

Woking Squash Racquets Club

Committee Meeting

25th July 2017

Attending:

Jackie Thorogood (JT)

Kerryn Bartlett (KB)

Stewart Perry (SP)

Mark Watts (MW)

James Dyer (JD)

Freddie Lawson (FL)

Jez Foulsham (JF)

David Dommett (DD)

Apologies

Graham Ford (GF)

Reminder of Club Mission Statement:

To support the **growth** of squash by offering members an **inclusive** and **friendly** club providing **excellent facilities** promoting **participation** and support to players of all ages and abilities who **enjoy** competitive and recreational squash at an **affordable** level

Growth: We MUST support the growth of squash for the future of the sport, this word encapsulates the need to develop young players, invest in coaching, it also takes account of our obligation to ensure that membership numbers are appropriate etc.

Inclusive: means ALL abilities, ethnicities; giving all members the same opportunity to participate in whichever way they prefer, whether this is team squash, leagues, friendlies or just social engagement.

Friendly: We should welcome members and guests and fulfil a role that promotes a club culture and the social/community benefits of membership. We should engage with new members

Excellent Facilities: We should aim to have great courts, a well-stocked bar, clean and safe environment. We cannot compete with multi-sport clubs with high membership on facilities but we can ensure that we invest when we need to protect, maintain and invest in our facilities within the constraints of our funds.

Participation: This covers, court usage (for squash and Racquetball). We should make it easy for members to book courts, incentivising them to book and use the facilities including

the bar and bar area. Team squash, club nights, leagues and other events that promote participation should carefully balance against the need to protect social squash.

Enjoy: Members and guests should see membership as essential annual expenditure and become ambassadors, promoting the club through their passion for the club and the sport.

Affordable: Membership costs, bar prices and team tariffs should be competitive and set at a level to allow investment that helps the club to meet the obligations set out in the mission statement

Actions / Decisions agreed:

GROWTH / PARTICIPATION

Tournaments

Squash tournaments organised with a September final. Sending weekly updates to members.

Racketball finals completed: Jack Thomson won, Paul Garbutt second. Handicap Freddie won, Robin Griffiths second

Well done to Jez for his commentary on finals night!

Next year the tournaments should be back to the normal time – May. Suggestion to have separate racketball tournament at a different time. Debrief following these tournaments and decide on format going forward

No Shows and late cancellations

No shows were discussed and how we can police this to maximise members having the ability to book courts, particularly at peak times. Agreed an outline of a rules system which is being defined and will be circulated to members – this is consistent with our current bye-law 8 which already provides for penalties for consistent offenders. System still being finalised

New Committee Members required

After many years on the Committee, both Freddie and Graham have decided to stand down at the next AGM.

Many thanks to both of them for all they have done for the Club;

SP has also volunteered to take over as Membership Secretary from the next AGM

The Constitution requires the Committee to have 5 Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Bar Officer and Secretary, as well as between 3 and 6 members. James has agreed to take on 'Projects' (not that we have any at present) as well as Maintenance.

We therefore still need a Vice Chair. Ideally (but not necessarily) this would be someone willing to take over as Chair when Mark steps down.

No Volunteers as yet!

Social Events

Social event to be held on the weekend of the Tournaments in September. Club night exhibition match end Sept on a Thursday - GGR have agreed to fund a £200 free bar

Ladies Team / New lady members

We currently have no ladies team

Suggestion to pay for one or two high level lady players. May then get a new ladies team. KB to talk to Jesse

Plan to be devised for the attraction of new members (juniors / ladies / daytime / corporate)

Message to go to all members for someone to help with PR / marketing locally / inhouse newsletter

Also ask Surrey squash or England squash if any players that might consider joining our team

Referral fee for introducing new members – re promote this to encourage referrals

Also consider banner for railings outside the club or a brown direction sign directing to club

Welfare Officer

MW and probably Nicky will complete an online 'child protection' course for good measure - £15 - agreed. MW will do what's required to become the Welfare officer

Team shirts for the winter season

1st team having specific shirts with the sponsorship on them. Paul Reilly has a portal that we can design shirts and individuals can buy. Discussed paying a deposit for other team shirts which get back when leave – to be investigated

Defib

has this been serviced / tested? First aid kit needs updating. Refresher course for defib to be booked.

Winter Leagues

SP confirmed Pete Richardson is organising the fixtures for the winter Surrey leagues. Paul Reilly will pick the teams.

FACILITIES/OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE

JD investigating and obtaining quotes for:

- New front door– been in touch with 2 door companies. Now looking into commercial door companies – anthracite grey / glass panel. **JD to chase**
- Area outside Court 3 being decorated and new carpet laid now (agreed spend of £1500) JD priced at £1200 for painting/light/carpet/decoration. Recommend industrial grey carpet tile. Agreed. **Work Finishes this week**
- Getting a quote for relaying the rest of the carpet in club
- Re-wire the Club and front wiring of club. **All complete just need to be pay invoice**
- Glass court doors 1&2. Courtmasters been in. £2600 for court 1 – refurb and glass door. Court 2 - £3950 inc re plastering. Would need to do 10th Sept week. **Not going ahead**
- Ceilings also need to be cleaned / patched / painting – **quote needed**
- Replaster /patch court 2 - £2950. New wall = £3950. courtmasters to do all works to courts including re plastering the whole front of court 2. New glass balustrades on courts 1 and 2. And the above front top line to be repaired and painted on all courts. Stainless steel to replace the brass **All signed off – 16th Oct**
- agreed to go ahead with the new fuse board and to remove all wiring and lights from front of club and replace with two pir activated LED flood lights £376 quote – agreed- **JD to adjust timing of outside lights**
- Shelf for trophies – **James to install Aug**
- Water fountain for front entrance hall for plumbed in solution. Bottle filler only - £178 for plumbing. Need to research on the actual fountain. Put by under stairs small cupboard. **To investigate**
- Court heaters – new power supply £1400. Need to look at options before making a decision – we do have money for this so to be investigated
- Courtmasters and other banner to be removed from Sept. and put new sponsors banners up. **JD to get another independent quote for removal of current banners on courts.** Aim end sept

Courts

Will be done again this year – Oct 16th now confirmed

Courtmasters to do all works to courts including re plastering the whole front of court 2. New glass balustrades on courts 1 and 2. And the above front top line to be repaired and painted on all courts.

Doors to be repaired or replaced but to the same spec and get ceilings cleaned before they come in. Also new carpets

Lease

Only 23 years left on lease

Our land and the cricket club owned by Horsell Sports Ground Association (our Landlord). Mathew Glazier being invited to attend the club to get him on side. Aim to acquire some for the land and extend the lease. Need to find out the parent company of Horsell Sports Ground or the decision maker or are they a registered independent charity – FL – asap – can we buy the Freehold?

JD/FL established that Woking council own our neighbouring land Lesley Phillips has been contacted to find out the background / owners of the club
Bar area Subgroup re bar area project –to discuss and bring to committee
Affordable / Finances
Sponsorship GGR to run the sponsorship - £2250 to be paid per year, over 3 years
Banner Courtmasters banner to be removed from Sept. New sponsors being investigated
New members 5 new members from McLaren's joined this week

Next Meeting: **Tues 19th Sept**