

Woking Squash Racquets Club

Committee Meeting

20th June 2017

Attending:

Jackie Thorogood (JT)

Kerryn Bartlett (KB)

Graham Ford (GF)

Stewart Perry (SP)

Mark Watts (MW)

James Dyer (JD)

Freddie Lawson (FL)

Jez Foulsham (JF)

Apologies

David Dommett (DD)

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.

<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>

Actions / Decisions agreed:

GROWTH / PARTICIPATION
<p>Tournaments</p> <p>Squash tournaments organised with a September final. Sending weekly updates to members.</p> <p>FL will fix a semi-final & final date soon for Racketball tournaments. Handicap final also to be set on same evening</p> <p>Stu, Ryan, Jez and Adam Beedie put in a lot of work to organise – thanks go to them</p>
<p>No Shows and late cancellations</p> <p>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 being finalised</p>
<p>New Committee Members required</p> <p>After many years on the Committee, both Freddie and Graham have decided to stand down at the next AGM.</p> <p>Many thanks to both of them for all they have done for the Club;</p> <p>SP has also volunteered to take over as Membership Secretary from the next AGM</p>

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.

Social Events

Social event to be held on the weekend of the Tournaments in September

Ladies Team

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 Paul

Honorary membership

Bob Boarman has been granted Honorary membership

FACILITIES/OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE

Car Park

Agreed a budget of approx. £300 to refresh white lines in car park which JD has completed for approx. £125

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 (agreed spend of £1500) JD priced at £1200 for painting/light/carpet/decoration. Recommend industrial grey carpet tile. Agreed
- Re-wire the Club and front wiring of club. Electrician doesn’t think a problem with wiring. One main distribution box and re strip wire £845 plus £435 reinstallation – agreed. Will need to book courts out until 5pm or poss overnight
- 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
- Ceilings also need to be cleaned / patched / painting – quote needed
- Glass balconies courts 1 & 2 . £1975 per court. Also getting another quote from Courtcraft. Make decision once get 2nd quote
- Replaster /patch court 2 first quote- £2950. New wall = £3950
- Roof and guttering to be checked (20 years since laid) –Keith Holdaway – said in good condition

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Shelf for trophies – James to install June • Ladies bench to be fixed - complete • 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 • Court heaters – new power supply £1400. Need to look at options before making a decision
<p>Courts</p> <p>Will be done again this year – date TBA</p> <p>Proposal for court 4 – voted against looking at this at the present time</p>
<p>Lease</p> <p>Only 23 years left on lease. FL investigating with Horsell Sports Ground Association the extension of the lease and possibility of acquiring more land</p>
<p>Affordable / Finances</p>
<p>Sponsorship</p> <p>GGR (new sponsors) plan to install broadband/Wi-Fi in June. New sponsored shirts to be ordered. £2250 to be paid by GCR. Club night exhibition match end Sept - GGR have agreed to fund a £200 free bar.</p> <p>GGR to run the sponsorship for next season (and 1/2 the following season) with a view to extending accordingly for another 18 months if it goes well.</p>
<p>Banner</p> <p>Courtmasters banner to be removed from Sept. JD to get another independent quote. Aim end sept</p>
<p>Affiliation fees</p> <p>The Surrey Squash County Affiliation Fee - £5 per year for adult players and £2 per year for junior players was introduced recently and although very new, appears to have been absorbed by the Clubs. Something for us to consider when subscription renewals are due next year</p>
<p>Membership Renewals</p> <p>Went out in May</p>

Next Meeting: **Tues 25th July 7.30pm**