

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Attendees: Sarah Taylor (ST), Bill Bailey (BB), Viv Mason (VM), John Darcy (JD), Mark Davies (MD). Apologies: Andy Challen (AC) and Natalie Le Serve (NLS).

**1. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

<b>PERSON</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
ST	ST to write an “introduction to squash at STSC” document for comment and display at the club, circulate to the committee for comment, e-mail to all members and display on noticeboard with summary for bar staff.	Complete
ALL	Think of some questions for the survey	Ongoing – come on guys!
VM	Discuss the provision of an adult coaching course with NLS	To be discussed in New Year
NLS	Speak to her contact at Head about who could come to do an exhibition match and report back to the committee.	Complete – Stacey Ross and U17/U19 European Champion to play
ALL	E-mail VM with ideas for the squash Chartermark document	Complete – VM has completed the docs, ST to review
MD	Complete level 1 coaching to gain us some more points for Chartermark	Ongoing – MD please update
AC	Rearrange 2 <sup>nd</sup> team matches to avoid clashes with first team	Complete – this was possible for most of the 1 <sup>st</sup> half of the season, but not for many of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> half
ST	Add to “how squash works” about club policy on block booking courts from last minutes	Complete
VM	To look into costs of a coin-operated token meter	On hold whilst heating system is being reviewed
VM	Check if England Squash will fund JD’s CRB check	Complete – we are going to do it regardless
NLS	Check what workshops are available for committee members to attend	NLS to update
ST/VM	Advertise for club volunteers in newsletter/e-mails/posters etc	Complete and ongoing
JD/NLS	Find a junior leader (needed for club Chartermark)	To do
NLS	Provide junior coaching dates to VM	Complete
BB	Find out how the Jingle Bells tournament works	Complete
ST	Make poster for Jingle Bells tournament, e-mail to members and make sign up sheet (max 24).	Complete

ST	Advertise the rules on booking courts at the club in advance in “how squash works” doc	Complete
ST	Amend the “how squash works” doc and circulate/display.	Complete
JD	Get docs from ST to advertise the Swiss pairs tournament	Complete
ST	Provide a sign up sheet and send an e-mail to all members about the Swiss pairs tournament	Awaiting completed docs from JD
VM	VM to mention the Swiss pairs tournament in the newsletter	Awaiting completed docs from JD
ST	ST to input info about squash at STSC on the new website	Complete and ongoing
All	Think of some good questions for the forthcoming STSC survey	Ongoing – please think of some questions
ST	E-mail Mike Halls to see if the heating can be on for 40 mins instead of 20	Complete – see heating section below

## **2. SURVEY**

It was agreed that we need to ask the squash members what their opinions are on a number of subjects, including the court heating issue.

- All – Think of some good survey questions and forward to ST
- ST – Find a survey provider e.g. Survey Monkey

## **2. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was agreed that the upcoming Management Committee meeting provided a good opportunity to discuss the squash court heating. BB agreed to attend with ST.

## **3. ONLINE COURT BOOKING**

Other squash clubs in the area provide an on-line and telephone-based squash court booking service. It was agreed that this is something STSC should look into.

- BB agreed to ask about on-line booking (sorry everyone, I don’t remember who he was going to ask.....- help!)

## **4. FUNDING**

ST described the current situation with the heating and the outcome of her meeting with Reznor. Supplying Reznor’s gas heaters and fitting a gas supply is going to cost in the region of £15,000 and therefore it was agreed that looking into funding would be a good idea. VM has arranged a meeting with England Squash to help us with that.

- ST and VM to attend meeting with England Squash
- ST to prepare some funding applications

## **5. HEATING UPDATE**

The committee acknowledged the hard work that Mike Halls has been putting in to help raise the temperature of the squash courts. This includes meeting with Reznor, Ryan Squash and Leisure and Mark Insulation Group, purchasing and fitting a motion detector for the court fan, altering the amount of outside air being brought onto the court and a thousand other things. Thank you Mike.

## **6. CLUBMARK**

VM has done a fantastic job in getting all the Clubmark documents together. Thanks Viv. This will be discussed with England Squash during our meeting and we hope to achieve Silver Status!

- ST to review the Clubmark documents and make additions as per her discussion with VM.

## **7. EXHIBITION MATCH**

Thanks to the club for offering Stacey Ross membership in return for his offer of playing in an Exhibition Match. The committee discussed how many people would be able to watch the match and whether it would be possible to provide any raised levels to increase capacity (e.g. using the step aerobics steps for people to stand on). It was agreed that we would charge £5 to watch the match (with a sign up sheet of 20) and £5 to “challenge a champion” to a game (with a sign up sheet of 12). It would be half price for juniors. We would like to play the match on March 13<sup>th</sup> at about 4pm or 5pm to kick off the club tournament.

- ST – work out how many people can fit on the front row standing side by site (*N.B. I checked this after the meeting and it was 11*)
- ST – contact Stacey to see if March 13<sup>th</sup> is convenient

## **8. LEAGUES**

Thanks to JD for doing the Christmas leagues when MD was away. A squash member requested that the Dec and Jan leagues are joined together each year to give more time to play. It was agreed that a month should be enough and joining the two together wasn't required.

Another member suggested adding a bonus point/s to anyone in the leagues who played all their matches. Concerns were raised that people might get promoted to an unsuitable league but the suggestion was worth consideration.

- MD – test this out on future leagues to see if it would make a difference

ST would like to put the names of the people in the leagues on the website at the beginning of each month, so people can see who they are playing.

- MD – e-mail the leagues to ST each month
- ST – put the leagues on the website

## **9. AOB - MAIN CLUB TOURNAMENT**

It was agreed to hold the main club tournament from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March with the final on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April. The tournament would be a traditional knock-out with seedings for the “stronger” players and a random draw for everyone else.

It was agreed that a sign up sheet, poster and e-mail should go out in mid February with the deadline for entries as 31<sup>st</sup> March. The tournament would be free, but entrants would have to pay for court booking, lighting, heating etc for their matches (except the final). It was agreed that there would be a plate competition for players who lose in the first round.

It was agreed that there would be a juniors, doubles and ladies tournament at the same time.

The men’s trophy is still missing.

Mike is still waiting to find out who won the 2005-2007 men’s finals (2008 was a no contest).

- All – spread the word about the tournament
- VM – let us know who won the men’s tournament between 2005 and 2007
- All – find the missing trophy
- ST – make a sign up sheet and poster for e-mail/display/website.

## **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 19.30 in the club office. Sarah will show everyone the website.