

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 09

Attendees: Sarah Taylor (ST), Mark Davies (MD) and John Darcy (JD) and Viv Mason (VM)

Apologies: Bill Bailey, and John Needham.

1. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

<b>PERSON</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
ST	Display the new coaching sign up sheet on the squash notice board (for the last Wednesday in the month).	Ongoing
JN	JN to send an e-mail to all squash members informing them of the handicap final.	Complete
MD	Obtain costs for grips.	Costs obtained*
ST	Contact the London Regional Manager for England Squash to see what info and assistance he can provide	Contact made. VM to arrange a meeting between STSC and England Squash in Sep/Oct.
ST	Tim Cox was due for his Handicap Tournament trophy.	Tim said he didn't need a trophy. JD agreed to obtain trophies for future tournaments.
ALL	Inform all squash members about the Swiss Pairs Tournament and encourage them to enter	Ongoing
ST	Book the Swiss Pairs Tournament into the club diary and check with Brad and Gill about catering	Complete. Buffet to be provided on Sunday night. Halloween event (unrelated) on Saturday night.
JN	Notify all squash members about the Swiss Pairs tournament by e-mail	Complete
ST	Speak to Natalie about cancelling junior coaching on Saturday in the Swiss Pairs Tournament	Complete. It's half term anyway so there isn't any juniors coaching.
BB	Make an entry form for the Swiss Pairs	Complete.
ALL	Distribute entry forms to your mates!	Ongoing – ST to e-mail and print off the forms
ST	Display the entry forms on the squash noticeboard	Outstanding
ST	Find out from VM what squash trophies are held at the club and see if we can order a stock of 5 winners trophies and 5 runners up trophies for future tournaments.	Complete. Men's club trophy is missing at the moment**. JD to provide future trophies.
ST	Ask Natalie if she knows anyone who would be willing to play in an exhibition match at the club (and ask England Squash)	Completed by others, see below.

	and find out about costs.	
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\* MD obtained costs for various grips. He agreed to purchase a supply of grips for resale behind the bar at £2 each. ST to advertise this on the noticeboard.

\*\* ST to check if Phil Coleman has the men's club trophy.

It would be good to have an exhibition match before the Swiss Pairs tournament e.g. September/early October.

## 2. EXHIBITION MATCH

MD provided information and costs for a proposed exhibition match between Stacey Ross (former World Junior No. 1) and Peter Barker (current World No. 7). MD reported that Peter is very amiable and will probably turn up well before and stay for a bite to eat/drink afterwards.

Cost of exhibition match: £500. This could be recouped through payment for the match and some court time with the players.

- ST to raise this at the Management Committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> August and seek advice regarding the costs.

## 3. SWISS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

A squash member raised the point that the club tournament has not been played for the past two years and asked if the proposed Swiss Pairs tournament could be replaced by a club tournament.

It was agreed that it was very unfortunate that the club tournament had not been played for two years. As the committee has already put arrangements in place in place for the Swiss Pairs tournament, and advertised it to members, it was agreed that the Swiss Pairs tournament would go ahead as planned.

The committee had planned to hold the next club tournament in Mar/Apr which it was understood was the "traditional" time. However the committee will try to hold the tournament as soon after Christmas as possible.

- ST to e-mail the Swiss Pairs application form to the committee
- JN to e-mail the application form and poster of information (already prepared) to all squash members
- ST to print out some forms and display them at the club
- ST to provide an envelope to go behind the bar for collecting forms and money

An additional point was made that the envelope behind the bar will have to be checked regularly and the contents moved to the safe in the office.

## 4. CLUB CHARTER

VM presented the information which requires completion in order for STSC to gain the Club Charter Mark for squash. One document which requires completion is a Development Plan which describes the objectives of the squash section of the club and our plans for the future.

- VM to complete the documentation as far as she can and then pass to ST
- ST to complete the remaining parts of the documentation, in consultation with the committee and Natalie Le Serve where required
- 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 Development Plan (format of consultation to be decided at the next meeting).

## 5. WEBSITE

ST is keen to update the contents of the website as soon as possible. VM stated that Ben Walsh is working on this and requires our ideas for what to include in the squash section. Thanks to MD for providing info on game tactics, hints and tips etc. This idea to be included in the website and for future noticeboard material.

- ST to circulate her ideas to the group for comment
- All committee members to respond to ST (not Ben)
- ST to e-mail Ben with the committee's ideas

## 6. SQUASH INTRODUCTIONS

It was agreed that it would be useful to have a document which describes how squash “works” at STSC e.g. how to book courts, what supplies are available behind the bar, how the tokens work etc. It would be good to send this to new members, display it on the noticeboards and make it available behind the bar for people to use when showing round prospective new members.

- ST to write this document and circulate to the committee for comment
- All committee members to respond to ST
- JN to e-mail to all members in the first instance and then ST to e-mail to new members in the future (as per the list of new members provided by VM)
- ST to laminate and display as described above

## 7. COACHING

It was agreed that the provision of coaching to both adults and juniors is very important to the club. The committee agreed that the coaching provided by Natalie Le Serve is excellent.

- VM agreed to discuss the provision of coaching at the club with Natalie to see how it can be developed in the future

## 8. LEAGUES

Thanks to Sheran Bailey for managing the leagues up to this point. MD has now taken on this responsibility. Discussions were held about the lack of play in the leagues and how to improve this. It was agreed that the leagues (or at least the names of the players) will be published on the website each month (ST to include this in the e-mail to Ben Walsh mentioned above).

It was agreed to trial a squash ladder in addition to the leagues to encourage play.

- MD to obtain a ladder and come up with some text describing how it works
- JN to e-mail this text to all members to advertise the ladder
- ST to advertise this on the squash noticeboards
- JD to communicate this to the juniors (because they can enter too)

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Date of the next meeting is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 19.30 at the club office.