

# Blue Gum Squash Club (Inc)



## Monthly Committee Meeting

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When 08-07-2019 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 Steve TAPLEY

## Minutes

### 1. Bills Received / To Pay

Accounts Paid since last meeting.

- \$410.00 - Support for Junior Team to compete in WA State Teams Champs
- \$235.00 - Kitchen pots, glasses and bowls

Expenses payable

- Winter Pennant fees - approx \$1173

Current balance - \$12,495.20 @ 7th July

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

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 - Kane advised that he will continue to patch the front walls at present, as funds are not available to do a full re-plaster of the walls. Kane looking into the replacement of the tins, changing these to advertising boards. Kane advised that the Masters Squash have been approached for a contribution towards the kitchen and the Tennis Club are also going to contribute.

Focus for the remainder of the year for the committee is the complete the work on the patio area.

## **3. Calendar of Events**

Events planned:

Family Day - Date is the first Saturday of term 3 - 27th July, from 2.00pm onwards for squash, sausage sizzle around 5.00pm. Discussed that this would be a round robin type event, but we could organise a couple of 'exhibition' games to showcase higher level squash, we could have a couple of members available to offer some informal 'coaching'. Cost would be \$10 for court hire, we provide the BBQ, drinks for sale via the centre and our fridge. Poster put up, needs to be advertised.

Club Champs - will be held in the first week of September. Steven to create a poster and send out early August. AGM to be held on the Saturday afternoon.

Squashworld Challenge - Kane suggested a Squashworld challenge between two clubs, or all four clubs. This was supported by the club, and it was suggested that a time towards the middle/end of October may work well. Steven to discuss further with Kane. No further info at this stage.

Xmas Function - to be decided for early December

#### **4. Membership**

We currently have 115 members @ 8th July

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

Fees were up to date, but we have two of the State League players still needing to pay their fees - Chris Lark & Callum Blakley

Winter fees are now due, invoices have been sent out, fees due by 31st July - Andrew Hveissel, Bobby Markovic, Bryn Donoghue, Charles Mallozzi (?), Danielle Cash, Greg Mills, Michael Brown, Natasha Beattie, Phil McLeod, Ric Nicholas.

#### **5. Pennant Teams**

Autumn Day League finished recently with four players from Blue Gum being part of the winning teams, and Blue Gum winning the club award. The next season commences at the end of July. We had seven players competing: Alison Butler, Cathy Wilson, Greg Mills, Natalie Arrindell, Wesley Emery, Bob Vivian, and Lynne White

The State League final is on this week, Blue Gum finished 3rd but lost the quarter final.

Winter Pennants has commenced - we have 11 teams entered this season - 3 Monday night, 6 Tuesday night, 2 Ladies Tuesday night.

Big thanks to Audrey Lazaroo for putting together the Ladies teams this season, and for encouraging a few new ladies to participate.

#### **6. Website - [bluegumsquash.org](http://bluegumsquash.org)**

We all need to be sending content to Steve Tapley to post in order to keep our website current and 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 inquiries being generated since it has been up and running.

Hosting has been extended until 2022.

#### **7. Newsletter**

The June newsletter has been sent out, next one is due in September.

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 is located externally for public and club access)**

## 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

Steven has contacted the sponsors for Facebook posts, and provided an update on the current situation.

Blue Gum won 2nd prize in a competition from our shirt supplier, and as a result we have a \$200 credit for our next order. This will allow us to order a few more shirts at no cost to the club.

## 11. Juniors

Juniors continued this term with numbers being around 15-20 participants. 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.

A Southern Stars team has been entered into the WA State Team Championships. This team is made up of juniors from Blue Gum, plus Eric Gray. The club supporting the team financially due to mainly all Blue Gum members participating. Club will paid the cost of the entry fee, and subsidised shirts for the team (shirts will be kept for future teams).

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

The Squash Matrix had ceased and all teams / results / rankings are now on SportyHQ.

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.

Who do you contact for any support issues?

Russell Weatherburn – Squash Australia Membership Coordinator  
(rweatherburn@squash.org.au)

Leanna Davey – Squash Australia SportyHQ Coordinator (LDavey@squash.org.au).

There is also a shared mailbox where you can send queries, issues and general feedback  
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.

## **14. Masters Squash**

Centre Improvements - Steven had written to the Masters Committee (President & Treasurer) and asked them to consider a regular contribution to the club to support the ongoing improvements to the centre. It was suggested that \$1000 per year may be appropriate. At this stage no response has been received.

WA State Masters Championships - this event is being held south of the river this year at the Belmont Centre. Steven will advertise this event via the members with the hope that Blue Gum can have a strong presence this year. It would be great if we could have 15-20 people entered and wearing our new shirts!!

## **15. Memorial for Irene Petkovich**

The committee discussed options for a memorial for Irene given she was a long term member, and an active committee member for many years. It was felt that the naming of the new kitchen would be an appropriate honour, and this will be discussed with Kane. Aim is to purchase a plaque in her honour and name it "Rene's Kitchen".

Steven to follow up.

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*End of minutes.*