

Minutes of Squash Meeting – 17th November 09

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

1. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

PERSON	ACTION	STATUS
ST	Display costs for grips on noticeboard.	Complete – £2.50.
ST	Check if Phil Coleman has the club trophy	Complete – we don't know where it is.
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).	Complete – thanks Viv, Natalie and others for input
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.	Partially complete – comments received on document, ST to finalise, display and circulate
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.	Ongoing - see comment below*
VM/ST	Discuss what funding is available from England Squash at the meeting with them in Oct	Complete – discussions with England Squash are ongoing.
ALL	E-mail VM with ideas for the squash chartermark document	Ongoing – please do this if you haven't already
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	Complete
VM	To provide an update on website progress for the next meeting.	Complete
JD	Put up the junior ladder and let the juniors know it's there.	Complete
AC	Rearrange 2 nd team matches to avoid clashes with first team	Please update on progress at the next meeting
ST	Advertise racketball evening to all members and block book courts	Complete
ST	Add to “how squash works” about club policy on block booking courts from last minutes	To do

VM	To look into costs of a coin-operated token meter	To do
ST	Ask main committee about having a coin operated token meter – concerns about vandalism	Awaiting cost info from VM

2. CLUB CHARTERMARK

Thanks to all for their input into the Chartermark so far. We are 50 points short of silver status but VM and NLS have reviewed the documents and have identified an additional 100 points to give us silver status.

- VM to check if England Squash will fund JD's CRB check
- NLS is going to check what workshops are available for committee members to attend
- ST/VM to advertise for club volunteers in newsletter/e-mails/posters etc
- JD/NLS to find a junior leader (needed for club chartermark)

3. JUNIORS

The junior squash coaching on 5th December is cancelled. The junior Christmas tournament may have to be postponed to January.

4. NEWSLETTER

ST provided article on tournament for newsletter.

- NLS to provide junior coaching dates to VM

5. BELLS TOURNAMENT

The committee agreed to run the Bells Tournament on Bank Holiday Monday 28th December.

- BB to find out how the tournament works
- ST to make poster (needs info from BB first!) and send e-mail to members
- ST to make sign up sheet (max 24)

6. HOW SQUASH WORKS DOC

ST received comments on the "how squash works" doc for display at the club and e-mail to all members. The main point of discussion related to whether members can book a court by "pencilling" their names on the booking sheet or if they have to use a booking stamp. It was agreed that from April 2010, members must use a stamp to book a court. Therefore "pencilling" your name in will no longer be valid.

- ST to advertise the rules on booking courts at the club in advance.
- ST to amend the "how squash works" doc and circulate/display

It was agreed that members can still use the courts without booking, I.e. they can just turn up on the off-chance that a court is free, and if it is, they can play. However, if another member then books the court with a stamp, the player who booked the court gets priority.

7. EXHIBITION MATCH*

The committee discussed whether it would be possible to offer the exhibition match players (Stacey Ross and one other) membership of the club rather than a fee, in order to keep costs down. If this was agreed, and Stacey wanted to coach non-members at the club, the non-member would be required to pay a £5 guest fee.

(Following the meeting, this idea was verbally agreed with Stacey, together with a small fee for his opponent, however exact details are to be agreed.)

8. SWISS PAIRS TOURNAMENT

We had some positive feedback and so plan to run the tournament again in the future. John Darcy won the bronze final, Andy Challen the silver final and Peter Morton the gold final. Thanks to all who entered, helped to organise and mark at the games.

JD expressed an interest in running the tournament again, as a “fun” tournament. It was agreed that this was a good idea and Sunday Feb 14th was agreed (Valentines Day!).

- JD to get docs from ST to advertise the tournament etc
- ST to provide a sign up sheet and send an e-mail to all members
- Viv to mention in the newsletter

9. RACKETBALL EVENING

The racketball mixing in night is planned for Sunday 22nd November. Please come along and try it out. The club has purchased 4 racketball rackets and a set of balls (thanks Gary) for the night. These will then be placed behind the bar for hire at £1.

10. WEBSITE

ST had a bit of training on the new website from Ben.

- ST to input info on the new website

AOB

- JD offered to update the leagues at the end of November, as MD is on holiday
- MD to discuss leagues at next meeting
- Gary (tennis coach) wants to offer STSC branded sports clothing. The squash committee thought this would be a good idea.
- ST would like to survey the squash members to get feedback on progress so far and ask what the members want for the future. This was agreed and April suggested as a good time. All members to think of some good questions.

- Comments have been received about having the heating on for 40 mins at a time, rather than 20. ST to e-mail Mike Halls.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

There will not be a squash committee meeting in December (as this one was long!) so we will meet again in January. Date to be decided.