Squash and Tennis Committee meeting

Thursday December 7th.  7pm

Present: Lee, Tom, Paul, Malcolm, Glyn

1. Apologies: Richard
2. Minutes: regrettably none available but chairman able to construct salient points from notes made.
3. Consequently no matters arising.
4. Chairman’s report: thanks to all who attended recent AGM. Low turnout suggests that there are currently no major or contentious issues to be resolved. We welcome Tom as a new addition to the committee. The phone in the entrance hall is very little used and costing some £800 pa. We agreed that it was no longer needed and Malcolm agreed to investigate cancelling the contract. The role of Squash Secretary was raised at the AGM. Following our discussion today, we agreed to keep the title and role open in the hope of additional committee members in the future who could adopt the role and help the squash fixtures secretary. We discussed the recent decline in the number of committee members and our current rather stagnant state and agreed that the next meeting would consider putting together a new action plan to lead the club into the New Year.
5. Treasurer; full set of membership and payment details have been forwarded to Rec Trust. Members who have paid part subs in the past have created considerable difficulties for accounting so it was agreed that there will be no acceptance in the future of any part subs. It is either sign up to monthly payments or pay the year in advance.
6. Secretary: no secretary.
7. Membership secretary: has been working diligently to create an up-to-date membership list out of difficult statistics. Paul is happy that he is now making good progress in this aspect. He will email a list of members to all club members for their use and reference. Currently 194 members.
8. Recreational Trust: Chairman of Trust sent a message regarding conflicts in role of membership secretary. We discussed his comments at some length and feel that we are now making solid progress in collating the necessary information. Changing personnel now would be a retrograde step. Paul is willing to stay in role. Glyn and Paul suggest a meeting with Chairman early in New Year to plot a new route to suit the new scenario.
9. Squash: gas heaters have been serviced- thanks Malcolm for payments. New sponsors have been attained for squash and racketball and our thanks to Devon Counselling College and Francis Clarke (opticians) for their generosity. Squash league teams are currently having a very positive time.
10. Tennis: ladies’ winter league teams progressing well. In light of injury to organiser, it has been agreed to postpone some men’s internal club matches until the early Spring.
11. AOB: Lee asked that minutes be made available sooner than is presently the case to enable actions and responses. Also that members receive email up-dates in response to any relevant issues or concerns which are raised. Both ideas were agreed and will be initiated asap. New cleaners are now in action.
12. Next meeting: Thursday January 4th 2018

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone.