Squash and Tennis Committee meeting 1/3

Thursday 5th April 2018 7.00 pm

Present: Richard Thomas, Paul Lennox, Glyn Davies, Jane Comyns, Lee Manning and Tom Boyle.

Apologies: Andy Lloyd

Minutes: there were no minutes as the meeting was cancelled due to heavy snow fall!

Matters arising from February meeting:
Paul is continuing to liaise with Dan (and others) re updating web-site. More club member representation sought on content issues.

Mid Devon Advertiser back page feature delayed. Sources, for written contributions to go with pictures, being followed up.

Andy has issued this season’s tennis calendar and making details available on web and social media.

Dave French is to be made a life member in recognition of all he has done for the club. Paul and Glyn are to write to him, with a certificate confirming this, and then add a photo of Dave to the Club Noticeboard.

Paul has contacted Laser Pics with a view to up-dating Honours Board. Lee said he would contact John who had previously undertaken the work. No quotes available yet.

Chairman’s report – Glyn restated that we are always looking for new Members. He also reminded each Committee Member to be aware of and report any repairs which need to be undertaken.

Treasurer: not present.

No secretary.

Memberships: current total 233.

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Recreational Trust: Representatives of both Teignbridge Trotters and Fit2Run are elected to the Rec Trust board.
Cleaning arrangements are in the final stages of completion.
Long-term plans are being discussed with a view to expanding the changing facilities – the Football Club have already installed two toilets in existing changing rooms as part of the requirements of higher divisions / leagues. The boiler capacity and plumbing will need a major overhaul / design to accompany any such enlargement.

Squash: Lee and Steve O’Donnell to promote summer teams events this year. The Summer Teams Committee have already held one meeting.
The Club Mixed Doubles Final saw Dan Vile and Vicky Evans beat Denise and Curtis Corby 3 – 2 in a very good match on 4 April! It is hoped that there might be more publicity for this event next year to attract more spectators.
Posters have been placed in squash corridor for the Dinner Dance 2 June at Teignmouth Golf Club. All are encouraged to put their names up early to help Dan Gough and the rest of the Organisers.
League placings - The past season saw the 1st team narrowly avoid relegation, the 2nd team relegated, the 3rd team finish higher in the (same) division than the 2nds, and the 5th team ending not far off promotion!
It was suggested that a reminder be made for league match availability sheets to be passed out to Members in plenty of time this summer so last-minute selection doesn’t become an issue at the start of next season.

Tennis: Gordon Mellor Tournament is set for Sunday 15
April. All Members, squash, tennis and racquetball are welcome.
We have entered 2 men’s teams and 2 ladies’ teams in the Exeter Tennis League and 1 mixed team, as last summer. (Jane C to find out more details from Becs and report back).
Andy has submitted a report of last year’s successful Ladies A team to the Mid Devon Advertiser where it is expected to appear tomorrow.

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Tennis continued…..
Since our recent league promotions, several new Members have been encouraged to join us. As a result, Club sessions have been of a higher standard.
Russell Bond has attached a door to the outside of court 4. It can be locked if necessary, once a system is in place to allow Members access to the key. The floor has been cleaned.
Weed clearing is again necessary. Paul will provide the weed-killer left over from last year.

Racquetball: We have 2 ladies’ racquetball teams, only one other Club in the League can match this\*\*. Our Ladies did extremely well to reach the DEVON Final where they played Devon & Exeter\*\*, though losing 5-0.
There is a planned trip to Cardiff at the end of this month.

Any Other Business: Dan Gough has resigned from the Committee. The Chairman proposed a big vote of thanks to Dan for all the work he has put in over the years, to many aspects of running the squash club, making it possible for so many to enjoy their sport. The Committee whole-heartedly agreed!
Paul reported that Andy Lloyd had obtained sponsorship of £225.00 from a local Optician for Men’s tennis 1st team. This will enable the purchase of team shirts for them. Well done, Andy! A suitable placard for Bills Opticians will be on display by court 4 as a result.

Next meeting: Thursday 7th June at 7pm