Squash & Tennis Minutes Thursday 1st June

1. Apologies from Tim, Andy, Glyn, Jane G, Jane C, Nick, Matt
2. Minutes of last meeting were approved by Dan Gough and Lee Manning.

Issues arising from last month’s minutes:

Paul had advised some new Tennis members were having issues signing up to the new Tennis only membership, this was due to incomplete information. Paul and the Tennis school are working to resolve this.

Refunds of Tennis & Squash memberships to allow for the new Tennis only membership were being processed manually by Malcolm

This years dinner and dance was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Plans for next year are afoot with the date and event being agreed shortly after Christmas and advertised shortly afterwards.

The ladies racquetball challenge competition was well received and attended. Congratulations and thanks to Jane Gick for organising.

It was agreed last month that the fee for club night for non-members would be raised to £3, this change needs to continue to be advertised and enforced to those who run these events.

Malcolm continues to investigate the location of the electric meter for the cricket scoreboard

1. Matters arising

Honours board updates are required, Paul is to be asked to arrange for them to be updated

1. Chairman’s Report – NA
2. Treasurer’s Report

Malcolm has been talking to Russell about his subscription fees, in a previous meeting it was proposed that his fee should increase to £5,500. However Russell was querying this, he has also asked about whether he is paying cost price for court lights.

It was agreed at the meeting that the license fee of £5100 would be a fairer increase on his subscription. It was also discussed that the light costs for the Tennis courts are almost cost rate anyway, so Russell would be asked to continue as he does currently.

It was also agreed that Paul can add larger amounts of credit to Russell’s light card on the assumption that the cost is paid up front, this saves Russell time adding credit manually.

Russell also wishes to increase the fees associated with his indoor court. The prices are to be raised to £12 during the day, £15 evening and £18 to non-members. The committee agreed these fees are fine as the court belongs solely to Russell. Additionally Russell informed Malcolm that he will be doing some maintenance on the court soon.

Finally the junior Saturday morning sessions have now ceased to be paid by the club to Russell, any outstanding fees will be deducted from Russell’s subscriptions.

1. Secretary’s Report – NA
2. Membership Secretary

Paul in his absence provided membership figures

Squash & Tennis Total = 242
Squash & Tennis Seniors = 110
Squash & Tennis Family = 10
Squash & Tennis day = 15
Squash & Tennis juniors = 31
HM forces = 2
Honorary = 3

Tennis only senior = 20
Tennis only junior = 18
Tennis family = 5

1. Rec Trust Report

Richard informed the committee of the ongoing kitchen development issues.

Malcolm also raised the issue of the land in the car park adjacent to the 76 club and the recent alterations made to the trees. As this belongs to the Rec, it was suggested the Rec should observe what happens next.

1. Squash & Racquetball Section

The winter league teams have been entered for the next season, the club has entered teams as per promotion and relegation meaning:

1 team in Premier Division
2 teams in Division 2
2 teams in Division 3
1 Racquetball team in Division 2

The ladies teams will be entered by the ladies squash captain

**Summer teams**

Summer Teams has been arranged and begins on Tuesday 6th June. This year will remain at £6 per match per person to cover court fees and food costs. Shirts will be available for £7 each.

The numbers on this year’s competition have been limited to 48 with 36 squash players and 12 racquetball players. There is also a new format on the competition with a 30 minute match on the basis of how many points can you win. There will be fewer matches this year with a focus on team moral and ensuring those who play are at the club for the evening.

Many thanks to Nick Whalley, Vicki Evans, Steve O’Donnell and Lee Manning for making this happen and best of luck for the summer.

**Racquetball Ladders**

After many years Keith Mitchell as relinquished control of the racquetball ladders, Anne Scott has volunteered to take over their running. Many thanks to Keith for an exceptional in getting these ladders running at the club as well as creativity levels in the diverse nicknames for its participants.

1. Tennis Section

The question of what happens to post match Tennis balls, this will be discussed at a later date

It was also suggested an advert of the new Tennis rates could be placed on the exterior to the Tennis courts, this will also be discussed and design during the next meeting.

**Tennis Matches**

The men’s A team are currently mid table in division 3

The men’s B team are currently in the lower half of division 8

The ladies A team have recorded 2 excellent wins lately. 8-0 over David Lloyd and 6-2 over Budleigh Salterton and currently top division 4

The ladies B team have won one match and lost the other with depleted teams due to helping out the 1st team. 5-4 win over Dawlish and 3-7 reverse to Bovey Tracey

The mixed team have played 2 matches, winning both 5-3. Next match

1. Any other business

Paul has arranged for the installers of the card machines in the squash courts will attend the club shortly to update them for the new £1 coins.

1. Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th July