

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 17-02-2020 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 , Clare Slyth , Steve TAPLEY

Apologies Tom Bernardi , Jeremy CLAUDIUS , Audrey LAZAROO (Ladies Club Captain), Brian SEARLES

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$200 - WA Squash, Metro Club fee
- \$957 - WA Squash, Autumn Team fees (12 teams)
- \$292.36 - Junior Open Day (\$150 coaching, \$50 court hire, \$92.36 catering)

Expenses expected

- \$1100 - WA Squash Player Registration Fee

Income received

- \$250 - WA Squash - Junior Open Day
- Member fees

Current balance - \$17,536.49 @ 19 February 2020

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Outdoor area - the BBQ has been upgraded with the new cabinets now in place. Fake lawn to be installed this weekend. Rob B working on some tables for the area, committee to look at some chairs. This will make the balcony area an attractive usable space.

Melville council have advised that the building will be painted in June/July as part of their ongoing maintenance schedule.

Court front walls - Mike Millington has repaired court 8 and this has held up well. There has been some further damage, and it appears that this will be an ongoing issue. Kane has a quote to repair the remaining courts at \$4000-\$5000, plus painting, the issue is the ongoing maintenance requirements.

Kane advised that new 'tins' for the courts should be arriving next week, and then a process of changing them over will occur.

Possible plans for 2020:

- Install some locked cabinets under the noticeboard for storage of club merchandise and other items
- Provide financial support to repair the front walls
- Work with Kane to finish off the kitchen space - holes in ceiling, space around the window, light switch in the roof

Possible long term goals for the centre (note current fundraising will not fund these projects):

- Upgrade the courts to Court tech walls
- Air conditioning

3. Calendar of Events

Events held:

Kids Open Day - Held Saturday 18th January. 14 children attended, out of 16 'tickets' sold. Net to the club was \$42.36.

Summer Squash - Completed, good turnout throughout the summer weeks with all courts being used on Tuesday evenings.

Events planned:

Quiz Night - Scheduled for Saturday March 28th. At this stage this will be a club event, held at a venue. Tickets \$10 each, tables of 8, should be able to cater for 5-8 tables in our area. Club will provide drinks, and provide prizes & platters for each table.

To be explored further:

Doubles - Brian raised the possibility of Blue Gum hosting a doubles tournament, Kane is looking at having one on the WA Squash calendar, but this needs to be followed up. Dates are difficult to come by, and it is difficult to gauge the potential level of interest.

Squashworld Challenge - Last year Kane suggested a Squashworld challenge between two clubs from all four clubs. This was supported by the club. This hasn't progressed and will require further discussion.

4. Membership

We have 84 members as at 19th February

Outstanding Fees - Pennant nominated:

Night - Tom Bernardi, Anthony Campbell, Susan Campbell, Julio de Jesus, Ryan de la Rosa, Bryr Donoghue, Andrew Hviessel, Charles Mallozzi, Adrian Mallozzi, Jonathan Rafols, Lorna Roberts, Sawyer, Phil Scott

Day - Chips Northcott, Cathy Wilson

Team fee only - Ric Nicholas (night), Greg Mills (day)

Possible members - playing regularly: Adrian Randell, Brian Pope, Darryl Carpenter, Andrew B, Shane McCrum, Craig Learmont, Jinseok Kim, Lynne White, Theodore D'Souza, Nick Enzor,

Possible options to increase membership:

Marketing - bumper stickers, 'sponsor' a tin for the club, flyers to Murdoch Uni, recontact the schools targeted last year to promote junior programme, flyer to promote what is happening at club, regular updates to website & facebook page (facebook posts generated interest in summer squash events), contact City of Melville, get them on board with promoting the centre as a drawcard for the council, capture names and contact details of regular casuals and contact them about the benefits of membership etc.

News programmes - start up a King of the Court on Monday evenings, possible 'ladies' only session targeting mums of juniors (Vic Park run one with a creche) - could be squash / fitness based programme - start up a junior competition, maybe Sunday afternoons - promote Saturday afternoon squash, maybe round robin from 2.00pm

5. Pennant Teams

Autumn Pennants - commenced 3rd Feb 2020 for Monday night & Day League, Tuesday commenced 18th Feb. We have 12 teams in total for this season, and four members playing day league.

Question from WA Squash - One question to your club ...could you please get feedback to a slight change in seasons ...eg if we were to gradually change dates throughout the year and end up with the SPRING season starting later so as to have half the season before XMAS and the other half starting early Feb .This would take pressure off clubs getting names in over the holiday period also getting fees in at the start of the year which as we all know can be a pain. Would love some feedback.?

Fees for WA Squash 2020 - Seniors \$70, Juniors \$30

6. Juniors

Junior programme has recommenced for 2020, now runs from 4.00pm to 6.00pm, but split into coaching (4.00-4.40) and gameplay (4.40-6.00). This has allowed more kids to enjoy more time on the court, and also allow Tim to focus on developing younger children's skills.

The numbers have been steady with around 30 kids participating.

7. Sponsorship / Shirts

Only a few shirts left for sale. Will explore doing another shirt run and see if the level of interest there. Shirts wouldn't be subsidised, so cost would be around \$35 per shirt

Sponsors - Steven has sent a renewal letter to all sponsors inviting them to renew for 2020. Four sponsors have renewed for 2020, two remaining to be followed up to see if they are still interested

If anyone has ideas for new sponsors, please let the committee know.

8. WA Squash

WA Squash has been working with Squash Australia to resolve issues relating to affiliation fees, getting a better deal for WA. This is still in process and further information will be shared once clubs are informed.

AGM - The WA Squash AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 25th March at 6.30pm at Leisurelife V Park

2020 Operational Budget - The increase in fees has provided WA Squash with some space to stretch planning into the future. The new budget for 2020 has been released and is below.

WA SQUASH 2020 Draft Operational Budget

INCOME	Source	Budget 20
Grant	DSR Organisational	\$ 65,00
Grant	Healthway	\$ 30,00
Club Affiliation		\$ 6,90
Team Reg, Pennant ,League		\$ 28,00
Player Reg/ Metro and Country		\$ 79,00
Interst on Term Deposit		\$ 1,50
Sundry		\$ 50
	Total Income	\$ 210,90
EXPENSES	Source	Budget 20
Affiliation Fees 2019	Squash Australia	\$ 16,00
Affiliation fees 2020		\$ 19,00
Bank Charges		\$ 20
Coaching & Open Days	Healthways	\$ 30,00
Coaching/Referee/Club workshops/forums		\$ 5,00
IT	Support	\$ 2,00
Insurance	Players	\$ 19,02
Insurance	Professional Ind. & Public Liability	\$ 1,80
Juniors/Adults	Costs for Coaches, Carers to AIC	\$ 5,00
Referees	State grade finals etc	\$ 2,50
Audit Fees		\$ 60
Postages, Printing & Stationery		\$ 2,50
Photocopier Rental		\$ 70
Repairs & Maintenance		\$ 1,00
Website hosting		\$ 40
Travelling		\$ 2,00
Trailer Registration		\$ 20
Trophies & Prizes	State Grade, Pennant Shields	\$ 2,00
Wages, Super. and Workers Comp.		\$ 80,00
Board Meetings & Committee		\$ 50
WA Open / Closed		\$ 2,00
Country Development		\$ 12,50
Sundry	Contingency	\$ 5,00
	Total Expenses	\$ 209,92

9. Website - bluegumsquash.org

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

The website has been useful for new players locating our club, with several enquiries being generated since it has been up and running. Aim to have one article posted onto the webpage month, just to keep it active.

Website has been updated with current prices, photos from last year, and a Junior section.

Articles - Jan (Jnr Open Day), Feb (Pennants start), Mar (Day Pennants)

Hosting has been extended until 2022.

10. Grants

We have applied for the following grants:

1. Bankwest - \$1000 - for purchase of dishwasher (not successful) - programme has now changed (Unsuccessful)
2. Giving 4 Grassroots - \$4000 for development of junior program, and advertising **(Advised this was unsuccessful)**
3. Community TAB - \$2000 for development of facilities
4. St John Defib - **(application was successful, Defib machine is located externally for public and club access)**

11. Newsletter

The December (Summer) newsletter has been sent out, next one is due in March (Autumn).

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.

12. Committee Members

The following committee members were elected for 2019-20:

Steven Jones - President, Audrey Lazaroo - Ladies Club Capt, Jeremy Claudius - Mens Club Cap

Committee - Steve Tapley, Rob Blackett, Frank Lupis, Clare Slyth, Tom Bernardi, Brian Searles

Vacant - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

End of minutes.