

## LLTSC Squash Committee Meeting Minutes

10/11/22 7.30pm

Attendees: Laura Helm, Ginny Lee, Jason Pike, Zoe Ross, Charlotte Morley

Apologies: Rob Pelter, Nigel Sharp

### 1. Previous minutes/actions

- a. Coach contracts – Jason has signed his. Not sure what to put in Alex's – Jason has spoken to Guy at Kenilworth who doesn't have a contract with Steve
- b. Pete Darby to lock up club Sat/Sun to improve security – working well. May need some outside security lights during the winter to aid with safety and security, the club is planning to look into this

### 2. Review of terms of reference

- a. Court usage – some members frustrated when can't book courts, particularly when multiple courts are used for coaching. Two times raised in particular were exceptions, not the norm. Worth noting that coaching sessions often involve multiple players on court and so are actually a more efficient way of using the courts. When setting up new groups Jason does consider using less busy times (weekends, later evenings) but is normally restricted by participant's availability. The club is full so inevitably the courts will be busy.
- b. Sunday mix-in to be brought forward to 9-10.30am this week due to girls county event. Next week there will only be 1 court available which needs to be left for members to book therefore there will be no mix-in. None on 3/4<sup>th</sup> either due to the club hosting county closed. **Ginny will send out communication to the members**
- c. Junior mix-in – Could the club pay Alex to run session so not relying on volunteers? **Ginny to ask.** 1-hr long session is enough. **Ginny and Rob to look at dates from Jan.**
- d. Ideas to better engage teenage girls – could look to host a MIMOSA aimed at teenage girls. Encourage them to bring friends as this is often key to girls staying engaged. Can offer food/drink after to offer a space for socialising independently from parents. Will look to host this on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov
- e. Diversity / inclusivity – good turnout at the mixed ability sessions the club ran, but more participants were injured than disabled. Could look to run a 'Squash in the Mosque' event – Zoe may know a contact at Leamington mosque

### 3. Sponsors

- a. Officer – Ming supporting in this role currently.
- b. Aspect Financial Consultants – agreed to 5yrs sponsorship of court 5. They may also be interested in sponsoring juniors shirts
- c. Nick Shergold (mortgage advisor) to meet with Ginny with a view to providing sponsorship
- d. Need to check if PB Forestry and Tustains are continuing as sponsors

- e. Leamington Therapy keen to continue but asking for more exposure of their business to members e.g. invite them to host a stand at tournaments. We should be looking for ways to engage and communicate with sponsors

#### 4. Facilities

- a. Update on refub of men's changing rooms – on course to open on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> – few snags to sort but won't stop the changing rooms being used
- b. Hot water in wet room – at times there has not been any hot water – this has been identified as boiler pressure issue, which has now been rectified
- c. Melior remedial works – have decided not to use Melior to do the work due to difficulties contacting them and poor experience with the recent works. Instead we will ask Courtcare to carry out the work – currently awaiting a response from them re this
- d. Ongoing court maintenance agreement – likely go with Courtcare as they are known to us
- e. Rain leaks in squash section – appears to have been resolved with a canopy over the boiler. Can now look to get the floor replaced, likely in the new year

#### 5. Events

- a. Review of recent events – see 'Highlights' section below
- b. Racketball tournament (12<sup>th</sup> Nov finals) – Nigel sorting trophies and prizes. Not planning to provide food
- c. Junior Silver U15s event 18-20<sup>th</sup> Nov – need bar to stay open late on Sun (time TBC). Zoe has very kindly volunteered to provide food – thank you Zoe!
- d. Internal team league finals 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – food from Mery (captains will need to check numbers and order ahead of time). Prizes for winners to be covered by sponsorship money.
- e. Warwickshire Closed 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Dec – food to be provided by Anne Allison
- f. Tom Gold's handicap – seems to be running as planned. Finals to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Tom has asked for 2 x 7.30 courts to be booked for this
- g. Ladies night monthly – would be keen to have squad training and beginners coaching with everyone joining for food after. However some concerns with court availability as discussed above
- h. Review of mix-ins – working well with Alex helping to facilitate. Jason will be at the Friday mix-in this week to check in on how it is running
- i. Laura Massaro event offer – general feeling is that it isn't the best use of money as members are likely to be more interested in watching elite players in matches. Instead Jason and Andy looking to arrange a pro graded event. To look at best date
- j. AGM – looking to host in Jan, after Friday mix-in to capture members who are already at the club. **Laura will send out a Doodle Poll to agree a date**

#### 6. AOB

- a. Friendly matches on Squash Levels – players are entitled to not want results from friendly matches to go on Squash Levels, as it may take away from the 'friendly' element. Players wanting to improve their Squash Levels can use box league

matches. For non-box league games, both players should agree before hand if the result will be entered on Squash Levels

- b. Should look direct new players to a video about lets/strokes for safety

**Recent highlights** (up to 10/11/2022):

- i. **WSW**: Success had 25 ladies from squash community and 13 for MIMOSA. All really enjoy coming to our club for this event. Had many ladies ask if we will do T shirts again as would like to wear one and feel part of the community event and spirit.
- ii. **Mixed ability racketball** :23 in total and over 60% females for both events with 65% for the most recent one on 8 October (previous one in July). Great helpers on the day – Zoe, Jackie, Geoff, Barry. On the back of these events, we had group lessons, and at least 6 members that I know of have joined, 4 of these females. I have had members asking if more of these events will occur as they know people who would like to get involved. As well, there is an opportunity for building a regular group and taking part in a Mixed Ability Festival with other clubs in April/May.
- iii. **WSD** - Darren organised a great day of team squash with help from Alex. There were 22 participants of mixed abilities; it was a great success with food from members after. Start ideas for next year 😊
- iv. Congratulations to Howard Lancashire who placed runner up in the 2022 **Warwickshire Racketball Champioshionships** men's A Grade at Coventry and North Warwickshire on 25<sup>th</sup> September.
- v. Congratulations to our juniors who participated in the **Junior British Champs** October 27-30, 2022: Izzy finished 10<sup>th</sup> in GU17; Harry finished 57<sup>th</sup> in BU17; Sam finished 29<sup>th</sup> in BU15

**Date for next meeting:** will plan once date of AGM is agreed