

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> October 09

Attendees: Sarah Taylor (ST), Mark Davies (MD), Bill Bailey (BB), Viv Mason (VM), John Darcy, John Needham (by phone) and Andy Challon (AC).

**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
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 Oct.	Complete – 27 Oct – all welcome.
ALL	Inform all squash members about the Swiss Pairs Tournament and encourage them to enter	Complete – 12 entries plus some late interest
ALL	Distribute entry forms to your mates!	Complete
ST	Check if Phil Coleman has the club trophy	Awaiting response from Phil.
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 Development Plan (format of consultation to be decided at the next meeting).	Ongoing – see below **
ST/JN	ST to write an “introduction to squash at STSC” document for comment and display at the club, circulate to the committee for comment then 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.
JN	JN to e-mail this text to all members to advertise the ladder	Incomplete – MD to forward brief wording to JN when agreed
JD	JD to communicate this to the juniors (because they can enter too)	Incomplete – see below ***
NLS	Speak to her contact at Head about who could come to do an exhibition match and report back to the committee.	Incomplete
ST	Regularly check the envelope to note who has entered the swiss pairs tournament and move their money to the safe.	Complete
ST	Produce a list of tournament entrants and display it on the noticeboard, updating as	Complete – sent out by e-mail

	required.	
BB	Order the tournament t-shirts	Complete
VM/ST	Discuss what funding is available from England Squash at the meeting with them in Oct	To do at meeting
ST	Check with Peter O if he is a level 2 coach as this will gain us points for Chartermark	Ongoing
MD	Complete level 1 coaching to gain us some more points for Chartermark	Ongoing
ALL	Think of 3 objectives, targets or ideas that you would like to see the squash section of the club attain – for Chartermark	Ongoing
ST	Review sample website homepage and comment to VM.	Complete
VM	To provide an update on website progress for the next meeting.	Ongoing
ALL	Review the wording provided from MD about the ladder and give comments	Complete
ST/VM	Ask Mike Halls to put up the ladders where the redundant token meter is	Complete – thanks Mike
MD	Buy another ladder for the juniors and pass it to JD with some instructions.	Complete – junior ladder is next to adult ladder.
JD	Put up the junior ladder and let the juniors know it's there.	Ladder is up but not sure if juniors know about it.
MD	Approach Canons to see if we can display some information or approach their current membership	Complete.
ST	Provide some marketing material highlighting all the positive things about STSC	Complete – by Viv – thanks!
BB	Ask Mike Connaghton if it is possible for any Canons team entered into the Surrey Cup to transfer to STSC	Complete
ALL	Keep Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Sep evening (19.20 onwards) available to attend the welcome evening.	Complete – various welcome evening held with success.

## **2. SWISS PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

12 players entered the tournament. The committee chose the 4 top seeds, 4 middle seeds and 4 bottom seeds. A top, middle and bottom seed were randomly selected and put into group A, B, C or D as follows:

- A – Luke Taylor, John Darcy and Andy Challon
- B – John Needham, Luke Edgecumbe and Sarah Taylor
- C – Tim Cox, Bill Bailey and Derek Hume
- D – Peter Morton, Mark Davies and Boris Petri

In the first round, the three players in each group play each other. The winners of the groups then play each other in a semi final, then a final. The people who came second in the groups play a semi final then a final and the people who came third play in a semi final and then a final. All games are American scoring, first to 15, best of 3 games, except the winners final which is best of 5. It was agreed that the tournament would be on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November with play starting at 1pm and we would aim to play the winners final at about 6pm.

- ALL – tell the other players in your group about the details above
- ST – advertise the tournament to members to encourage them to support
- MD – get trophies for the winners final

### **3. NEW SQUASH MEMBERS/2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM**

Approx 30 member from Canons at Gander Green Lane have joined STSC, including AC who has volunteered to join the squash committee (thank you) and brings a second squash team with him.

The second team currently play on Thursdays, which could cause a potential clash with racketball players and could restrict court availability if both squash teams play on the same week.

- AC agreed that before Christmas he would try to schedule his home matches so that they weren't in the same week as the first team, and after Christmas he would try to have second team matches on Tuesdays, alternating with the 1<sup>st</sup> team.

The committee agreed to have an "introduction to racketball" evening from 18.40 on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

- ST to e-mail all members and make a poster to advertise the racketball night.
- ST to block book courts.

Block booking courts - It was agreed that if members wish to put booking stamps on consecutive courts (e.g. 18.40 – 20.40 on both courts) then that's fine, as long as the players turn up and use the courts. The club does not support booking courts and then not using them. It was agreed that if a court was not in use 10 minutes after the booking start time, the booking is forfeited and the court is available for use by other players.

- ST to reflect this in the rules she is writing

### **AOB**

The outstanding actions from the last meeting, and other topics such as the club charter, will be discussed at the next meeting.

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

VM would like the dates of the junior tournaments – ST thinks this should go on the junior noticeboard.

BB suggested holding the Bells tournament between Christmas and New Year. BB agreed to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

The squash committee received a request for a coin operated token meter so players can get lighting tokens when the club is shut. VM agreed to look into the costs and ST will bring it up at the main committee meeting.

### **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Date of the next meeting is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 19.30 at the club office.