attract new juniors to the sport
- One day / half day tournament - short sharp competition, revised scoring, open to all
- Masters / Zones events
- Coaching for new players

Decision

Brett / Belinda - will take on the role of organising events for next 12 months

4. Grants

October 2022 - Fuel to Play and Go - \$2000 grants available to promote healthy food and drink options, application made. Waiting for meeting with Healthway to final grant. Grant of \$1600 offered to the club, 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 submitted request to Healthway, waiting for confirmation this is ok.

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

Aug 24 - we have been invited to submit an application in round 2 of the facilities grant. Sep 24 - application submitted.

Oct 24 - we have been successful with our program grant - \$22,500 per year for 3 years, see separate item for discussion

4.1. Play Our Way Grant - Programs and Equipment

The club has been successful in our funding application for programs and equipment to support women and girls to engage in squash, and to encourage them to remain attached in some way. The funding is significant - \$22,500 per year for three years, so we want to use this in the best possible way. Louis had drafted an outline of how this program, named FutureSquash, will operate as a starting point. We will have a sub-committee to manage the grant activities which will include:

- Advertising and promotion of squash, the centre and the club
- Development of management group, gain feedback from players, parents and interested people, focus groups
- Development of materials, websites, baseline data and programs to support the grant
- Introducing Come and Try days, women's/girls competitions, women's / girls only sessions, coaching
- Exploring motivational guest speakers
- Partnering with Squash WA, Fuel to Go and Play, Squashworld Brentwood and local council

Overall aim is to increase the number of women and girls playing squash at our centre, and as club members, provide opportunities for women and girls to participate, and make it easier for women and girls to engage in our sport. We will also be aiming to increase representation at our club and provide opportunities for women and girls to develop further skills in the sport, either via coaching, development pathways, or officiating.

We are waiting to meet with the funding body to finalise the grant payment and expect this to happen shortly.

Plan for the next 6 months is to:

- Finalise grant arrangements, gather baseline data
- Meet with Mike, agree on future plans
- Update our infrastructure - website, possibly Squashworld website, promotional materials
- Create sub-committee and engage with current women and girls at the club / centre
- Discuss with Squash WA about how best to partner at the State & National level

Louis and Steven to work with Belinda and Yvette in the initial stage of this grant. Other committee members available to support as needed.

5. Standing Items (for update)

The following items will be updated at each committee meeting but may not need discussion.

5.1. Membership

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

1. Aim to keep our current members (199 have renewed / joined for 2024 to date)
2. Work with Mike to increase membership numbers.

5.2. Merchandise

Current stock available for purchase

- Polo Shirts (\$40) - 1 x Kids 14, 3 x Med, 3 x Large, 1 x X-Large
- T-Shirt (playing) (\$38) - 1 x Large, 1 x 2XLarge
- T-Shirt (casual) (\$25) - 1 x Small, 1 x Med, 2 x Large

5.3. Pennants

Spring season - runs from 17th September to 10th December - draw is on SportyHq - all teams on Tuesday night

- 12 x mixed teams
- 2 x womens teams

NOTE - Spring pennants fees are now due - \$28 per person - paid via Revo - [Click here to pay](#)

If you need a reserve, please contact Anthony Campbell or Steven Jones, as we may have some options available.

Contact the committee if you are interested in being in a team for future pennant seasons, or as a reserve.

Squash WA Fees for 2024-25 (1st July to 30th June)

New Squash WA members are able to join for 2024/25 via our portal - <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bgsci/reg/start> - and membership will expire 30 June 2025.

Categories of Registration

Compete (\$121.00) - this is for any players competing at a National Level - Squash Australia events

Local (\$110.00) - This is ***for any players competing at a State Level - pennants, tournament*** etc - most of us fit in this group - Squash WA events

Lifestyle (\$44.00) - This is for club members who would like insurance coverage, can reserve for pennants twice before needing to upgrade

Support (\$22.00) - For those who are in a support role and want to keep connected to Squash WA and Squash Aus

Digital (\$0.00) - Free option for all players at any level to keep in touch with what is happening

Most of players will fit into the **LOCAL or LIFESTYLE category**. There will be benefits attached to some memberships (Squash TV for Compete and Local), and discounts, which are still to be determined.

5.4. Squash WA - Masters

Squash WA Master committee and WA Masters Squash Association met to discuss the future management of the Masters 'pathway' during. The aim is for both committees to work together to develop, support and deliver a consistent calendar of events for Masters players, and to share expertise and workload to cater for as many players as we can.

The initial discussions went well, and further meetings have been planned.

Calendar may include - State Age Titles, National Titles, Masters events in most sanctioned tournaments, teams events, 'social' tournaments and challenge evenings to attract new players, Friday night league, social events, social events, club based events, development of zone identity - plus some new initiatives.

The Australian Masters Championships are being held in Perth next year (Mirrabooka), so put these dates in your diary and start preparing.

- Individual - 5th - 7th September
- Teams - 9th - 13th September
- Trans-Tasman Tests - 3rd, 4th & 8th September

5.5. Juniors

Junior Program - Monday afternoons - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

- Average of 35 kids each week
- highest number has been 43 this year
- around 60 kids each year come for at least one session
- club development court, beginners (novice) court, 5 courts of general coaching
- we are almost at capacity, more support with coaching would help
- looking to offer another option for juniors to participate - weekend or afternoon session focussed on game play

Representatives:

National - Hannah Slyth

State - Hannah Slyth, Josie Jones, Kayla Clarke, Ella Clarke

Talent Squad - Ashton Clement, Sterling Slyth

Futures Squad - Noah Tan, Miranda Clark, Jasper Tapley, Joyce Tsao

6. Refereeing

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 This would be useful for all pennant players to complete!

Squash WA is keen for every club to have a level 1 referee, we currently have Josie qualified to this level. Anyone else who is interested please contact the committee, as we will support you to achieve this.

End of minutes.

Summary of matters arising are tabled on the following page.

Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting on 09-10-2024

Summary of Matters Arising

Decisions

Item	Decision
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3.	Brett / Belinda - will take on the role of organising events for next 12 months
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