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Squash and Tennis Committee meeting

Thursday 3rd May 2018 7.00 pm

Present: Glyn Davies, Richard Thomas, Jane Gick, Malcolm Watts, Jane Comyns, Paul Lennox, Tom Boyle, and Matt Whalley.

Apologies: Andy Lloyd and Lee Manning.

Minutes: Were read, approved and signed by Glyn.

Matters arising from February meeting:
It should be noted that Lorient Poly Products have donated £250.00 to sponsor Summer Teams. Charles Royal have declined our invitation to do so again this year.
Laser Pics can find no written request from us for a quote to update the Honours Boards. Written request is to be sent.
Dave French has received his letter and thanks the Club Members for it.
Glyn has designed a certificate which we would like to present to Dave when convenient for him.
First aid kits will be checked this month.
The tidying of the flora / cleaning up around the tennis courts has yet to be undertaken.

Chairman’s report – Glyn noted that parts of our club Car Park are full of debris. Paul said he cleared up as often as possible and would look again the following day.
76 Club have begun work on the land between our Members’ car park and their clubhouse and raised the matter of items which Russell Bond stores on the land between squash courts and 76 Club. Russell is to be asked to clear them or let us know his timetable to do so.

Treasurer’s report
Russell is behind in his payments as he has not yet increased his standing order by £4.00 per month.
BT have taken the phone in the squash courts away at our request. which saves us £34.00pm.
Francis Clark have agreed to sponsor ladies’ squash and are awaiting our invoice for the sum of £60.00.

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Treasurer’s Report continued……
First quarter payment to the Recreation Trust (Rec Trust) has already been made (£4600.00). The next payment of between £1500.00 and £2000.00 is due soon. Steve Reynolds (Rec Trust Treas.) is happy that Malcolm is now able to provide his figures in a more detailed way.

No secretary.

Memberships: current total 231.
Squash & Tennis
103 Seniors / adults
 20 Joint
 14 Family
 4 HM Forces / Student / Apprentices
 33 Juniors
 13 Off Peak
Tennis Only
 50 Seniors / adults
 4 Joint
 10 Family
 5 HM Forces / Student / Apprentices
 18 Juniors

Recreational Trust:
Servicemaster are now the provider of cleaners to Rec Trust.

Squash:
Squash season ends with Competition Finals on 12 May, time yet to be arranged. There are 6 finals yet to play.
Next season will see one team in Premier Division, one in Division 2, 2 teams in Division 3 and a new team in division 4. We continue to support 2 ladies’ squash teams.

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Squash continued………..
Tom reported that the Summer Teams Committee are currently putting teams together for this year’s Tournament. T shirts should be printed by 7 May. The First Night is planned for 29 May. Two visitors from Torquay have been allowed to enter at a higher entry fee than our Members’ fees. Traditionally, August is not a playing month for the Tournament, as too many people are away on holiday. Finals Night is expected to be 1st or 2nd week in September.

Tennis: The Gordon Mellor Tournament was played on Sunday 15
April. An all-Member tournament, it was graced by wonderful sunshine (forecast rain), 8 players took to the courts and, after some hotly-contested games, Mark Ayliffe won the men’s trophy (very closely followed by Andy Lloyd) and Jane Comyns the ladies’ (it is all about who your partners are). Thank you to Andy Lloyd for organising it all for us and for the backup team he provides!! to the scorer, cheer-leader and tea-maker and our photographer, Paul Lennox!
We will try to update our Facebook page to include this event. It may be possible to submit a newspaper report.
Andy is to ask Nicky if she can add our next Open Tournament to the Rec Trust Facebook site.
1 mixed team, as last summer, is entered in division of South Devon Summer Tennis League sponsored by WBW. The first match is at home this Sunday 5 May (yes, Bank Holiday!).
Ladies A tennis have had two excellent wins, 8-0 and 8-1 so far this summer, in their first season in Division 3. Ladies B have not fared quite so well in very tough Division 4.
Men’s team sponsor monies have purchased shirts bearing the logo of Bills Opticians (blue and black). Extra monies have been secured for displaying a banner for Bills Opticians as well.

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Racquetball:
15 ladies had just returned from a great time on tour in North Cardiff visiting Rhiwbina Club. Jane was delighted to tell us that England beat Wales at this meeting. Jane Gick presented them with a commemorative plate to mark the occasion. Could this be a future trophy? The hosts are very excited about a possible return fixture at our Club; the Welsh Club also have a junior squash team who might be interested in accompanying the ladies.
Jane had found Rhiwbina via their website. She has thoughts for 2019 of possibly organising visits to a Club in each of the home countries – Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Watch this space.

Any Other Business:
Malcolm again reported that the men’s showers were looking scrappy. The grouting is in poor condition which makes it look bad. Richard Thomas said he would bring this to the attention of the Rec Trust.
It was thought that trophies won by our Club or Club Members would be better displayed in a cabinet either in the bar or Clubhouse. Glyn is to make enquiries about the cost of insuring such items.
It is understood that Sally Mutton wishes to join the Committee. As we are always keen to have fresh ideas, new perspectives and opinions, and to have more people to help run the Club, it was agreed that Sally join us. Her nomination was proposed by Jane Gick and seconded by Tom Boyle.
Lights had failed on the squash courts. Malcolm is to find the original invoice, so Paul can pursue the matter to correct the fault.

Next meeting: Thursday 7th June at 7pm