Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)

Monthly Committee Meeting

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When	21-10-2026 at 19:30
Location:	Squashworld Brentwood, 33 Moolyeen Rd, Brentwood WA 6153, Australia
Chairperson	Steven JONES
Minute taker	Steven JONES
Present	Yvette Clement (Secretary), Josie Jones , Steven JONES (President), Frank LUPIS , Belinda Martella , Louis MEYER (Vice President), Jonathan RAFOLS
Apologies	Brett Hainsworth , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain)

Minutes

1. Centre Improvements

Discussion - 2026-27 Projects

Committee discussed what the next project could be to improve the centre. We have looked at air-conditioning and updating the changerooms as part of a larger scale project but have not been able to progress this due to the cost being very high. We discussed whether these projects could be broken down into smaller pieces and completed in stages, and if so, what would be the priority.

For any of these projects we would need support from the Centre (Mike), the Tennis Club, and the City of Melville.

Changerooms

- Could be split into 3 areas - Showers, toilets and change area
- Some funding may be available to support female facilities, usually not for male
- Club member may be able to supply materials at cost price
- Aim to leave the layout the same, but update all tiles, fixtures and fittings, including privacy screens
- Need a clear plan so that it can all tie in together if done in stages

Air-conditioning

- Look into options that can possibly be expanded over time
- Focus on heating / cooling the club area initially

Plan - for both projects

- next 6 months - arrange for some quotes / options to be developed with costs so that we can decide how best to approach this
- email Mike, and the Tennis Club to ascertain what level of support may be available

2. Committee - 2026-27

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

Yvette Clement - Secretary

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

Josie Jones - Junior Co-Ordinator

- 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

Audrey Lazaroo - Club Captain

- 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 - social outings, annual evening, club tournament, other

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 - Committee

- Maintenance - identification and support to report or maintain the centre facilities
- Liaise with Squashworld Brentwood as required
- Play Our Way - Come & Try Days

3. Calendar of Events

2026 calendar

Nov - Annual Club Event - 7th Nov - Outta bounds - 6.00pm to 8.00pm - BOOK NOW - contact Brett Hainsworth - 0493 356 774 - need numbers by 31st Oct

Nov - Come & try Day (Play Our Way) - 22nd Nov - on Eventbrite

Dec - Annual Golf Day - 6th Dec (TBC)

4. Grants

PLAY OUR WAY - July 2024 to June 2027 - 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, (2) **Participation and Equipment - Organisational delivery, quality of programs and support, access, increased involvement across all areas of club development.** Projects must be completed by 30 June 2027. **$22,500 per year for 3 years, see separate item for discussion**

VOLUNTEER GRANT - Sept 2026 - $1500 received. Plan is to use this grant to update the wifi in the centre, purchase additional tablets for scoring, and support coaching course attendance.

HEALTHWAY - $2000-$4000 available for clubs to improve facilities and support healthy choices. Suggested we apply for $4000 to upgrade the water fountain.

GAME ON GIRLS - $1500 -$5000 available to promote programs for teenage girls aged 12-17. Plan to apply to run a girls program on Sunday mornings alongside the Women's Social squash. Term 1 & 2 2027. Aim to tap into local schools, and schools that have accessed the centre during the year.

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 is some way. The funding is significant - $22,500 per year for three years, so we want to use this is the best possible way. Louis had drafted an outline of how this program, named FutureSquash, will operate as a starting point. We will 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, womens / 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.

Financial Year - 2025/26

Initial plans for this financial year.

- Come & Try days - every two months for remainder of 2025/26
    - Sunday afternoons seem to popular, so will run in that timeslot
    - Feb - Sunday 15th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - Mar - Sunday 29th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - May - Sunday 24th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
- Establish a working committee for managing the grant, focus on female participation - IN PROGRESS
- Womens Social Squash
    - Saturday & Monday morning - court hire to be covered by participants from 1st October, grant to fund coach this financial year
        - Saturday moved to Sunday effective April 2026
    - WhatsApp group to be established to promote Social Squash and other events, connect women together - COMPLETED
- Follow approved activity plan
    - 1:1 coaching - vouchers to be provided in packs
    - Guest speaker presentation - Discussing with Squash WA, aim for June 2026 - deferred to 2026-27 FY
    - Supporting girls / women to undertake qualifications - Coaching, Refereeing
- Women's Forum - Saturday 31st January (10.30am to 11.30am) - COMPLETED

Financial Year - 2026/27

Initial plans for this financial year.

- Come & Try days - every two months for remainder of 2026, aim to continue in 2027
    - Sunday afternoons seem to popular, so will run in that timeslot
    - Jul - Sunday 26th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - Sep - Sunday 20th - 1.00pm to 2.30pm - COMPLETED
    - Nov - Sunday 22nd - 1.00pm to 2.30pm
- Support for State representatives - funding to attend Nationals, coaching support - $1000 per person allocated (3 x girls)
- Support to grow Womens Social Squash - vouchers to attend, and for coaching
    - Survey participants to seek feedback on what is working and suggestions to improve
- Support to grow female participation in club, and Squash WA
    - Possible sponsorship of West Coast Open, being held at Mirrabooka this year
        - Funding - entry fees for women and girls - check number of entries last year

        - Funding - special prizes - Juniors - $500 coaching voucher, Adults - $500 Racquetshop voucher - criteria to be determined
        - BGSC and Play Our Way branding to be included on all advertising
    - Creation and delivery of Womens forum in conjunction with Squash WA - to be finalised
    - Final year of funding
        - Louis has a report to submit for 2025-26, will do so next week, Steven to provide stats and budget
        - Case studies to be identified for final report - suggested (1) Clarke girls, (2) Women who have come onboard, (3) juniors who have joined, now playing tournaments

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 2026 - We finished with 194 members for 2025 (199/2024, 203/2023, 209/2022)

1. Aim to keep our current members (181 have renewed / joined for 2026 to date)

2. Encourage regular casual members to join the club - new enquiries will be recorded at potential members so we can provide regular updates and incentives to join. Yvette emailing all new enquiries and referrals.

1. Membership offer (August special) offered for remainder of the year - $30 adult, $20 junior
2. Xmas offer to be made from December - 13 months for the price of 12!
3. Aim for club to have all of our members and regular players reflected on Squash WA (Revo) database for funding and participation numbers heading into 2028 Olympics

5.2. Fundraising

Bunnings BBQ - no plans for 2026, will explore for April 2027. Frank to look into this.

5.3. Sponsorship

Sponsorship of the club is an important part of our revenue, and we are fortunate to have a number of long term sponsors supporting the club.

New sponsor for 2026

- Ron Clarke - Clarke's Custom Homes - Platinum Sponsor

Steven has emailed all current sponsors and invited them to renew for 2026. The following sponsors have replied to date:

- Yes - Hadden Donald - Slab & Garden City (Platinum)
- Yes - Belinda Martella - Simply Magic Drycleaning (Platinum)
- Yes - Dan Andersson - Massage on the Run (Platinum)
- Yes - Nick Ratcliffe - Danazlin (Gold)
- Yes - Mike Corren - Squashworld Brentwood (Gold)
- Yes - Phil Scott - Scott & Associates (Gold)
- Yes - Theirry De Chalain - FRCI Australia (Gold) - NEW
- Pending - Craig Tamlin - Lumen IT

Revert to Silver

- Frank Lupis - 2B Chauffeured
- Frank Lupis - Franks Lawnmowing
- Luke Missak - Tech Tank
- Joan Samuels - Body Tune

The sponsorship package was sent out to our community for 2026. The aim is to provide members with an opportunity to advertise their business at no cost and then increase their exposure with the club on sliding monetary scale - websites, newsletter, naming rights, business directory, advertising. The following are new Bronze sponsors (free)

- Vince Scagliotta - Vince's Health & Wellness
- Gary Harty - The GH Brand
- David Bayens - Stretched Perth
- Charles Dalton - PSi tech
- Peter Guilbert - Rosebridge House
- Pending - Onnie Biswas

2025 Sponsors - Scott & Assoc (Phil Scott), Danzalin (Nick Ratcliffe), Massage on the Run (Dan Andersson), Simply Magic Drycleaning (Belinda Martella), 2B Chauferred, Franks Lawnmowing (Frank Lupis), Lumen IT (Craig Tamlin), Slab & Garden City (Hadden Donald), Squashworld Brentwood (Mike Corren), Tech Talk (Luke Missak), Joan Samuels (Body Tune)

No discussion at this meeting.

5.4. Merchandise

Hoodies - ordered, received and distributed.

Discussion around future merchandise

- Louis shared a draft design based on our current 'branding' for consideration. Overall feedback was positive
- Discussed that the next run should be for 50th anniversary merchandise, have this ready to go for January, and sell throughout the year. Louis will look at a draft for this
    - Question - did we want to include an open for sponsors to be on the shirt, or just have a 'clean' shirt
    - Pros - sponsors pay $500 each for their logo, brings down the cost per shirt when selling, maybe higher volumes
    - Cons - may distract from the celebration of the 50th anniversary

Junior shirts. All junior members will receive a shirt as part of their membership in 2026.

5.5. Pennants

Winter season - We had two pennant winners for the winter season.

Spring season - we are half way through the season, all teams seem to be competitive. We are always looking for pennant players, if you are wanting to play you need to do the following:

- Be a financial member of Blue Gum Squash Club
- Be a financial member of Squash WA (local level)
- Enter the event via Squash WA - Spring Pennants
- Let the committee know that you want to play - committee@bluegumsquash.org

IMPORTANT - Squash WA Fees for 2026-27 (1st July to 30th June) - All pennant players need to renew asap.

New Squash WA members are able to join for 2026-27 via our portal - https://www.revolutionise.com.au/bgsci/rego/start - and membership will expire 30 June 2027.

Registrations for the remainder of the year are now discounted, by 25% in December, and 50% in March.

Categories of Registration (includes processing fees this year)

Compete ($129.00 / $83.00) - this is for any players competing at a National Level - Squash Australia events
Local ($117.00 / $60.00) - This is ***for any players competing at a State Level - pennants, tournament*** etc - most of us fit in this group - Squash WA events

Social ($48.00 / $25.00) - This is for club members who would like insurance coverage, can reserve for pennants twice before needing to upgrade

Support ($25.00) - For those who are in a support role and what to keep connected to Squash WA and Squash Aus

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

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

5.6. Squash WA - Masters

No new events at the moment.

Friday Night Masters - runs from Squashworld Brentwood on Friday evenings from 7.00pm, contact the centre to register to play, or just turn up on the night.

5.7. Juniors

Junior Program - Monday afternoons - 4.00pm to 5.30pm

- Average of 25-30 kids each week
- Club development court, beginners (novice) court, 5 courts of general coaching

School Vouchers - these are being followed up by Yvette as they are emailed to the club. Kids are able to link into free court hire, or junior programs. We can target these kids for school holiday camps.

State Championships - Congratulations to Jasper Tapley & Miranda Clarke for winning the U11 & U13 state title

2026 Representatives:

State - Kayla Clarke, Ella Clarke, Miranda Clarke & Jasper Tapley - Congratulations to Jasper Tapley for his 2nd place at the Australian National Championships in Devonport.

We are looking for more people to get involved in coaching and developing their skills through the formal pathway. If you are interested in becoming a coach please contact any committee member to discuss options and how we can support you.

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 is 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.

The club will be promoting the **Level 0** refereeing course for ALL PENNANT players in 2027. Ideally this would be a pre-requisite, but realistically it is about motivating players to be more confident and consistent when having to referee matches as part of the pennant experience. Further details to follow in January 2027. Course can be accessed **HERE** if you want to do it now.

The Level 0 course is a free, basic introduction to the rules of squash. Designed for players, coaches, referees, squash enthusiasts, and parents, this course provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about the sport of squash.

We are looking for more people to get involved in refereeing and developing their skills through the formal pathway. If you are interested in becoming a referee please contact any committee member to discuss options and how we can support you.

7. General Business - Club Forum

Squash WA hosted a club forum last Wednesday, following is a summary of the discussion, and committee discussion tonight.

Proposed fees 27/28 - Squash WA component of fees

Proposal to make the fees consistent across all of WA, some categories will increase, some decrease. Note: SWA prices have not gone up since moving across to Revo.

This is the list of current SWA fees (inclusive of GST and merch fees)

- Compete - Adult - Metro $85.94 - proposed $100 (+$14.06)
- Compete - Junior $40.20 - proposed $50.00 (+$9.80)
- Local - Adult - Metro $82.50 - proposed $80.00 (-$2.50) **(Most common membership category)**
- Local - Junior $40.68 - proposed $40.00 (-$0.68)
- Social - Adult - Metro $34.55 - proposed $40.00 (+$5.45)
- Social - Junior $11.55 - proposed $20.00 (+$8.45)
- Support - $11.55 - proposed $12.00 (+0.45)

Action: provide feedback (only if you can offer a solution)

Decision: Committee is supportive of the prosed fee changes, as long as the proposed amounts are also inclusive of GST and merch fees

Revo Updates

Send through any issues, updates or enhancements you'd like to see in Revo in the next 1 - 2 years, to me please

Action: Provide information on enhancements your club would like to see

Annual Awards

For the past two years, SWA have struggled to get nominations from clubs to celebrate, thank, acknowledge and appreciate the amazing people that give so much to our sport. Once nominations are received, the next challenge is getting people to attend the Annual Awards event. There are a number of different ideas, views and opinions on how the Annual awards could look. There is no one simple answer.

Action: Please could each club committee consider the following questions and give some feed back to the office on your thoughts.

- If clubs are not nominating, and players are not participating in the Awards Nights, do we continue with Annual awards?
    - We think that it is important to recognise the contributions of people who support the sport, and make this as visible as possible
    - Our committee will make sure that we consider nominations for future events, and nominate as appropriate
    - The committee will look at awarding categories at a club level on the same basis as the State level, and then feed these into the State Awards
        - Categories need to be broad enough to show how club based activities stil support Squash WA, even if not direct work undertaken, as this is grass roots volunteering

        - Categories need to be broad (coach / referee) to include non-qualified people who are making a difference
    - Participation at awards nights is difficult for our club locally, and therefore difficult for Squash WA, less than half our members are involved Squash WA events
        - Maybe hold physical awards every two years, or combine with Country Week as suggested (if/when this moves to November)
        - Virtual award ceremonies could be trialled, nominees highlighted, awards made, recorded and shared/stored for others to access. Short event, whole state can particpate
        - Use social media to highlight nominees and what they have been nominated for, and eventual winners. We all need to know what others are doing, as this can lead to replication of what is working
- Do we reduce the number of awards?
    - The number of awards seems to be ok, but sometimes the pool of people within a club is limited. Same people doing the work, limited referees, coaches, same nominees each year.
- Does SWA nominate the candidates and the clubs vote, taking the time it takes to nominate someone away from the clubs?
    - No, Squash WA obviously has a role in the decision to award, and there a couple of categories that could they could be involved in, but individual awards need to come from the club
    - Squash WA - Junior Player of Year (no question), Club of Year (could have a role here as you may have more information about what is happening around the clubs, so could be nominated by either the club or Squash WA - personally it seems weird nominating our own club for an award, feels like it should be an external nomination)
- Do we change the function to a more social format, or do we go the other way, more elegant.... or how else could the awards function work?
    - Common view here is that people are time poor, and money is a factor. Hard to get people to attend functions at the club level, most have never attended a Squash WA event.
    - At a club level we tried to bring this back, lasted 2-3 years then stopped, now do informal events most years, but every 5 years we will have formal gathering, ie 2027 is our 50th anniversary. We highly subsidise our events to encourage people to attend, and try to make the family friendly, usually combined with an activity.
    - Our awards are currently limited, and announced at our AGM following the Club Champs singles event

Action: Once your club has considered some of the above questions, how would your club setup and run the Annual awards

The awards policy is here for those that would like to reference it. Honours and wards Policy

Juniors

The results of the survey were sent out in the Sept SWAN. Here is a link Junior Survey Result

To date, we've had no requests to stay informed or to get involved. So while there is good information, suggestions and recommendations especially for the Junior Committee, without

people putting their hats in the ring, we're unable to achieve the "wants" and "needs" of our community.

There was a suggestion that Junior coordinators make up the Junior Committee, but the flipside to this is that most of the Junior coordinators are already giving a lot of their time. The outcome from the forum was that each club appoint a person from their club, to be on the junior committee.

Action: If your club has a junior program or would like to start a junior program, please send me an email with the person from your club to go on this committee.

Committee Discussion:

- Acknowledge the survey results and recommended that all committee members read this
- Blue Gum will not be nominating a person for the Junior Committee; we will email our members and see if there is any interest in this and advise accordingly
- It's not feasible for Junior co-ordinators to also take on this role, already doing a lot for juniors, need to attract other parents whose children will benefit in the future
- The role of the Junior Committee needs to be clear, what are people putting their hands up to do?
    - The survey summarises the thoughts collected, but can Squash WA refine this to an initial working document of what you would like a Junior Committee to focus on in the next financial year.
    - Will the Junior Committee have a board representative attached, as ultimately decisions are Squash WA decisions, so some boundaries and guidance will be needed

8. General Business - ANZ Account update

We have been working with ANZ to update our bank account detials, which includes the following:

New signatories:

- Louis Meyer - added
- Yvette Clement - added
- Belinda Martella - on boarding with ANZ needs to be completed (by 30th Oct)

Old signatories:

- Roderick Nicholas - remove
- Janice Ingram - remove

Steven moved that the committee vote in favour of removing Roderick and Janice as signatories of the account, as they are no longer members of the committee.

- **Committee voted unanimously to remove these signatories.**

ACTION - Steven to provide ANZ with a copy of the minutes and arrange for signatories to be removed.

End of minutes.