

**RLTSC Squash Committee meeting**  
**Minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2017 held at RLTSC, Watling Street, Radlett**

**Present:** Steve Hambling (SH), Manny Hopkins (MH), Dave Rawlings (DR), Nigel Grant (NG), Jillian Lillico (JL), Ian Taylor (IT), Gavin Green (GG), Jim Murphy (JM), Kyri Costi (KC)  
**Apologies:** Jon Sandford (JS), Jordan Miles (JM)

1.0 The minutes of the previous meeting of 16 June were approved.

### **2.0 Squash Teams**

- Radlett 1 – Herts Summer Div 2 – Gavin Green

Gavin gave an update on the team's progress in the Herts Div 2 summer league.

The final proposal for teams for the winter leagues 2017/18 was approved.:

- Radlett 1 – Herts Div 2 preferred or 3 – Gavin Green
- Radlett 2 – Herts Div 3 preferred or 4 – Dave Rawlings
- Radlett 3 – Herts Div 5 – Jon Sandford
- Radlett 1 (Vets) – Middlesex Vets Div 2 – Jim Murphy

Once we hear from league secretaries their plans we may consider running a racketball team.

Thanks were given to the following for representing the Club at the mandatory County committee events. Gavin, Jordan and Kyri who attended the Herts County committee meeting on 19 June, Gavin and Kyri for attending the Middlesex Vets League meeting and to Dave and Jim for attending the Middlesex County committee meeting.

Dave Rawlings kindly agreed to sponsor team shirts for the upcoming season.

### **3.0 Leagues / Events / Competitions / Sessions**

It was suggested that it would be good to run a fun / handicap racketball tournament at end of Summer. Nigel agreed to consider format and arrange.

The social squash evenings are being well attended – particularly the one on Monday evening – 4 courts and weekly on Friday evening – 2 courts. Options were again discussed to have a more formal format with an organizer - Jordan would be asked to consider and put forward a proposal.

Jordan's plans for squash sessions and coaching.

- Junior Performance session on Friday's run by Jago
- Junior Beginner Saturday sessions run by Jillian
- Ladies sessions under consideration

Jordan arranging a meeting with all squash coaches to plan sessions:

- Ladies sessions and beginners/intermediates are under consideration.
- Jillian, Jago and others had put forward coaching enhancement proposals.
- Jordan would be asked to review and put forward proposals.

Julian continues to run the successful Sunday sessions for Juniors

Junior camps over the school holidays are being run by Julian. Courtspark is being used to publicise these sessions and to allow booking.

Planning was in progress for Radlett's hosting of the Herts closed at the beginning of October and committee members would try and participate and to encourage members to sign-up for the tournament.

The committee thanked Jim for running the internal box leagues and also Nigel for continuing to encourage Racketball playing and managing the ladder.

The MyCourts system continues to work well with Members giving positive feedback on its ease of use and reliability.

#### **4.0 Member Feedback**

All agreed that the redecorating of the Club bar area and the squash area with the installation of the LED lights had made a great improvement to the Club.

- Feasibility of making PSA TV available at the Club to be explored.
- Courts continue to have grit and dirt possibly due to use by Juniors when Tennis sessions are rained off. Coaches to be reminded to ensure courts are used appropriately and cleaned afterwards.
- Request received to block sunlight on Court 2 – between window and court.

#### **5.0 Cleaning / Maintenance / Improvements**

Priority items to be put forward to Stephen Middleton – the General Committee member responsible for Club house and garden.

- Men's cloakroom extractor fan and shower extractor need maintenance / replacement.
- New kitchen cutlery / crockery required for team matches. To be raised with Suzy?

The committee agreed that we would no longer use the squash ball machine and we should arrange for its removal.

The Gas Heaters needed to be configured for the winter months. To be raised with Jeanette.

#### **6.0 Technology**

The MyCourts software was successfully used to run the Club closed tournament. Feedback has been given to the vendor to make some improvements which would help with the administration.

The committee approved the installation of cameras in the squash area to allow viewing of matches in the Club bar area.

The Wi-Fi had stopped working in the squash area post the renovations. Kyri to test and raise with electrician.

#### **7.0 Communications/Web Site**

Jet is now maintaining the Web site and Nyal sends the Club newsletter - contributions required.

The committee members were asked to review the Club web site squash section pages and suggest enhancements and improved content.

#### **8.0 Sponsorship**

The committee would continue to review opportunities for sponsorship: - Ian Mackney offered to pursue opportunities for sponsorship on the Tins. Berko sports have approached Jordan about sponsorship.

#### **9.0 Squash / Racketball Usage / Members – update**

The Chairman provided an update to the committee on membership numbers and court usage.

#### **10.0 AOB**

No other business was raised.

#### **11.0 Date of next meeting**

Proposed date for next meeting – Friday 1st December