



**Committee Meeting – Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7.00pm
Venue – PRUFC**

MINUTES

Present: Chris Lilley, Richard Utting, Ben Hoyle, Neil Coward, Alex McIntosh, Ivan Curties (ex-officio), Geoff Matthews (PRUFC) & James Lund (PRUFC)

Before the start of the committee meeting Geoff Matthews & James Lund gave details of the plans being considered by the rugby club for development of the squash club to ensure long term viability for all concerned. This included considerations for a gym and other fitness facilities. More details would follow and full deliberations with the squash club would take place as plans developed.

1. Apologies for Absence – none were received
2. Minutes of the last meeting – 5th March 2020 – these were taken as read
3. Matters Arising - none
4. Membership & Finance Update – CL presented a report noting the following:

No formal accounts available from the Rugby Club.
Estimated subs & meter income for last 3 months:

| | Jul-20 | Aug-20 | Sep-20 | Oct-20 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Subs | £640.30 | £607.90 | £575.90 | £728.90 |
| Meters | £0.00 | £223.00 | £239.00 | |

Member numbers:

| | Juniors | Men | Ladies | Total | Change |
|------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 19-Dec-19 | 15 | 99 | 16 | 130 | -8 |
| 06-Feb-20 | 16 | 101 | 17 | 134 | 4 |
| 01-Mar-20 | 19 | 108 | 18 | 145 | 11 |
| 29-Apr-20 | 18 | 103 | 17 | 138 | -7 |
| 31-May-20 | 17 | 99 | 16 | 132 | -6 |
| 30-Jun-20 | 17 | 98 | 16 | 131 | -1 |

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| 15-Sep-20 | 15 | 88 | 14 | 117 | -14 |
| 21-Oct-20 | 13 | 93 | 15 | 121 | 4 |

Over the last month or so, we have lost 3 juniors and gained 1. Seniors lost 2: gained 8:

Re Club Rules, suggest these should be more accurately called our Constitution, which then this will refer to general and specific rules. .

CL had downloaded a 'model' sports club constitution, which covers all aspects to be considered and is to write up a new constitution and general club rules.

ACTION – CL to produce constitution and a revised set of rules.

5. **Club/Future Development** inc. review of the vision & aims of the club

BH proposed, and it was agreed, that the clubs aims and objectives should be:

- To encourage more overall participation in the game of squash and racketball
- To encourage more participation by ladies and girls
- Increase the number of coaches
- To improve the visibility of the club through social media and the promotion in particular of junior and female squash.
- Development of the social side of the club

It was agreed that all of the above should be developed but would need to be measured in some way.

It would also be to the clubs advantage to generate either its own money or ring-fence money it generates for all those projects associated with the above.

To be further discussed

6. **Committee Roles** – these were agreed as follows:

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| Chairman & Club Liaison with PRUFC | Chris Lilley |
| Vice Chairman | Not discussed |
| Secretary (Minute taker) | By rota between Cttee Members |
| *Treasurer/Subscriptions/Membership | Alex McIntosh/Chris Lilley |
| Juniors/Welfare | Neil Coward |
| Teams | Relevant Team Captains |
| Promotion/Marketing and Communication | Richard Utting (with Graham Silburn – ex-officio) |
| Social Secretary | To consider further |
| Sport participation & Development | Ben Hoyle |
| Club Nights Rota | John Scott (ex-officio) |
| Club/Bubble Leagues | Ivan Curties (ex-officio) |
| Website | Richard Utting (with Graham Silburn- ex-officio) |
| Sponsorship Secretary | To consider further |
| Covid19 Officer | Richard Utting |
| Schools Liason | David McGlasson/David Richardson (ex-officio) |

*CL & Mcl to meet shortly to organise who is doing what

7. **Club Rules/Policies** inc. current Covid19 restrictions and any possible changes

Club rules etc as referred to above.

Covid19 restrictions:

These were reviewed with IC presenting a revised Risk Assessment bringing it up to date based on the current guidelines as well as some additions in respect of:
League bubbles/Opening up an additional court/Compulsory wearing of masks (it was agreed that this should only be a recommendation as per ES guidelines)/Use of balcony.

It was agreed that any final decisions over these would be made at the next meeting but that the risk assessment would be brought up to date based on the current guidelines and rules of the club.

ACTION – IC to update risk assessment based on the current guidelines and club rules and forward to RU

8. **Club nights** – discussed around the use of club night bubbles for those who are not currently in their own squash bubble. To be discussed further
Leagues – the operation of league bubbles was also discussed possibly with the top players transferring from a ‘social’ bubble to a league bubble. To be further discussed
Team squash – unlikely for at least this season
Existing social bubbles – it was agreed that members should continue to be encouraged to start/join a squash bubble and that a communication should be sent out to this effect and the fact that spare places were available in existing bubbles. However in regard to this we would need to find out whether already established bubbles with spare places would like to be joined by other members.
ACTION: RU to investigate

9. **Coaching** – it was noted that 4 players can now be on a court with a coach. NC commented that this opens up further opportunities to get more juniors to play and suggested that we should endeavour to get more juniors to take part.
BH questioned whether we should be charging for junior squash as we need to encourage ‘our’ future players although it was commented that many of them leave the sport at 16-18. However this is to be further considered in line with thoughts over the clubs aims and objectives as highlighted above.
It was also queried as to whether coaches need to be Level 2 or whether Level 1 was sufficient
ACTION – NC to investigate and advise

Adult coaching – it was agreed that this could take place and would be further discussed at the next meeting

10. **Publicity and Promotion** – all the following to be further reviewed at the next meeting
 - Website/Mail chimp
 - Social Media and the Press
 - Banners & Signs
 - Other

11. AOB –
Date & Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday 7th November at 7pm at PRUFC