

# Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



## Monthly Committee Meeting

Monthly Committee Meeting

When 18-11-2021 at 02:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute taker Steven JONES

Present Rob BLACKETT , Brett Hainsworth , Steven JONES (President), Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Frank LUPIS , Louis MEYER , Elliott SAWYER

Apologies Anthony CAMPBELL (Mens Club Captain), Mike HIPKINS , Brian SEARLES

## Minutes

### 1. Bills Received / To Pay

Current balance - \$17,733.25 @ 27th November 2021.

- All invoices have been paid.

- \$35 in outstanding fees to be collected

## **2. Calendar of Events**

Events planned:

2021 - suggested that we hold a squash afternoon in December to complete the year, and finish with a BBQ and drinks - agreed Saturday 11th December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm - Steven to create a flyer!

2022 events to be discussed and dates decided, anticipate the following events as a minimum.

- Golf Day - April/May 2022
- Club Champs - September 2022
- 45th Anniversary / Awards Night - October 2022
- Doubles competition - Squashworld clubs - still working on getting this happening

### **2.1. 2021 Awards Night - Dinner, Dance - Feedback**

The Awards Night was held and was successful. Feedback was sought from participants (see separate details) with an overall rating of 3.8/5 being achieved. Biggest issues were the acoustics at the venue, and the lack of food for the main course. Everyone who responded to the survey advised that would attend in 2022, and a few suggestions were made to make the evening more successful.

We will be holding our awards night again in 2022, and this will be combined with the club's 45th anniversary. We will follow up with Tomkins on Swan to see if our concerns can be addresses, and we will also look at alternative venues that may meet our needs. Date for the event will be similar to 2021, but a week later, Saturday 16th October.

## **3. Volunteer Awards**

Nominations are open for the WA Squash Annual Awards, closing 4th February 2022.

Nominations are open for: Junior of the Year, Junior Player of the Year, Coach Referee and Volunteer of the Year. The committee will consider all suggestions and make nominations on behalf of the club.

Bernice Gryguc Award for Blue Gum Squash Club - nominations are now open for the 2022 award, and will remain open until the 15th September 2022. Any club member can make a nomination to recognise the efforts of another club member throughout the year, the committee will select a winner from the nominations received. Nominations can be made via this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/Qgb3MYPdQe>

#### **4. Life Members**

As part of our 45th anniversary celebrations we are going to highlight and celebrate a life member each month. We currently have 12 Life Members, but don't have contact with them all, so the plan is as follows:

- locate all of our life members and ensure their contact details are on our database (if they want this)
- contact each life member and obtain a summary of their achievements, we need to understand why they are life members
- profile our life members via Facebook, newsletters and websites throughout 2022, leading up to the 45th anniversary

Our Life Members are:

1983 - Trevor Osborne, 1987 - Sandie Davis, 1993 - Jenny Marsh, 1993 - Helen Collins (dec), Lyn Scurry, Anthony Scurry (all from Rossmoyne), 2001 - Christine Cooper, 2002 - Maddy Tushingham, 2003 - Gaynor Dean, 2004 - Ken Tushingham, 2015 - Ric Nicholas & 2015 - Jan Ingram

#### **5. 45th Anniversary - Club Shirts**

It was discussed and agreed that we would develop a 45th anniversary club shirt for members to purchase to celebrate our milestone. Cost of the shirts is anticipated to be around \$45-50 each, details to be explored further.

#### **6. Pennant Teams**

The Spring season has commenced, we have 13 teams this season - 1 x Monday night, and 12 x Tuesday night (includes 3 x Ladies Tuesday). This is an increase of two teams from last season.

Day League - Spring season has commenced, we have 6 players competing.

Monday Night Ladies League - Spring season has commenced, we have 4 players competing.

Finals for the Spring competitions are about to start, and will be completed by mid-December, we have 1 team in the Grand Final, and 4 other teams in semi-finals. Several members are also involved in the 'league' finals.

Teams for Autumn season will need to be created by mid-January 2022.

Fees for WA Squash 2022 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30, Insurance only \$40

## **7. Girls only squash coaching**

During 2021 we ran two terms of clinics aimed at teenage girls wanting to try squash, this was funded through Dept of Sport and Recreation, and we ended up with around 30 girls being involved. What this highlighted is that there is a 'market' for this type of program, and it was suggested that the club fund a similar program in 2022 as part of our aim to increase membership. The suggestion is as follows:

- Run a six week "Squash Girls Can" program in Terms 2, 3 & 4 2022
- Limit the participants to maximum of 15, over three courts, with three female coaches
- Participants can be teenage girls, their mums, adult women, any females wanting to learn to play squash
- Aim of the program is to develop skills as social squash players, and link into further development options
- Costs, Courts ( $\$20 \times 3 \times 6$ ) = \$360, Coaches ( $\$60 \times 3 \times 6$ ) = \$1080 = \$1440, Fees, \$10 per week x 15 = \$900 - NET COST \$540 per term
- Club will continue to seek grant funding to support this initiative as well

### **Decision**

Committee agreed to fund this program for 2022 as part of our plan to increase members, particularly female players

## **8. Grants**

Mar 2021 - TAB Sports Grants - \$2000 towards equipment for the Junior program

Apr 2021 - Volunteer Grant (via Federal MP) - \$5000 requested for equipment, coaching courses, and furniture. Advised that approved for \$4,400. Final application provided to Federal department, now waiting for confirmation of funds. Decision due in November, funds to be released in December.

Funding application was for coaching fees, new tables and chairs, training for the committee, junior equipment.

## **9. Committee Members**

The following committee members were elected for 2021-22:

Steven Jones - President

Louis Meyer - Vice-President

Mike Hipkins - Secretary

Audrey Lazaroo - Ladies Club Capt, Anthony Campbell - Mens Club Capt

Committee - Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Brian Searles, Elliott Sawyer, Brett Hainsworth

Vacant - Treasurer

Clare Slyth - will continue to manage the juniors

Steve Tapley - will continue to manage the website / entertainment books

## 10. 2022 - Goals for the club

- Membership - aim to keep our current members, and increase our membership numbers to 200 (around 175 for 2021)
  - ensure we retain our current members, what is needed to keep people at the club, why do people leave?
  - target Murdoch University students as a cohort of potential new players
  - target casual players and try to 'convert' them to club members, and ultimately WA Squash participants
  - target populations, ie females, to try and increase representation
  - target our Juniors and encourage all junior program participants to join the club
  - ensure the 'pathways' for social players are available, clear and advertised
  - offer free coaching, for new adult players to help improve their skills and enjoyment, maybe once or twice a month
- Doubles - continue to promote Monday night doubles, and hold an inter-club competition during 2022
- Courts - continue to seek funding, and look at fundraising options, to improve the quality of our courts
  - priorities are a permanent solution to the front walls, discuss discussions with Ben Morton, Kane, Tennis Club, City of Melville about our long term needs are for the courts
  - follow up with the Tennis Club / City of Melville regarding their commitment to the sanding of the floors
  - continue to work with Kane to ensure the facilities are repaired when needed, and upgraded over time

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*End of minutes.*

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

# Minutes of Monthly Committee Meeting on 18-11-2021

## Summary of Matters Arising

### Decisions

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