Squash and Tennis Committee meeting

Thursday 7th June 2018 7.00 pm

Present: Andy Lloyd, Glyn Davies, Jane Gick, Sally Mutton, Richard Thomas, Malcolm Watts, Lee Manning, Paul Lennox, Jane Comyns, Tom Boyle, and Matt Whalley.

Apologies: none.

Minutes: Were read and approved and, with 2 adjustments to names yet to be corrected, were to be signed by Glyn.

Matters arising from last meeting:  
The work on the land between our club and 76 club is well under way. Post holes have been dug in preparation for fencing, levelling, weeding and addition of chippings, ready, we believe, for a seating area. Russell Bond is to be asked, again, to clear the area between the SIDES of our two adjacent premises.   
James Cooper and Paul have made numerous calls to Arcwrights concerning the failed lights on the squash courts, trying to establish whether the parts which have failed are covered by the 10-year warrantee. Nothing to report yet.  
Weeding along the edges of the tennis courts has begun – ¾ finished.  
After a discussion, it was suggested that a list of up-to-date Members be sent to all existing Members, so we can all help to monitor for those who claim to be paid up but do not appear to have completed necessary paperwork or payment. All agreed that a poster should be put up on the Noticeboards, re-stating the fact that ONLY MEMBERS MAY PLAY IN ANY FORM OF LEAGUE MATCH.  
Honours board updates – Paul to chase up the quotes for the work. Lee reported that Dave Brown is collating all the information required for their update.  
Lee asked that a vote of thanks to Jane Gick be recorded, for all her work setting up, running and over-seeing the introduction of Ladies’ Friday Racquetball Nights. The Committee agreed unanimously.  
An ongoing list was suggested to report back what progress was being made or being proposed for maintenance issues.

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Chairman’s report –  
Glyn extended a warm welcome to Sally Mutton as she attended her first committee meeting.  
Chris Robillard had given us a couple of self-financing handbooks which he prepares for Torquay Tennis Club, whilst volunteering to set a similar handbook up for our Squash and Tennis Members. It was agreed that our online system could provide the same information already (contact numbers, list of future events, playing and social diary entries, etc.) and existing sponsors might consider their current advertising devalued by going down this route. However, we thought the handbooks might be of interest to the Recreational Trust, so our Rec Trust Board Members are to take the samples along to the next Rec Trust Meeting.

Treasurer’s report  
2nd payment to Rec Trust £1751.26 has just been made. 3rd and 4th quarters’ payments are expected to be similar amounts.  
Repairs are the largest predictable expenses. Our income currently covers the foreseeable ones.  
Malcolm advised that he has written to Russell Bond, about correcting his standing order and asking him to cover the arrears to date.

Bank a/c Balances –   
Current a/c £8170.68  
Subs a/c £1926.02  
Deposit a/c £46001.29  
Paypal a/c £5399.34

No secretary.

Membership Secretary: current total 234 members.  
Squash & Tennis   
103 Seniors / adults   
 20 Joint  
 15 Family   
 4 HM Forces / Student / Apprentices  
 33 Juniors  
 13 Off Peak

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Tennis Only  
 50 Seniors / adults  
 4 Joint  
 10 Family  
 0 HM Forces / Student / Apprentices  
 18 Juniors  
  
Recreational Trust:   
3 main picture windows in the Bar have been replaced along with other maintenance for the front of the building. The kitchen is now up and running – all in time for the fast-approaching cricket experience here on 17 July – Western Storm v a Somerset XI. Tickets are being advertised – ground tickets £5.00 per head and only £20.00 for food and shelter from the sun!  
A new sub Committee has been created to produce a consultation document dealing with the possible enlargement of the premises, by increasing the floor space beyond the men’s existing changing facilities. The squash and tennis representative is Steve Reynolds. An architect is expected to be invited to draw up suitable plans. Existing running clubs would appreciate better facilities and there are possibilities for attracting other sports clubs to join our organisation.  
  
Squash:   
Paul advised us that floor sanding, repairs and repainting of squash courts should be undertaken soon. (Court walls had been repainted separately, recently.) Tony Gay’s quote this year is £300.00, unchanged from that of last year. Matt asked that Nick Thompson be able to submit an alternative quote. Matt would provide Paul with Nick’s number.  
There are bolts missing from the structure of the glass-backed court, which needs investigation.   
Court 1 requires re-marking before next Season.  
The problem with the door to the ladies’ changing room has been rectified and the lock replaced.  
The door to Court 5 had expanded in the recent good weather. As the door jambs had also moved slightly, the door frame was catching the

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lock. This combination had resulted in 2 players’ being locked in! Paul will obtain a quote for replacing the faulty item.  
Longer-term suggestions included glass doors for more than just court 1.  
Matt asked for volunteers to replace him in organising the squash tournaments, as he has more work commitments, now. Glyn took the opportunity to record a vote of thanks to Matt for all the time, energy and enthusiasm which he had put into organising past tournaments. The Committee agreed!  
Lee told us of Steve Morrall’s recent success in his 65-and-over age group in Europe! Reaching 6 European Competition Finals, winning the Czech Open, beating England’s No.1 today, Steve is now No.2 player in Europe, Lee advises us. Congratulations, Steve!  
The new format for Summer Teams is going down well, consisting of playing an opponent for a set time-period and earning team points for every multiple of 15 points gained whilst on court, all with the aid of a predetermined handicap. (We have a defibrillator on the premises.) Traditionally, August is not a playing month for the Tournament, as too many people are away on holiday.   
  
Tennis:   
Men’s A had a sticky start to the season but have recently had 3 away wins on the trot.  
Men’s B have had one or two issues concerning fixtures, selections and catering but hopefully, lessons have been learned.  
Ladies’ A have yet to lose a match, the closest result was a 5-4 win.  
Ladies’ B, promoted last year, when a team in a higher division dropped out, have struggled to convert effort and game points into match results, but have enjoyed the tough fixtures, while trying to give match experience to as many ladies as possible.  
Men’s team sponsor, Bills Opticians, have also sponsored a banner which is due to be installed this weekend. Our invoice for the necessary £150.00 is being raised.  
Cracks in the courts’ surfaces have begun to appear. They will be monitored for the time being.

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Racquetball:   
Jane Gick asked if she could now review the £3 Friday racquetball session for non-Members. It had been introduced as a pilot scheme to introduce non-players to sport. It has been very successful, but Jane thinks it has run its course. Those still keen to continue playing should be asked to join the club, now. Lee asked if Off Peak Membership could be extended to include Friday evenings so the racquetballers could pay a reduced rate, many only playing once per week. This suggestion was declined.

Any Other Business:  
Lee asked if there was any news of the First Aid box review. He had cause to try to use one last week and found the contents lacking. Glyn said he would deal with this asap.

Next meeting: Thursday 5th July at 7pm