



**Meeting of the Squash Club Committee
Monday, 19 June 2017**

Present: Mark Davies, Jim Tunley, Kevin Jones and Hannah Davies

Apologies: Geraint Jones.

1. Third Court update

Only one tender had been received and there was a potential meeting with the Contractor with a view to lowering the costs. This was a disappointment after much hard work and it may require us to re-evaluate the project and delay it another year.

We **agreed** the need for a general re-decoration and renewal of the existing court lights in any case.

2. Juniors Development

The Squash Club has been asked to consider whether they may wish to support a situation in which several of our juniors are achieving very high standards but at a considerable cost to their parents both in time and financially.

It was **agreed** that at a time when we still had an aspiration for a Third Court, any support that we may consider would need to be strictly in accordance with a criteria of exception i.e. – a member of the National Squad; or at the discretion of the Club's Coaching Team, where they see extraordinary potential.

Currently there are four youngsters who fit this criteria – Josh & Lewis Davies and Will & Jamie Silvester. All are Club members and meet the WSRB player pathway progressions.

Following a discussion of ideas about what we may do, it was **agreed** that the Club should assist and that we would write to the parents with a personal offer.

3. Ladies & Girls Beginner Taster Sessions

Nationally there was a strong desire to introduce more females into all sports and, from the Club's point of view, into squash in particular. Over recent years we've tried through Sports Development and directly to Secondary Schools to encourage greater participation, but a fresh approach was now required.

The Club will take part in the upcoming St Joseph's School Activity Day, when we will host pupils at the Club but at this stage we do not know how many are girls or boys.

An approach has been made to around a dozen ladies to see if they would be interested in a female only taster session and responses were positive. Hannah **agreed** to look at dates, possibly in August, for when this may take place.

With her new post from September, Hannah will look to organize some squash camps for pupils at Moreton Hall (up to five per year); these could be accommodated at the Squash Club.

It was **agreed** we should also contact Charlie Croasdale (Wrexham Leader) to determine if they may help with some publicity.

4. Teams Meeting

It was **agreed** to call one meeting on **Thursday, 29 June** at The Sports Complex (**from 7.30 pm**) with the first part dedicated to the North Wales Leagues Teams, to be followed by a second part for those playing in the North West Counties Squash Leagues.

A room has been booked and notifications will be sent.

As last year, Hannah has offered to undertake a series of pre-Season fitness sessions at the IPC Gym in Gwersyllt. These will take place over a number of weeks from 8-00 to 9-00 pm at a cost of £5.00 per session. Hannah will confirm the dates.

5. Pre-Season Tournament

Following immediately on from the fitness sessions, it was intended to hold a Pre-Season Fun Tournament – “*The Condition Game Challenge*” for which Jim had presented a trophy.

The competition would be played on one day with the final details and date to be confirmed.

6. Court Light Key

Complaints have been received that “on a number of occasions, some players are using the court light key ... which is outrageous unless there has been some predetermined agreement”.

There was no desire to instigate a witch hunt over this, however, it was **agreed** that the key should be removed immediately until the commencement of the 2017-18 Season; the only keys available will be retained by the existing key holders, namely Mark and Jim.

7. Subscriptions

A notice to remind members that subs are now due will be placed in the Club.

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