

**Woking Squash Racquets Club**

**Committee Meeting**

Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

Attending:

Jackie Thorogood (JT)

Jez Foulsham (JF)

Stewart Perry (SP)

Adam Beedie (AB)

Anne Struyven (AS)

Shaun Mizen (SM)

John Bryant (JB)

Jen Cosgrave (JC)

Peter Richardson (PRO)

Apologies:

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:**

<b>Action</b>
<b>GROWTH / PARTICIPATION</b>
<b>Ladies Section</b> The England Squash article was published this month and attracted attention from various clubs / individuals who have emailed for more information Jackie and Sukhy propose that the ladies section continues to run as it is until the new subscription year when we can review it. We will continue to run Friday club mornings, one evening per month and one Saturday per month for ladies.

We've also asked for ladies Racketball to be included in the main club tournaments in April

We have a separate Ladies Racketball League up and running

JT to liaise with Pete Richardson re courts to fit in with team matches for one evening per month in Jan, Feb, March, April

### **Juniors**

Having run the first month under Rob we are getting excellent feedback and numbers on the Sunday are increasing. We discussed on Sunday that we are at the limit of numbers across the 3x1 hour slots. Rob suggests adding an additional 1 hour slot at 10am to accommodate the very young/absolute beginners. Need to canvass parents as any changes to timings proves very difficult for families to manage and many kids involved in other sports on early Sunday morning.

Wednesdays run from 4-6pm with 2 participants the first week but has increased every week to 8-10 with more enthusiastic to join but timing is too early or clashes with other activities. But, those attending enjoy and more joining every week.

Dates for next term have been issued. Half term break now only one week instead of two.

Rob v keen to organise a Feb and April half term camp. Discussed possibility of two separate sessions for different abilities. Day camps or multi day to be discussed. Need to agree how we split the finances.

Running a paid Christmas fun tournament on Sun 16th.

We have entered 3 teams into Surrey Junior Winter leagues starting soon. Claire Baker co-ordinating and will send fixtures next week.

### **Funding**

More work to be done here.

Would like to use some of the funding from the half term camps to fund Junior activities (Wednesdays, team matches or t-shirts)

Ask Rob for a proposal re how this is funded and what the club gets from this

### **Communication**

Juniors get a weekly email update from Mailchimp.

Would like to put up a board outside Court 2 for Junior use and move off the back of the cleaner's cupboard. - agreed

### **Bye Laws**

If a courts free 24 hours ahead – any member can book (including off peak and juniors) – agreed by committee

Agreed to change off peak cutoff point to 5.30pm - SP to update the bye laws

### **Socials**

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

Finals / end of season party and awards evening was suggested. To be investigated

7<sup>th</sup> Dec is the “walking tour”. To be advertised

Quiz ran at start of October. £280 raised for Luke’s charity. Posters thanking participants up at the club. Seemed to be well received and the Beedie family ate leftover pulled pork for 5 straight nights after :-)

### **Tournaments**

Subgroup nominated – JF (chair), AB, PR, JB

Ladies Racketball Handicap to be included

### **Membership**

It was discussed that we currently have 274 members and the committee will discuss whether we should cap the number of Full members – next time

It was agreed to increase the next subscription by £5 per member

Non-members may play 4 times per year max. To write some guidelines for the coaches. We need to ensure the club benefits as well as the coaches

## **FACILITIES/OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE**

### **Maintenance**

- Get new small board for upstairs (like the ones downstairs) – to be ordered - ongoing
- Come up with an annual maintenance list. Ongoing. Believe this to take a year to do. Start but to be developed **Ongoing**

- Quote for flooring in men's changing room- Discussed – something for next year
- Restrictors on all the windows to be fitted
- Light for bike rack gone - replace
- Fridge in bar leaking – Pete can get a refubed one. Get a quote for new one – JC/PR
- Clean carpet downstairs – JF to book cleaner
- JF to speak to cleaners re not coming in in the evenings before members have left
- Heating: radiators were balanced today. John Schluter has now adjusted the timers so the heating comes on in the day, so this can be marked complete.
- Guttering: we believe that Craigo cleared these? JF to confirm and close.
- Do we need to upgrade the windows / back fire door etc to maintain the heat? Get the window guy back in to quote

### **Affordable / Finances**

#### **Card Payment / Bar**

Email went to members re payment system and ensuring all debts paid

Living Wage proposal - £9 ph. Currently pay £8ph. All agreed to support the Living Wage from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. SM to look at ways of making back the increase (approx. £1200 pa) via the bar

#### **Finances:**

SP to transfer duties to SM

Accounts were prepared in collaboration with Shaun and submitted at the AGM

#### **Lease**

Consider joining with the cricket club to have a joint bar / car park etc. Long term project

#### **Insurance**

Investigate what our insurance covers and what it includes i.e. PI

#### **Sponsorship and teams:**

Sponsorship is ongoing - we have not received payment yet. Dave Dommett and SP are due to meet the GGR marketing director.

## **Committee**

Role descriptions - these have been updated but still awaiting photos for the new committee members.

All new roles approved at the AGM

New bye laws approved and to be updated

Nominated as safeguarding officer – SP.

## **AOB**

Put sign up in club promoting Mission Statement - JB

2 notice boards agreed – juniors and ladies - AB

Rolling screen saver for advertising - JB

- Next meeting date / venue: 7.30pm Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. Adams. JT away so AS to send reminder and take minutes