

Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 11-03-2019 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), Irene PETKOVICH
(Deceased) , Steve TAPLEY

Apologies Frank LUPIS , Clare Slyth

Minutes

1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$474 - WA Squash (Autumn Day League)
- \$450 - George Goodsell (Reimburse for new Fridge)
- \$276.10 - Gateway Printing (New Logo artwork)
- \$2640 - 2019 Player Registration fees
- \$1113 - 2019 Autumn Team Registration Fees
- \$23.17 - Steven Jones (Reimburse for stationery items)

Income received

- Sponsorship - \$1000 - Denboer & Associates

2. Centre Improvement / Plans

Flooring - we have managed to get a grant from the local MP, and Kane has received quotes for replacing the carpet. To replace the whole centre there is a shortfall of \$1200 (\$10,000 provided by Kane & the grant), so the club has agreed to fund this shortfall as this is a good investment in the centre for all users.

Outdoor area - still waiting to hear back from BBQ's Galore, at this stage it would seem the best we can get is a discount. Club will purchase a new barbeque, and the Rob will design the furniture around this. Approximate cost of BBQ is \$700.

3. Calendar of Events

Events planned:

Skills & Drills Session - we are going to do a two week trial on the 30th March & 6th April, \$15 per person, for 1.5 hours on a Saturday. The aim is to get newer players down for the first session, and any players for the second. Max of 18 players for each week.

Swan Valley / Winery Tour - Rob to look at options for a bus trip to the Swan Valley, or a river cruise, sometime in mid-July.

Family Day - discussed that we could hold a family open day, possibly during the Oct school holidays, come and try squash, sausage sizzle, some games etc.

Xmas Function - to be decided for early December

4. Logo

New logo has been decided, and artwork has been received. Club stationery and signs will be updated, new logo will be on our 2019 shirts, website, facebook page etc. We still have a few towels with the old logo which will continue to be used until stocks are gone.

Thanks to everyone for their support and input during the past 18 months.

5. Membership

We finished 2018 with 115 members - 1 Social (non-playing), 1 Junior, 7 Life, 43 Social (Playing), 63 Pennant

We currently have 95 members, and will reach 100 once remaining pennant players fees are received. This is 6 months earlier than the previous two years, so hopefully we can increase our total membership this year.

Reminders have been sent out to pennant players, and following that, reminders will be sent out to 2018 social members who have not yet renewed.

6. Pennant Teams

Pennants for 2019 commenced this week.

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

We also have a State League entered under the club name. The State League will be playing at Blue Gum on Tuesday the 9th April & 14th May. We agreed that this is a great opportunity to promote squash locally, and we will use these dates as a mini event.

Autumn Day League has also commenced, the following Blue Gum members are playing - Ali Butler, Cathy Wilson, Greg Mills, Natalie Arrindell, Wesley Emery, and Lynne White

7. 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 will update the logo on the website, and add 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.

8. 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.

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, waiting for further info from St John's but delayed to large volumes being processed)**

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 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 shirt design has been finalised, and we are now taking pre-orders. The aim is for all members, but particularly pennant members, to purchase a shirt. Cost is going to be subsidised by sponsor funds - 1 shirt (\$20), 2 shirts (\$50), 3 shirts (\$85). Ideally we should be able to sell around 75 shirts.

12. 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, but their details haven't been provided to the committee at this stage.

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. 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> This is the Squash Australia contact, and in my experience this has been the most responsive avenue for support.

14. 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.

End of minutes.