

# Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



## Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 13-05-2019 at 03:00

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

Chairperson Steven JONES

Minute  
taker Steven JONES

Present Rob BLACKETT , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Clare Slyth

Apologies Irene PETKOVICH (Deceased) , Steve TAPLEY

## Minutes

## **1. Bills Received / To Pay**

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$1000.00 - Balance for shirts (x 55)
- \$679.15 - Rob Blackett - Reimburse new BBQ for outdoor area
- \$500.00 - Steven Jones - 40 x towels for pennant prizes
- \$400.00 - Deposit for Shirts (2nd order x 22)
- \$414.41 - Website hosting fees - 2019-2022
- \$1200.00 - Centre Improvements - Replacement carpet contribution
- \$24.00 - Jan Ingram - Reimburse for new oven trays
- \$261.80 - Steven Jones - Reimburse for embroidery on towels (40)
- \$50.00 - WA Squash - player registration (Ric Nicholas)

Income received

- Shirts - approximately \$480 received to date from members (\$320 still to be collected)
- Membership fees - \$375

Expenses expected

- Shirts - \$375.50 - Balance due for shirts (expected around end of May)

Current balance - \$12399.38 @ 13th May

## **2. Centre Improvement / Plans**

Flooring - the whole centre has now been carpeted, which looks great. The door on court 8 isn't closing properly, Kane to be advised, as the door closer is currently not connected, which may fix the issue.

Outdoor area - the BBQ has been purchased and has been constructed, it works very well! Rob has enclosed the end patio area, and is currently designing some cupboards to surround the new BBQ..

Court front walls - Steven to email Kane get an update on what the current plan is to fix the walls.

### **3. Calendar of Events**

Events planned:

State League (home game) - Tuesday 14th May

Swan Valley / Winery Tour - Not proceeding

Family Day - it was agreed that the next event would be held on a Saturday afternoon, with squash games, followed by a sausage sizzle. The aim would be to encourage juniors, members and casual players to come down for a hit, and low key social function. Tentative date is the first Saturday of term 3 - 27th July, from 2.00pm onwards for squash, sausage sizzle around 5.00pm.

Xmas Function - to be decided for early December

### **4. Membership**

We currently have 107 members @ 13th May

Members from 2018 who have not renewed have been contacted and encouraged to join the club in 2019.

Fees are up to date, but we have three of the State League players still needing to pay their fees.

### **5. Pennant Teams**

Pennants for Autumn 2019 are coming to a close, with Grand Finals this week..

We have 13 teams entered this year in night pennants - 4 Monday night, 7 Tuesday night, 2 Ladies Tuesday night.

We have had 7 teams make the finals this season. Grand Finals for the 4 team draws were held last week, we had three teams competing but unfortunately all came second. We had three teams competing in semi-finals, with two wins and one loss, so this week we have three teams competing in Grand Finals - one at Blue Gum, two are away.

We have a State League entered under the club name. The State League will be playing at Blue Gum on Tuesday 14th May. We agreed that this is a great opportunity to promote squash locally, and we will use these dates as a mini event. The State League is currently sitting in second position with four rounds to go. Finals for the State Grade are scheduled for June / July.

Autumn Day League has also commenced, the following Blue Gum members are playing - Ali Butler, Cathy Wilson, Greg Mills, Natalie Arrindell, Wesley Emery, Bob Vivian, and Lynne White. Day League finishes at the end of May, with finals in early June.

## 6. Website - bluegumsquash.org

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.

Steve has updated the logo on the website, and added our current sponsors.

The website has been useful for new players locating our club, with several enquiries being generated since it has been up and running.

Hosting has been extended for three years.

## 7. Newsletter

Newsletter for March has been sent out. Next newsletter is due in June.

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.

## 8. 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 - **(application was successful, Defib machine will be located externally for public and club access, \$249 contribution paid in March, equipment has been received and cabinet has been installed this evening)**

## 9. Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2018-19:

Steven Jones - President, Irene Petkovich (deceased) - 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, Ladies Club Capt

## 10. Sponsorship / Shirts

As at March we have six sponsors, four are new and have providing funding for the shirts, and the outdoor area. All sponsors details are on display at the centre, have been advertised on Facebook, and the newsletter. Regular updates will be provided on all on our platforms.

The initial shirt order has been received - 55 ordered - and are currently being worn around the courts. A second order of 21 shirts was made at the end of April, and should be received around the end of May. Cost is going to be subsidised by sponsor funds - 1 shirt (\$20), 2 shirts (\$50), 3 shirts (\$85).

Steven to contact the sponsors for Facebook posts, and to update on the current situation.

## **11. Juniors**

Juniors has started up again this term with numbers being around 15-20 participants. Some juniors are also linking into the Wednesday night round robin, which is great to see. Several juniors have joined the club, and their details have been updated.

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.

WA Squash are planning to do a metro promotion of squash through schools in the Brentwood / Hilton corridor in the next 12 months, so we need to plan for how to incorporate more juniors into our club.

## **12. SportyHQ - for pennant players**

The Squash Matrix had ceased and all teams / results / rankings are now on SportyHQ. There have been a few teething issues, and these are slowly being worked through at club and WA Squash level, but it appears that the first season may be a little messy.

Contact details for any enquiries or support are: SportyHQ <[sportyhq@squash.org.au](mailto:sportyhq@squash.org.au)> This is the Squash Australia contact, and in my experience this has been the most responsive avenue for support.

Who do you contact for any support issues?

Russell Weatherburn – Squash Australia Membership Coordinator  
([rweatherburn@squash.org.au](mailto:rweatherburn@squash.org.au))

Leanna Davey – Squash Australia SportyHQ Coordinator ([LDavey@squash.org.au](mailto:LDavey@squash.org.au)).

There is also a shared mailbox where you can send queries, issues and general feedback  
[SportyHQ@squash.org.au](mailto:SportyHQ@squash.org.au)

## **13. Community Fundraising Box**

Steven raised the question of whether the Centre and the Club could jointly support a donation box for collection of change for local community projects, or charities. As we are a 100 person strong club, plus have tennis players and casuals through the centre, we could raise a few thousand dollars per year, and give back to the community. We could also look at doing a fundraiser once a year for a specific reason, as has been done in the past with Purple Bra day.

The initiative was supported but needed to be discussed with Kane as the box would need to be located at the front counter.

This initiative is currently on hold, and may commence later in the year.