

## Woking Squash Racquets Club

### Committee Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019

#### Attending:

Stewart Perry (SP)

John Bryant (JB)

Jackie Thorogood (JT)

Jen Cosgrave (JC)

Adam Beedie (AB)

Anne Struyven (AS)

Pete Richardson (PR)

Shaun Mizen (SM)

#### Apologies :

Craig Swinerd

#### Not available

Jez Foulsham (JF)

### Woking Squash Rackets Club Mission Statement

To support the **growth** of squash by offering members an **inclusive** and **friendly** club providing **excellent facilities**. To promote **participation** and provide support to players of all ages and abilities so they can **enjoy** competitive and recreational squash at an **affordable** level.

#### Actions agreed:

##### **Ladies Section**

As part of the developmental pathway to help the Ladies understand how to play in team games, we are planning on running a 3 month internal league consisting of 3 teams of 5 players.

We'd like to play those matches in the evenings so the girls get a true experience of what team matches involve.

We need one evening a month where we can book 2 courts from 7-9pm? – agreed and courts booked  
PR agreed there were no team matches on Mondays so we could book these out

Rob Lelliot from Surrey Racketball wants to have a Surrey Ladies Racketball League running in 2/3 years and we would love to have a team ready to represent Woking.

It was agreed that Monday evenings could be used for future team matches for ladies for either racketball or Squash if we get a team

The girls themselves have shown great interest in these team games and we instantly had lots of girls put their names forward wanting to be included which is really positive.

Some of them are really ready for the next step and a couple have said they want to join the main racketball league now :)

We've also booked courts for the ladies general RB club night – Tue 17<sup>th</sup> sept, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec for our Xmas club night and social. All dates agreed with PR. We could cancel a couple of courts if necessary

We had some ladies that did not renew in April due to injuries or work commitments. We are aiming to advertise our Friday sessions on the Horsell Wire, Nextdoor.com, Facebook etc to increase the numbers.

We're also hoping to advertise and work with Pure Gym (meeting arranged for Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - JT)

Sukhy has just paid for and undergone her level 2 coaching course and I'm aiming to do the same at the end of this year / early next year so that we can both continue to support the lady members at the club.

JT to see tom at Pure Gym(meeting arranged for Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Sept)

**Are off-peak ladies allowed to play in the club night games? – Yes but Not in the main leagues**

## Juniors

AB has dates for the upcoming term of coaching from Rob and also for an October half term camp. These have been emailed to the membership.

**Juniors invoicing system** - this will be addressed when SM upgrades the club's entire accounting system as there will be a proper invoicing module and debtors module which will allow for easy tracing of outstanding funds etc. This will be January

Also to email parents to ask if ok to use social media pictures of the juniors - AB

## Socials

JF will plan some things so we have a calendar of activities for this year.

12<sup>th</sup> Oct world squash day

Create events page on website – JB to create static page tonight

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – event organised with Stefan – competition format – is this going ahead?

Members suggestion:

*Have a themed night once per month on Thursdays (e.g. wine & cheese night) to encourage people to hang around a bit more. I know there's a core group that often stay for food after club night but this doesn't normally kick off until after midnight 2. Hold raffles for tickets to nearby UK tournaments (Channel VAS, Canary Wharf etc) 3. Better incentives for playing in the internal leagues, e.g. winner of each league can pick up a new grip/ball from the bar (winners can be checked off a list when they come to collect), a trophy to be passed between Premier League winners etc. May have some overhead but should pay for itself if just 1/2 new members are encouraged to join because of it!*

*Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – walking tour*

*Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – mixed RB tournament. Best of 3 to 11. Bring friends and fam. 8-10 ladies have put their names down. JF sent email to members to attract men to sign up*

*Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - AGM*

## Tournaments

Can we send out tournament dates now for next year – should it be same each year? 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 – events page, mailshot, FB -send with tournament winners

JF to organise new date to update the boards

JB to update website with tournament winners. – to do. FB photos up

Winners to go on website and rolling screen

JF also get cups engraved

### **Membership**

Anne – exact renewals and membership data to be prepared for AGM. Report latest figures

JB has sent around some analysis re membership to be used to decide on possible increased subs to be discussed at AGM

### **Other Clubs fees:**

Feedback from other clubs – mainly pay for courts

Members should pay by DD / billing system / club locker

SP to get in contact with Chris Peach for info on clublocker. JB to then investigate

JB has been in touch with the ES contact (Paul Makinen) about the clublocker booking system, in particular with regard to integrating it with our booking system etc. It looks like that is something that the plan to provide but are not providing any of that yet as they have limited resources and are focusing on competitions and integration with their own systems. It looks like this is a few years away realistically.

Discuss Poss 4<sup>th</sup> membership category

Discuss Pay as you go – young person's membership

### **Other IT projects**

To generalize the online leagues system to allow for more competitions, e.g. racketball leagues, ladies leagues etc

SP did the work to allow this but it has yet to be put in place –

Looking into integrated POS system/bar vouchers etc – prices/options

To find a software solution to stop booking of consecutive courts by the same member at peak times - SP

Rolling screen saver for advertising

## Maintenance

### Craig has agreed to be Maintenance Officer

Cleaning – we're in the process of starting new, hopefully having a deep clean next weekend after the maintenance work and continuing from there. Haven't signed any contracts yet though.

Annual pat test - JC to speak to electrician to schedule next test. Alan been today. He will fit heating cassettes – we need to get them though. JC to get quote – all work being completed this week

Maintenance officer to take ownership of tasks

- Get 2 new small board for upstairs (like the ones downstairs) Juniors & Ladies – AB. Cork boards on the stairs – completed. Put Ladies board nearest to changing rooms
- Come up with an annual maintenance list. Believe this to take a year to do i.e. gutters, hedges, court maintenance, pat testing, fire ex service, boiler service
- Doorbell – future thought, the one with a video screen – JB research or move upstairs – asked Index security - £1256 plus vat inc video monitor, lock release. JC can ask electrician – asked today and is quoting. Work being carried out this week. JB to sort
- JB updating first aid kit - done
- Emails to members to stop parking in the entrance – SP - newsletter
- What is the root cause of the door keep failing? JC to ask electrician to investigate
- *The weeds need clearing in the car park and front of the club. CS*
- *Fix the clock to the wall in the men's changing room and fill the gap in the floor in the toilet. CS*
- *The computer by the bar keeps crashing. Needs a rebuild or maybe replaced. JF*
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- **Court Maintenance**

The court maintenance is obviously in progress - we are replacing the floor on court 1 and also the overhead lights on court 1 are being replaced with LED units. I suggest that we also fit long-wave cassette heaters on this court before winter.

I am still to hear back from David regarding the insulation measurements - I will chase this.

Courts opened to the members on 14<sup>th</sup> sept

### **Bar**

JC has done a spreadsheet re increased bar prices. Ensure no loss on anything. JC to increase prices slightly as agreed asap - completed

### **Lease**

We have 22 years left on our lease so unlikely to be renewed

**Affiliation fees** – Affiliation fees have been paid, the county charge was actually advertised at last year's SSRA AGM. I have looked through this year's SSRA AGM agenda and it does not look like they are planning to increase it.

### **Sponsorship and teams:**

JB has made a lot of progress with GGR and it looks like they will be prepared to sponsor the club again. We held a meeting with Paul Reilly and Adrian and Ryan, who also agreed to contribute to first team sponsorship. Paul has agreed that the first team will contribute back to the club with appearances at the world squash day and some junior coaching. He has also agreed to send write-ups of all 1st team matches for us to publish on Facebook. I need to write up and send out the minutes from that meeting.

SP also spoke to a reporter from Woking News and Mail last week; he is going to write a piece on the club and they are also interested in publishing match reports.

Feather banners –AB – advertising the club, fun, fitness, racket sports, look at England squash site

## Committee

Update safeguarding officer and Surry and England squash that SP is officer.

DBS checks - ensure Rob has this. AB to check. Done

- AOB
- Members can put cards up on stairs – AB to source noticeboard – complete
- First aid training – JT to ask her contact from before but may now have to pay.
  - Can we discuss buying one of Jesse Englebrechts ball feeding machines. Also, can we discuss having a rolling 12 month events plan displayed in the club and having someone responsible for this. – AB. Declined
  - Actions for forthcoming **AGM – 25<sup>th</sup> oct**– 4<sup>th</sup> membership category, employed person to coach, offer PAYE. Approach schools. Pure gym. Promoting club. What have we taken in subs this year?). Accounts – SM to prepare. AS to provide current membership details. Chairman’s report / newsletter SP to send end sept – cost comparison, events, 1<sup>st</sup> team, tournaments, court maintenance, ladies (JT to send paragraph), subscription comparison, vision. JT to send invite to members

**Next meeting – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm**