

Squash AGM 2nd April 2012 7:05pm

Apologies: SF, KC, AN

Attended: EI, KD, MR, AL, AI, PC, AY

Members: Dick Partridge, Paul Sandvig, Rob Marsh-Fiely,

KD welcomed everyone to the AGM and briefly overviewed previous minutes

Over View of Minutes

KD briefly reviewed previous minutes

Membership numbers remain high and still on the rise (247-308)

Member's activities remain well supported

Section received funding from various club members

Head Pro Arthur Gaskin increasing membership numbers, court usage and growing the junior program

School links to still be developed in 2012

Alec established new links with various clubs developing Racketball

1. Committee Appointments

Richard Cottee and Jane Bailey stand down from the committee due to other commitments

2. Maintenance Budget

Used for general up keep of the courts including skimming of the walls and new floor boards

3. Club of the Year

KD has entered the competition for the first year. Its a great reflection on the achievements and progression of the club.

AL highlighted that the application showcases the great success the section has achieved over the year

4. Coaching Structure

KD mentioned no head pro at present, with Paul Selby as our current temporary pro and Katie Lawrence appointed as our new Assistant Pro. Katie will work on developing the grass roots of the section transferring juniors from Martlesham and surrounding clubs

KD informed us that a new head pro will be appointed at the end of the season. After an earlier ad no appropriate replacement was found. The section has a good package to offer any potential candidate.

5.

KD gave a brief update on the bar extension. Highlighting that it will make squash more accessible to the club members. Plans are on track and is scheduled to finish in 4 weeks

Possibility of a doubles court, which will need substantial funding and support. This concept will be explored by the committee

Court 6. Crossfit is coming to the end of its 6month trial. In August the court will be converted back to its original state. The committee have been monitoring court usage and its effect on the members. DP stated the members have not been happy with the court being used for other facilities.

KD expressed to the meeting that the members need to be vocal in their thoughts and support the campaign to reinstate court 6.

DP questioned the impact of cross fit? Has it increased membership?

AY explained that court 6 was converted due to the pressure that group work placed on the gym. However the gym is now very quiet. Cross fit has currently attracted 11 new members

DG also reminded the meeting that we have previously lost a court to another project. Putting a huge strain on the section especially for court bookings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. He warned the management team that this will result in loss of members

KD informed the meeting that Racketball will be returning to Monday nights, due to popular demand and the lack of attendance on the current Saturday slot.

Paul Sandvig requested an automatic response to be able to make a complaint upon confirming courts.

AY stated that all peak time slots are difficult to book within every sports club

AL suggested making it easier and less time consuming for members to voice their opinions

MR has heard of members seriously questioning continuing membership within the club

Court Cancellations

KD discussed a future process that needs to be put in place for late cancellations to emphasize the disruption that late cancellations cause

MR suggested ringing people, a strategy we used a few years ago

KD will highlight this to the committee and a process will be designed to resolve this issue

Coaching Courts

KD informed the meeting that the coaches will be meeting next week to discuss the timing of junior program training due to the member's previous comments. Therefore creating more court time for general members

AL stated that squads are currently too big hence court requirements are high and that the junior program needs to be priority as they are the future of the section and the club

KD highlighted that improvements will be made on off peak slots such as Saturday morning junior squash

Team Squash

Still a high demand for team squash fixtures with 5 Mens teams and 2 ladies teams

AL stated that the team nights still generate a good income for the bar

2012 Maintenance Work

KD stated that maintenance will be similar to that performed last season as no major work is required. This work will take place during August-September

Peter Hewitt inquired if the cracks on court 1 and 2 are cause for concern?

Rob Marsh-Feily stated that it is being monitored and currently is no concern

AL mentioned court craft have previously examined the cracks and will review on this years work

KD has also looked the possibility of relaying the carpeting on court 1 stairs.

MR asked what was to be done with the unwanted seating currently stored behind court 7

AL suggested using it as scrap due to its bad condition

Rob Marsh Feily suggested donating it a local charity or sports venue such as Debenham leisure?

AOB

DP asked for an update on the New York Trip

EI informed the meeting that so far £3000 has been raised for the event and it is still in progress

MR questioned why the Lazy Daisy studio was not appropriate for studio classes

AY stated that ceilings where too low to perform any classes expect spinning. He urged club members to become more vocal with their concerns

AL reminded the meeting that the battle for court 6 has been 100% backed by the committee, that is was a trial period and it would be returned as it is not a permanent space for any strength and conditioning. Urging the club to invest money into a designated space or simply shelve the idea

AY congratulated the section on holding an increasing membership. The section is making positive moves forward with new assistant pro and strong supporting coaches

DP requested another legends event

KD informed the meeting that the legends event would be returning with a slightly adapted format. Including a ladies event and Racketball exhibition. £6000 sponsorship is required, with ticket sales the event aims to just break even.

7:55pm meeting closed