

Woking Squash Racquets Club

Committee Meeting

9th May 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)

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

Tournaments

FL running the racket ball tournaments

JF running the squash tournaments, organised with a September final. Sending updates to members. Costs discussed - £5 per tournament then £2 thereafter. Can pay via vouchers if not paid in cash

Nikki Kuk running junior tournament. Trophies bought for £105

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 by-law 8 which already provides for penalties for consistent offenders

Minutes

Danny Jones asking for the Minutes of Committee meetings

Agreed to publish decisions and actions after each committee meeting on the website

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

Social Events

Thanks to FL who ran a quiz night on 28th April

JF purchased 15 tickets for the Pro Squash Shoot-Out on Friday 24th March

9 people also went to the Canary Wharf Classic on Tuesday 7th March

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

FACILITIES/OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE

Men's Changing Room refurbishment

EGM held in April to discuss and get members votes.

25 members attended in person; including votes cast in advance the vote was approx 20%

Option 1.

Freddie Lawson outlined the case for Option 1 – replacing everything in the changing room and leaving the layout more or less as it is.

Option 2.

Stewart Perry outlined the case for Option 2 – going with a complete refurbishment and creating a corridor for access to Court 3 from the ground level.

Option 3.

David Dommett outlined the case for Option 3 – to do nothing at this stage.

Option 1 - 5 votes on the night plus 4 cast in advance = **Total of 9**

Option 2 – 4 votes on the night plus 5 cast in advance = **Total of 9**

Option 3 – 16 votes on the night plus 5 cast in advance = **Total of 21**

Keith Brakefield suggested staged refurb of club – MW to ask KB for detailed itinerary for his suggestion

Court Lights –

Decision re £2-£2500 for LED lights which may only last 2-3 years or £50 on bulbs each year. Decision to carry on with bulbs. Next court refurb – change all bulbs. JD to order bulbs for all courts

Car Park

Agreed a budget of approx. £300 to refresh white lines in car park which JD has volunteered to do

Quotes for club Maintenance

JD investigating and obtaining quotes for:

- New front door– been in touch with 2 door companies. Now looking into commercial door companies
- Area outside Court 3 being decorated and new carpet laid
- Re-wiring of the Club
- Glass court doors for courts 1 & 2
- Glass balconies for courts 1 & 2
- Roof and guttering to be checked (20 years since laid) – 2 assessments

- Car park – consider re-laying and marking
- Spot light at front of building to be fixed / changed to LED spotlight
- Bar to be refurbished / decorated
- Shelf for trophies
- Ladies bench to be fixed
- Water chiller in front entrance hall - requires electricity and cold water supply and drainage
- Sweaty walls/Dehumidification/air-con/heating in Courts

Court Refurbishment

Will be done again this year – date TBA

Affordable / Finances

Sponsorship

GGR (new sponsors) plan to install broadband/Wi-Fi in May. 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.

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.

Banner

Courtmasters banner to be removed from Sept. JD to get another independent quote. Aim end sept

Affiliation fees

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

Membership Renewals

Went out in May

Next Meeting:

Tues 20th June 7.30pm