

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 10-12-2018 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Rob BLACKETT , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS

Apologies Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Irene PETKOVICH (Deceased) , Clare Slyth , Steve TAPLEY

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- Trophies - Junior Champs - Willetton Trophy Centre - \$116.40
- Door prizes for Xmas Function - reimburse Steven Jones - \$125.00

Income received

- Sponsorship Renewal - Phil Scott - \$200

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Current update from Kane: (no further updates for this meeting)

- Tennis Club are getting new flooring and they tried to get Council to also do the flooring for the kitchen and upstairs area. Ultimately they failed as the Council didn't have the additional funds.
- Tennis Club have applied for a Government grant for the flooring which they hope to hear about in the next month or so. As it is a Government grant it means we don't have to use Council contractors (who quoted \$7500 just for kitchen and entrance area!) so I am in the process of getting quotes so that as soon as we hear we can proceed whether we get the grant or not.
- Outdoor area is my next area of attention. Plan is to repaint Beams, Balustrade and weatherboard, colour ideas welcomed! Already have synthetic grass to be laid after painting. I would like an inbuilt BBQ at western end and eventually get rid of the mesh and install some kind of wooden louvre type setup to let in the air but so you can't see the roof of tennis club.
- If we could somehow secure the balcony at night it would be nice to get some better tables and chairs for the area, again ideas on how to secure the area welcomed!
- Patching of walls is ongoing, plan is to get at least one court professionally re-plastered in early January.
- Court tins to also be replaced one at a time over Jan-March.

The committee agreed to take on the outdoor area as our project for this year, Rob Blackett will consult with Kane and come up with some suggestions and a plan for the area.

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

December - Xmas function - 16th Dec, Cockburn Power Boat Club - meals and drinks over the counter, band from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, no venue fee. 25 people attending at this stage, Santa's naughty and nice 'draw' to be held on the day.

Calendar for 2019 to be discussed. First event will be a summer competition, agreed that this will be on Monday evening, for the 3 weeks prior to pennants commencing. There may also be a tournament running at the Centre during this time, need to clarify this with Kane, and only the junior tournament has been advertised.

We discussed the option of starting up a 'coaching' session on a Saturday afternoon, initially once a month, for a couple of hours. The aim would be to provide another opportunity for members to engage with the club, and receive some tips to improve their squash. It could also provide another opportunity for juniors to engage in squash. Clare has followed up with Damon, and he is interested in helping with this. We will continue to discuss with him with the aim of commencing in February..

4. Logo

Final designs have been received. Committee discussed the designs and agreed on three designs to be sent out to members to 'vote' on. This includes the current logo plus two new concepts.

Voting on the logo was well supported with 74 responses out of 115 members (64%), with the koala holding the racquet the clear winner in the voting - 50% of responses chose this one, and most of the other responses had this as the second choice. The committee is now engaging an illustrator to finalise the design of the logo, based on this concept. It is hoped that this will be finalised by early January.

5. Membership

As at December 2018 we have 115 members.

1 Social (non-playing), 1 Junior, 7 Life, 43 Social (Playing), 64 Pennant

Some members have overpaid fees for 2018, this has mainly been due to players paying in advance and then being injured, refunds, or credits to be provided. Credits for 2019 membership will be applied to the following members:

Mark Chow \$25, Wesley Emery \$50, Eddie Pearson \$50, Noelette Pearson \$50, Tim Hepworth \$25, Tim Cole \$25, Sue Campbell \$25, Lynne White \$25, Barbara Mills \$25 = TOTAL \$300 + Paul Sawyer, overpayment \$25

6. Pennant Teams

Spring Day Pennants has finished - we had 8 players across 3 divisions, with Natalie Arindell (Div 1) and Jennifer Brindley (Div 3) part of the winning teams, and Vic Thomas (Div 1) in the runner up team.

Spring Night Pennants has finished - we had 12 teams, 7 made the Grand Final, 3 teams won this season

Pennants for 2019 commenced in February, with teams needing to be nominated by the end of January.

7. Website - bluegumsquash.org

Website has been launched, we now need to keep this up to date and relevant to members. Steve has managed to link post to our facebook page, and remains our contact point for posting material on the website.

We all need to be sending content to Steve to post in order to keep our website current and relevant. If you have any ideas, suggestions or content, please forward them to Steve.

Need to add a page for sponsors for 2019.

8. Newsletter

Newsletter for September has been sent out. Next newsletter is due in December.

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.

9. Grants

We have applied for the following grants:

1. Bankwest - \$1000 - for purchase of dishwasher
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 - Expression of Interest lodged for Defib Machine (\$200 is the cost of a machine if we are successful) **(application was successful, Defib machine will be located externally for public and club access, further details in the new year.)**

10. Movement of Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2018-19:

Steven Jones - President, Irene Petkovich - Ladies Club Capt, Jeremy Claudius - Mens Club Capt

Committee - Steve Tapley, Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Clare Slyth

Vacant - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 1 x committee

11. Sponsorship / Shirts

As at December we have four sponsors signed up for the shirts, and aim to have a shirt run for early 2019.

Steven has located a local company in Welshpool that is able to provide printed shirts for the same cost as the online company previously explored, and a decision was made to go with this company as it is easier to obtain samples, and easier to negotiate with face to face. The company have a variety of short options for mens and ladies, and we can mix and match in our order.

Artwork for the remaining sponsors is needed, and for our new logo, then we can design and develop the shirts for 2019.

12. Juniors

Juniors club champs have been held, with a good turnout for the past few weeks, with a peak of around 25. Membership forms have been handed out and it is hoped that we will have several junior members join our club in 2019.

There is a junior camp, and tournament at Brentwood in January.

We discussed that the pathway for juniors at our club is really via the Wednesday round robin at the moment, and Thursday in-house, before pennants. There may be other opportunities developed along the way, but these are our current staple options.

13. Ladies - Club Champs

A survey has been sent out to our 19 current playing female members to get an idea of why they didn't enter in this year's club champs, and what we might be able to do for 2019.

We received 7 responses to the survey and it appears that players were away, or injured during this year's event. There was some comment on being able to play over two days, and the differences in skill levels of the ladies players.

End of minutes.