



General Committee Meeting Minutes - 26th September 2023

1. **Present** - Chris Lilley (Chair), Richard Utting (RU), Neil Coward (NC), Jemma Donald (JD), Richard Lee (RL), Ethan Niazi (EN), Garry Hobson (GH), John Scott (JS)
2. **Apologies of Absence** – received from Bob Shelmerdine, Dave Richardson, Alex McIntosh, Dave McGlasson and Graham Silburn
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – as previously circulated
4. **Matters Arising** – none
5. **Membership: update, court usage, corporate** – as per Alex’s report to the AGM. Richard Utting confirmed that details on a corporate initiative would follow
6. **Junior Review, Club & County** – no change from previous meeting but Neil Coward confirmed that attendance had been good over the previous 3 weeks
7. **Leagues inc. Ladies ladder** – Ethan confirmed that the leagues were up and running and the ladies and racketball ladders were in place ready to start from 1st October.
8. **Teams** – John Scott had previously sent out a spreadsheet with details of those who could play regularly, occasionally or not at all. To date 8 could do the former and 8 the latter. RU expressed his concern as to whether this was enough but JS confirmed that he had others to chase and that an email needed to go out to the whole membership calling for more interest.
There was overall agreement that we should put two teams out.
It was agreed to change the administrators on the Team Whats App group as CL is the current administrator. It was also agreed that the group should only be used for teams and not for personal friendlies
ACTION
 - JS to chase those who hadn’t replied to his initial email
 - RU to send out email to others members
 - EN/CL to organise change to WhatsApp group and advise those on the team list to use only for team matters.
9. **Welfare** – nothing to report
10. **Website/Social Media** – RU confirmed that he had met with Craig Donald and had gone through the website and changed a number of areas mainly around contact details on various pages. There are many other updates to consider with the news items wildly out of date and not sure whether FB/Twitter connected. An ongoing process
ACTION - items to consider - Mail monkey/New photos of committee (photos taken and to enter onto website and committee sheet)/Links to sponsors/Covid Assessment to delete/Club shop prices to revise
ACTION - JD and EN obtain passwords from Graham Silburn so they can take over the running of FB/Twitter.

11. **Maintenance inc. Court Cleaning** – reference was made to John Scotts spreadsheet.
JS is to update the list and once completed a day/time to consider undertaking some of the jobs with help from volunteers.
RU confirmed that he had problems contacting the plumber who was going to complete the ladies showers but would continue to try and contact him.
RU also confirmed that he was obtaining quotes for cleaning the courts and was meeting Briscoe Cleaning and Courtcraft. Courtcare was no longer involved in squash courts.
12. **Capital Projects** – GH referred to the PRUFC AGM and the issues they have over their finances and how this could potentially impact on future planning for improvements to the squash club.
ACTION - GH/RU and EN to meet to agree on a the business planning approach and future funding
RU to obtain quotes from contractors in the next few weeks
13. **World Squash Day – 14th October** – RU referred to this and the promotion of the event.
It was agreed to proceed with a press release to the Herald and social media posts.
EN and JD to promote through social media
14. **Competitions dates**
Ladies Handicap – 21st November
Club Handicap – 9th December
Club Competition – mid to late March (TBC)
15. **AOB**
Change of key code – agreed to change this from 1st October.
ACTION - RU to email out to members

Who gets the info@ email – not sure who receives email through this
ACTION - RU to check

Money collection for coaching – this is being collected and placed in the black box

Children in Need – 17th November – RU proposed that the club should raise money for Children in Need by running a 24hr squash marathon on 17th November.
All agreed that this was a good idea from a point of you of involving the membership and general promotion of the club. However it would require commitment from squash members and willingness to get donations in via a Just Giving page.
ACTION - RU to start the process by emailing members to see who would be willing to take part. Potentially we would require a minimum of 24 players playing 2 x 1 hour sessions

WhatsApp Group for committee – it was agreed that this should be created primarily to enable communication between committee members particularly in regard to new member introductions as well as other matters.

WhatsApp group for all members – it was agreed that this should be set up for easy communication with the membership
ACTION – EN to investigate setting up both WhatsApp groups?

Racketball Club Night – this to be reduced to a one court booking due to reduced numbers
ACTION – NC to amend booking system