

**RLTSC Squash Committee meeting**  
**Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2018 held at RLTSC, Watling Street, Radlett**

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

1.0 The minutes of the previous meeting of 22nd September were approved.

## **2.0 Squash Teams**

The Captains all being present gave updates on the teams progress for the winter leagues 2017/18:

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

Thanks were given by the committee to Dave Rawlings for sponsoring team shirts for this season.

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

The social squash evenings are being well attended – particularly the weekly one on Monday evening with 4 courts in use and a weekly one on Friday evening with 2 courts in use. Options were again discussed to have a more formal format with an organiser – ideally a squash coach on a similar basis as in Tennis.

Plans for squash sessions and coaching.

- A meeting will be arranged with all squash coaches to plan sessions.
- An enhancement to the squash coaching arrangements, to align with the current tennis setup, was under consideration.
- Julian continues to run the successful Sunday sessions for Juniors.

Radlett again hosted the Herts closed in October which was a great success. Committee members were thanked for their assistance.

The committee thanked Jim for running the internal box leagues and also Nigel for continuing to encourage Racketball playing and managing the ladder. Options to encourage more games to be played especially in the lower leagues would be explored.

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

The Club closed squash tournament would be set for week commencing Monday 16th April with the finals on the 20th April. Along with the regular events it was agreed to include a racketball event.

## **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. The addition of cameras in the squash courts to view play whilst in the bar area was being well received.

- 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. The tennis 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 the General Committee:

- The Men's cloakroom showers are not being adequately cleaned. This requires escalation.
- The Men's cloakroom extractor fan and shower extractor need maintenance / replacement.
- New kitchen cutlery / crockery required for team matches. To be raised with Suzy?

Court 1 has damaged floor boards which need replacement.

The decommissioning of the squash ball machine has been completed and we should arrange for its removal.

## **6.0 Technology**

The Wi-Fi had stopped working in the squash area post the recent Club renovations. This has now been rectified and a new configuration with password access is now available.

A new light controller would be implemented to cover both squash and tennis bookings. When the new controller is activated the squash courts will be renumbered.

The Gas Heaters needed to be adjusted as temperatures remained low in the viewing area. A short note outlining the settings would be prepared.

## **7.0 Communications/Web Site**

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

The committee members were again 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**

Discussion took place concerning the proposal to remove the Squash Only membership. The general consensus was that whilst this would be beneficial to those with full membership and those who played booked courts regularly there was a large number who would be negatively impacted.

## **11.0 Date of next meeting**

Proposed date for next meeting – Friday 6th April