

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 3rd September 09

Attendees: Sarah Taylor (ST), Mark Davies (MD), Bill Bailey (BB), Viv Mason (VM) and Natalie Le Serve (NLS)

Apologies: John Darcy and John Needham.

1. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

PERSON	ACTION	STATUS
ST	Display the new coaching sign up sheet on the squash notice board (for the last Wednesday in the month).	Ongoing
MD	Obtain costs for grips.	Complete – grips are now for sale behind the bar at £2. ST to advertise on squash board.
VM	VM to arrange a meeting between STSC and England Squash in Sep/Oct.	To be arranged when the new Regional Manager starts after 7 Sep 09
ALL	Inform all squash members about the Swiss Pairs Tournament and encourage them to enter	Ongoing – so far we have had 7 entries
ALL	Distribute entry forms to your mates!	Ongoing – please do this!
ST	Display the entry forms on the squash noticeboard	Complete.
ST	Check if Phil Coleman has the club trophy	Ongoing – awaiting response from Phil.
ST	Raise cost of exhibition match at the Management Committee meeting on 11 th August and seek advice regarding the costs.	Complete*
ST	E-mail the Swiss Pairs application form to the committee	Complete.
JN	E-mail the Swiss Pairs application form and poster of information (already prepared) to all squash members	Complete.
ST	Print out some application forms and display them at the club	Complete.
ST	Provide an envelope to go behind the bar for collecting forms and money for Swiss Pairs.	Complete.
VM	Complete the Club Charter documentation as far as she can and then pass to NLS.	Complete – thank you.
ST	NLS to complete the relevant sections of the Club Charter documentation.	Complete – thank you.
ALL	All – The Club Charter (especially the Development Plan) is to be the focus of the next committee meeting, followed by a consultation with all members to finalise the	Ongoing – see below **

	Development Plan (format of consultation to be decided at the next meeting).	
ST	Circulate her ideas for the website to the group for comment and then send this to the website developer.	Complete.
ST/JN	ST to write an “introduction to squash at STSC” document for comment and display at the club and circulate to the committee for comment. JN to e-mail to all members.	Incomplete - apologies from ST – I haven’t done this yet.
VM	Discuss the provision of an adult coaching course with NLS	On hold until after Oct half term.
MD	Obtain a ladder and come up with some text describing how it works	Complete – ladder bought for £27
JN	JN to e-mail this text to all members to advertise the ladder	Incomplete – MD to forward brief wording to JN when agreed
ST	ST to advertise this on the squash noticeboards	MD agreed to do this instead – thank you!
JD	JD to communicate this to the juniors (because they can enter too)	Incomplete – see below ***

2. EXHIBITION MATCH

*ST has asked several other players what they think about the £10 charge to watch an exhibition match and a cost for challenging one of the players. In general, people were keen.

Recouping the cost of the exhibition match was discussed. NLS offered to speak to a contact who works for Head to see if they could offer a cheaper/free exhibition match which they could use as a marketing event.

- NLS to speak to contact at Head and report back by next meeting (15 Oct)

3. SWISS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

The Swiss Pairs tournament on Halloween Weekend is going to be the 2009 Club Championship. Posters and application forms have been e-mailed to all members and have been prominently displayed at the club. There is an envelope behind the bar for entrants to put their application forms and fees. 7 people have signed up so far, but it is early days....!

- ST agreed to regularly check the envelope every week or so to note who has entered and move their money to the safe.
- ST will produce a list of entrants and display it on the noticeboard, updating as required.
- BB agreed to order shirts just after the closing date of 16th.

It was agreed that the next squash committee meeting (15 Oct) will focus on the tournament and seeding entrants as necessary.

4. CLUB CHARTER

VM and NLS have worked hard on the Club Charter documentation and the rest of the committee expressed their thanks. Hopefully we should attain “silver” status which should make us eligible for funding from England Squash.

- VM and ST - discuss what funding is available from England Squash at the meeting with them in Sep/Oct.
- ST - check with Peter O if he is a level 2 coach as this will gain us points
- MD – complete level 1 coaching to gain us some more points

The Development Plan Document requires completion and then consultation with the other squash members.

- ALL – think of three objectives, targets or ideas that you would like to see the squash section of the club attain, and bring this with you to the next meeting. For those in attendance, please fill your ideas in on the form which was distributed.

5. WEBSITE

This is ongoing; a sample of the homepage was presented for ST to review by the next meeting.

- ST to review sample homepage and comment to VM.
- VM to provide an update on website progress for the next meeting.

6. SQUASH LADDER

The committee expressed their thanks to MD for purchasing a ladder and writing some instructions for review by the committee.

- ALL – review the wording provided and respond with comments to MD

It would be good to put the ladder up where the redundant token meter currently is and have a bigger noticeboard in this area if possible.

- ST and VM to ask Mike Halls if he can do this.

It was agreed that the juniors should have a separate ladder with the top junior player being eligible for the adult ladder if they would like to join it.

- MD - buy another ladder and pass it to JD with some instructions.
- JD – put this on the junior noticeboard and let the juniors know it’s there.

7. CLOSURE OF SQUASH COURTS @ CANONS, GANDER GREEN LANE

NLS reported that squash will no longer be provided at Canons from the beginning of October. The committee discussed the opportunity to welcome their squash members to STSC at a rate of £100 for the rest of the year, with no joining fee.

It was agreed to organise a welcome evening for prospective members from Canons to be introduced to the club and meet the committee and other players etc. This is arranged for Mon 21st September. ST has booked the courts and will get some lighting tokens on the night.

- MD to approach the club to see if we can display some information or approach their current membership
- ST to provide some marketing material highlighting all the positive things about STSC
- BB to ask Mike Connaghton if it is possible for any Canons team entered into the Surrey Cup to transfer to STSC
- ALL – keep Monday 21st Sep evening (19.20 onwards) available to attend the welcome evening.

AOB

MD would like to discuss the rules of the leagues at the next meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting is Thursday 15th October at 19.30 at the club office.