

Woking Squash Racquets Club
Committee Meeting
19th Sept 2017

Attending:

Jackie Thorogood (JT)
Kerryn Bartlett (KB)
Stewart Perry (SP)
Mark Watts (MW)
James Dyer (JD)
Freddie Lawson (FL)

Apologies

Graham Ford (GF)
Jez Foulsham (JF)
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.

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
<p>Tournaments</p> <p>Well done Jez, Ryan, Adam, Stu for the successful completion of the tournaments</p> <p>This year's winners are:</p> <p>Vintage - Adrian Hayward</p> <p>Vets - Chris Burton</p> <p>Handicap - Lyle Dawson</p> <p>Doubles - Justin Robinson & Adam Beedie</p> <p>Open - Steffan Morgan</p> <p>Next year the tournaments should be back to the normal time – May. Suggestion to have separate racquetball tournament at a different time. Debrief in Nov following these tournaments and decide on format going forward</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.</p>

Going live in Oct with the new penalty system

Facility for all members to report no shows to be reiterated on next email to members

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.

AGM to be held Fri 27th Oct 7.30.

The Committee should nominate a Chairman, or reselect the existing Chair, at the Committee meeting held prior to the AGM – all voted and carried

Social Events

Sponsors exhibition match to be held **5th Oct** - 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). Sukhy / Jackie planning a 4 week racketball course on Friday mornings to attract beginner , off peak ladies

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

Referral fee for introducing new members – re promote this to encourage referrals. £20 bar vouchers. / £10 off peak Add to next newsletter

Also consider banner for railings outside the club or a brown direction sign directing to club
Welfare Officer Mark – DBS checked. Got details of NSPC course. To advertise Mark as point of contact for juniors
Team shirts for the winter season 1 st 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">FACILITIES/OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE</p>
<p>JD investigating and obtaining quotes for (also see attached quote):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New front door– been in touch with 2 door companies. Now looking into commercial door companies – anthracite grey / glass panel. JD to chase • Getting a quote for relaying the rest of the carpet in club - £1950 for tiles (so can pull up and change / replace) – should last 8plus years • Ceilings also need to be cleaned / patched / painting – James to sort himself • 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 • JD to adjust timing of outside lights • Shelf for trophies – James to install Sept • 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 – email quote this week. Poss second hand fountain – JD to source • 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 • Painting rest of upstairs / gloss work downstairs, staircase rails, around the doors, recently varnished sections, bar wood, 3 doors and frames - £820 – agreed • Change brass rail - £640 to change both – agreed • When club closed: Hedges to cut back, guttering, change rusty electric box / fan– SP/JD
Courts Will be done again this year – Oct 16 th now confirmed

<p>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.</p> <p>Doors to be repaired or replaced but to the same spec and get ceilings cleaned before they come in. Also new carpets</p>	
<p>Lease</p> <p>Only 23 years left on lease.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>JD/FL established that Woking council own our neighbouring land</p> <p>Lesley Phillips / David Bromley has been contacted to find out the background / owners of the club. Having an AGM and they will come back to MW – FL may attend</p> <p>Freddie spoke to Council must keep verges green so won't allow parking – unless there is a compelling case that club can't function without them.</p> <p>Can we get access right from Aurthers Bridge road? Could we get more parking at the back or negotiate the triangle at the back of part of the cricket ground? Possibility of a shared car park with the cricket club.</p> <p>Arrange meeting with the council</p>	
<p>Bar area</p> <p>Subgroup re bar area project –to discuss and bring to committee</p>	
CCTV sign to be put up outside club	
Affordable / Finances	
<p>Sponsorship</p> <p>GGR to run the sponsorship - £2250 to be paid per year, over 3 years</p>	
<p>Banner</p> <p>Courtmasters banner to be removed from Oct. New sponsors being investigated</p>	

Next Meeting: **Tues 21st Nov**