LLTSC Squash Committee Meeting Minutes

08/09/22 7pm

Attendees: Ginny Lee, Laura Helm, Jason Pike, Nigel Sharp, Zoe Ross, Rob Pelter, Sara French

Apologies: None

1. **Previous minutes/actions**
   1. Sponsorship officer – not had any responses to the advert that went out on WhatsApp. Ming has kindly agreed to help out with this until a permanent member found.

Aspect Financial Consultants have very generously offered sponsorship over 5 years for court 5 with a dynamic element of the junior section.

* 1. Uploading of meeting minutes – Sara now has access to Google Drive. **She will add a link to the minutes on the website**

1. **Facilities**
   1. Broken boiler – a new part has been ordered from Baxi to be able to do a temporary fix, but it has failed to be delivered twice now – hoping for delivery tomorrow. This should mean hot water is restored to the men’s showers and shower in the disabled toilet downstairs.
   2. Men’s changing room work in Oct – Sara will ask if the men’s changing rooms can be done before the downstairs work so there is less overlap with the start of the season when the demand for showers on team nights is increased. The men’s changing rooms will be out of action for 4 weeks. The management are proposing that the men will have access to the ladies’ changing rooms for this period of time, and the ladies will have use of the shower downstairs. The ladies will have the changing rooms back for team match nights. **Sara will plan to speak with members who expressed concern over the recent handling of the switch over of changing rooms. Laura will also gauge opinion of other female members**. Tennis female members rarely use the showers, but will involve Janette in the conversations
   3. Summary of recent maintenance work – disappointed with the service from Melior; courts are now looking good, but the work was under resourced, poorly planned, poor execution, unprofessional at times. Fairly lengthy ‘snags’ list; Nigel has managed to contact Melior about this and they have agreed to resolve but no commitment to a date yet. Committee acknowledges that Charlotte did a great job managing changes to court bookings to minimise the impact on members – thank you.
   4. Ongoing court maintenance agreement – suggest the club go out for tender for a 5 year court maintenance contract. ES have recommended companies on their website; suggest we choose 3 to contact initially.
   5. Rain leak/carpets – during recent heavy rain there have been water leaks in the squash section. **Sara to look into getting a cover for the vent**.
   6. Fixtures board – we want to put a fixtures/results board outside court 5 to display team match scores and to advertise upcoming fixtures to increase member interest in matches. **Ginny will ask Seb if C4 would like to sponsor this** as they are the team kit sponsors**. Jason will mock up a board**, can then take it to management for sign-off. **Jason will also ask Seb if C4 are happy to continue to provide kit** for new team players over the current season.
2. **Coaching**
   1. Summer camp feedback – very successful. Change to the format this year; squash teamed up with tennis. Between 8-25 primary aged children most days and 8-10 secondary aged. Will repeat for future school holidays – already had sign-ups for Oct half term
   2. New coaching groups/programmes – new coach, Alex settling in well, good feedback from members. **Rob and Jason to finalise Alex’s contract and Jason to sign his**.

New ladies group on a Friday morning due to start, and new coaching groups being set up.

Jason keen to do outreach work with schools. Would like to look into the possibility of using Off the Wall portable walls (2-3). Could consider teaming up with with Kenilworth coaches to keep costs down. **Ginny will check with Ming re costs/contact**

1. **Events**
   1. Women’s Squash Week event 24th Sept – **Sara to book out courts 1-7pm. Ginny and Zoe to sort buffet**
   2. Mixed ability racketball 8th Oct – courts 1-4. Racketball mix-in move to Sunday or manage with 2 courts?
   3. World Squash Day 15th Oct
   4. Racketball tournament (12th Nov finals) –Working group to meet this coming week to get communication out and discuss plan for food. Ladies event to be named in Jo Knight’s memory this year (Jemma and James Knight ok with this). Depending on the standard of entries we could look at adding an exhibition match on finals night (possibly Jason v Chris Hall)
   5. Junior tournaments - Silver event 18-20th Nov
   6. Internal team league finals 24th Nov
   7. Tom Gold’s Christmas handicap – little involvement from committee. Tom has advertised the event and has had ~15 sign up
   8. Junior mix-ins – proving to be popular with 15-18 attendees at most sessions. Sub group to look at date options for upcoming months
2. **AOB**

* Fire door next to court 6 must be kept closed – **Sara/Charlotte to add some signs to the door**
* Pete Darby (lives opposite the club) to trial locking up club Sat/Sun to improve security as the bar closes at 8 and there are often windows left open
* Sara/Charlotte being contacted out of hours on Whatsapp which is difficult to manage. Suggest removing themselves from the groups; the committee are on the groups so can respond/pass on messages
* Squash has reached membership limit – off-peak membership only available
* Jason has applied for some junior tournaments for after Christmas - awaiting on confirmation from ES
* Daytime boxes – no action on the Whatsapp group, matches not getting played. Plan to stop boxes, group to remain to arrange friendlies
* White board for members to record scores during match to be sourced and mounted below the stairs next to courts 1/2.

Date for next meeting: Tues 18th Oct