**Horsham Squash Club Committee**

Committee Meeting Minutes

*15th May 2019, 7:00pm*

*Present:* Martin Plews (MP), Peter Sibley (PS), Sarah West (SW), Daniel West (DW), Rob Norman (RN)

*Apologies:* Duncan Davidson (DD)

*Absence:*

*Next Meeting:* Wednesday 26th June, 7:00pm

Outstanding actions are highlighted in yellow

**PART A**

1. **Approval of minutes**

* The minutes for April 2019 were approved.

1. **Outstanding actions**

* Action 0119.02: committee to seek volunteers for lifting squash court floors is complete.

Reflooring work is scheduled to start 17th June. We will take up the floors Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th. A number of members have volunteered.

PS has issued a note of initial testing of the underfloor heating system by Dandy Plumbing & Heating (Daniel Hazeltine) on 10th May. The test shows a leak in the system. Furthermore it is not clear whether suitable replacement parts would be available.

*Post-meeting note: PS has reported a discussion with Horsham Plumbing and Heating Supplies. The company who installed the system have gone out of business, and the pipes (20mm) are non-standard. So the system is likely beyond repair.*

DN has confirmed with the office that reserving car parking space (coned off) would be available for the contractor.

Action 0419.01: PS will ask (via office) Sam Paul the plumber to quote for making underfloor heating plumbing good on all 3 courts is now redundant.

* Action 0319.1: PP to speak with Mark about the lighting and scaffolding rig is replaced by Action 0419.02 DW to speak with Rob Norman is complete.

RN confirmed that there is no scaffolding. RN has approached Cooper Western for quote for the lighting. It was noted that LED lights would be more expensive, but require less maintenance.

* Action 0319.3: SW to provide info to PP for Main Committee regarding what hits we are getting is ongoing.
* Action 0119.07: regarding meet and greet new enquiries is ongoing.

PS is drafting letter. DW will speak with the office.

* Action 0119.8: regarding trophy engraving and competition board updates is ongoing.

DW said that the proposed PSA tournament is being postponed. DW has been unable to contact Nigel about possible sponsorship. The thinking now is that it would take place middle of next season after Christmas. RN will ask Chris Stone if he is interested in sponsoring.

* Action 0419.03: All to come back with ideas for driving the club forward and increasing membership is ongoing.
* Action 0319.6 DW will get £100 from office for PSA tournament registration and send them the invoice is cancelled as PSA tournament has been postponed.
* Action 0219.07 regarding men’s changing room AC unit is ongoing.
* Action 0319.8: DD to investigate how advertising space on the ‘mycourts’ booking site could be sold is ongoing.
* Action 0219.05 SW to draft list of questions for new survey is ongoing.

1. **Finance and membership**

* Latest numbers have not come through from the office.

PS agreed to take on finances in the short term. Going forward RN will provide membership numbers.

1. **Feedback from Main Committee**

* Main committee did not meet because of gas leak.
* Previous meeting had discussed resurfacing tennis courts in2020 and issues with Hockey dinner. DW has list of future meeting dates.

1. **Leagues update**

* The adult leagues continue to run smoothly albeit with historically low numbers of members participating.
* New members will be encouraged to join leagues as part of ‘meet and greet’.
* It was agreed to email the membership every 2 months to advertise club night and the leagues (MP to issue messages).

1. **Teams update**

* The club will run 3 men’s teams in 2019/20 season. DW and James Norman will go to the Sussex Squash meeting ahead of the season start.

1. **Club tournaments**

* The PSA tournament has been postponed.
* Main tournament was successful. Good crowds watching throughout. On Finals day good crowd, but this had largely dispersed by trophy award time (maybe due to late running). Juniors were on a bit too late – lessons to be learned for next time.
* Only 4 members still to pay.

Results day-to-day were posted on the noticeboard, but some initial feedback suggests that members missed the daily email updates.

* RN said RAC doubles match is scheduled for Thursday evening in August. The committee agreed to release courts for this event.
* The club owes Copthorne a return friendly during the summer.
* DW is working on an event with Dorking involving singles, fun doubles and an exhibition (DW vs Tim Garner). This should go out for wider club membership participation.

1. **Club maintenance**

* With the underfloor heating system unrepairable, RN suggested the club look into the cost of installing radiant heaters on each court. Action 0519.01: RN to investigate cost of radiant heaters.
* There has been no progress on men’s changing room AC unit (Nigel Barnett is away).
* SW reported recent cold water in women’s changing room showers, and the shower still drips. SW will speak with the office – is this on the action board?
* SW said that the women’s changing room is not adequate (with communal showers / changing). Action 0519.2: SW to get feedback on changing facilities from Jason Gache; DW will raise this at Main committee.

1. **Booking system**

* RN said he can speak with Miles about advertising space on the ‘mycourts’ system.
* RN will deal with ‘no shows’ going forward.

1. **Social activities**

* SW has set up a questionnaire and will circulate to the committee shortly for comment.
* There was a poor turnout for the tournament finals day curry. Need to better advertise in future (put on email).

1. **AOB**

* It was agreed that the notice on the board from Sandy Miller re stringing will be removed. Gary is the authorized racket stringer for squash. DW will raise with the office.
* With regard to coaching, DW is suggesting we offer members regular group sessions, practice drills etc. where club pays RN for his time (participants pay the club). This idea will be included on the survey. Aim to start October/November this year.

Also we could offer group session to non-members advertised on social media advertise

* An open day could be advertised through article in District Post.
* PS and RN will be installing battening on the corridor wall for future photographs etc.

The meeting concluded at 8:00pm.