

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 5th June 09

Attendees: Sarah Taylor (ST), Bill Bailey (BB), John Darcy (JD) and John Needham (JN).

Apologies: Mark Davies (MD)

1. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

PERSON	ACTION	STATUS
JN	Send out a general e-mail to all squash members to let them know that we would like to form a squash committee and invite people to join and provide comment	Complete
MD	Speak to Natalie Le Serve, John Darcy and Derek Hume to seek their opinions and see if they are interested in joining.	Complete – they are all interested and will help when they can
BB	Identify who is running the squash team next year and ask for their input into the squash committee	BB to speak to Mike C, JN may possibly do it next year
BB	Put Captain and Vice nominations forward to the club	Complete – ST (Captain) and MD (Vice)
ST	Create a spreadsheet including dates of Management Committee meetings, the AGM (and other items discussed below) for completion by attendees to this meeting. This will show who is going to attend each event on the list.	Decided against this – will put people’s names against events at each meeting.
ST and MD	Re-work the handicap draw list and display it on the squash notice board and contact the players involved in the semi-finals.	Complete
JN	Include the date of the handicap tournament final in his e-mail to all squash players to encourage their attendance at the match.	Complete
JN	Attend the Wednesday night mixing in session this week	Complete
All	Encourage participation at Wednesday night mixing in for all squash members including squash team members.	Complete and ongoing
ST	Display the new coaching sign up sheet on the squash notice board (for the last Wednesday in May).	Complete for May and June
JN	Speak to Mike Halls to request a new board divided into Mens and Ladies winners.	Complete – separate boards will be provided
BB	Determine when the Open Tournament should be played	Complete – Mar/April
BB	Speak to Tim Cox about how members can get involved in the Vets team – this will then be advertised to members	Complete – see below*

ST	Provide a piece for the next newsletter (June 1 st) about the formation of a squash committee and the Wednesday night mixing in sessions.	Pending – see below**
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2. HANDICAP TOURNAMENT

The final of the handicap tournament will be between Tim Cox and Alan Higgs at 19.30 on **Wednesday 17th June**. All members are encouraged to attend and support the players. BB agreed to mark the match. Mixing in will continue after the match.

- JN to send an e-mail to all squash members informing them of this event.
- ST to advertise this on the noticeboard

3. SWISS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

It was agreed that the club would run a “Swiss Pairs” tournament in Sep/Oct 2009 with the possibility of running a different event/tournament at the same time each year to complement the Open Tournament and Handicap Tournament.

- JN to provide ST with a description of this event for the newsletter
- ST to speak to Brad/Gill about catering
- BB to investigate the costs of providing tournament shirts

4. NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter submission has been put back to mid June.

- ST to provide an article to Viv including the following:
 - New squash committee, Captain and Vice
 - Upcoming events – Swiss Pairs Tournament
 - Group coaching on the last Wednesday of every month
 - Dates of home matches
 - Invite views from members regarding squash
 - The new lighting and heating system

5. VETS/JUNIORS*

The junior tournament is on Sunday 28th June from 2-5pm. All members are encouraged to attend and support.

- JN to send an e-mail to all squash members informing them of this event.
- ST to advertise this on the noticeboard.
- ST to provide Neil O’Neil with Tim Cox’s e-mail address to discuss the Vets team.

6. SALE OF SQUASH BALLS AND GRIPS BEHIND THE BAR

A variety of squash balls are now available from behind the bar for £2.50 each. Thanks to Mr ST for purchasing them and providing some information about the different types to put up on the noticeboard.

- ST to put up information about different squash balls at the club.
- MD to obtain costs for grips

7. POSTERS/NOTICEBOARD

ST has removed a lot of old posters and information from the noticeboards and put up some new information. ST has requested information from England Squash but the response so far has been disappointing.

- ST to contact the London Regional Manager for England Squash to see what info and assistance he can provide.
- ST to amend the poster saying “Sweaty after your game of squash? Please don’t sit down on our lovely chairs....etc” so it doesn’t mention squash specifically.

8. SUGGESTIONS/IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

Several suggestions and ideas for the future have been put forward by various members of the club. These include:

1. Holding a tournament between clubs
 2. Holding an open meeting for all members of the club to discuss squash issues
 3. Installation of radiators between the squash courts
 4. Holding a squash vs tennis tournament where people play both sports
 5. Holding a ladies squash evening/event
 6. Holding an Exhibition Match
- JD to ask Natalie if she knows anyone who would be willing to play in an exhibition match at the club
 - ST to ask the same of England Squash

9. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next meeting – **Friday 3rd July** 19.30 at the squash club – NOTE – THIS IS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE CLUB AGM.