



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 2021

START TIME : 1930 Hours

Apologies for absence :: Chris & Annette; Mal Brown; Howard Jones; Terry Jones; Lorna Rogers; Guy Scott.

Present :: G S Jackson; Damian Jay; Laura Mather; Cyril Nolan; Gary Nolan; Alex Whitehouse ; Don Wallington.

1. Chairman's Report::

- a. **Reminder** : Last person out - Lock main car park gate
- b. Vending Machine : Thanks to Keith Wilson - now operational [including Balls & grips]
- c. Work to continue on Safeguarding, Equity & Diversity policy. This will require members to become more aware of and compliant with changing attitudes to those issues.
- d. GSJ is still to arrange meeting with the Eleven Club Coaches and Safeguarding Officer.

2. Honorary Treasurer.

- a. Laura read out the Account figures and confirmed that, currently, income from "Lights" covered monthly running costs. This will be kept under constant review. The costs of "lights" was briefly discussed without resolution. [Not part of the meeting BUT GSJ will suggest that a properly conducted and written cost exercise be carried out for each area of different lights to assess the economics of changing to LED lighting throughout.
- b. Laura has organised the provision of a card machine for Match & Refreshment costs. After some debate it was **AGREED** that a revised note would be issued to more clearly explain that the Green Refreshments Book would remain in use as well as the new card reader and Guest box thus catering for all differing opinions as a result of moving towards a cashless system.

4. Membership Secretary

- a. Membership Figures confirmed at 158; 8 people transferred to the "inactive" list.

5. Club Captain / County Rep

- a. New team shirts have been issued with a white English dragon on the sleeve !!

6. 1st Team Captain :: Alex Whitehouse.

- a. After 4 matches all teams, apart from the "F" team, were holding mid table positions despite injuries & covid making it difficult to field a full strength side. Don, as County Secretary, reminded everyone that injuries within a squad was not a sufficient reason for postponing matches.

7. Junior Section :: Gary Nolan.

- a. "Speculate to Accumulate" Primary Schools 2022 dates remain booked provisionally.
- b. Gary reported that attendances at Junior Club were averaging 12-13 youngsters.
- c. Arrangements are being made to provide Club shirts, extra court time, coaching and competition for promising Juniors thanks to sponsorship from Wilson Alarms, WM Plant & Birford Cable & Harness

8. Internal Leagues.

- a. GSJ has not yet prepared the paper on the "one spot - two spot" debate; however, it was

AGREED to recommend that teams playing in County Division 3 and in the lower Club internal leagues should use the one spot ball and that players new to Squash should be encouraged to start with a blue spot ball. [All of which are available from the Club]

The number of internal leagues has dropped from 12 to 11 after removing people who had not played without acceptable reasons for not doing so.

b. Don reported that hardly any players were entering their results of the league tables on the MyCourts system and that they should be encouraged to do so. Unresolved discussion on suggested change ensued.

9. Future Events.

a. Saturday 18th December Junior Section Christmas Party and Club Christmas Social.

Cyril led a discussion which outlined 'headline' items, such as a Buffet at £5 per ticket, live music, Christmas Quiz, karaoke and suggested that each Squash and Racketball Team Captain could field a team on the Quiz.

It was **AGREED** that a meeting open to all and any interested parties, be held on Monday 13th December at 1930 hours to firm up setting up floor and table arrangements, identifying volunteers etc .

10. "Housekeeping" - No feedback received on draft paper previously issued.

11. Maintenance

a. The intermittent working/non working of the female showers remains unresolved. The alleged problem will be monitored and will be revisited **AGAIN !!** with a view to possible replacement. [Currently the showers are operating as they should]

b. The Attic requires sorting out and roof gaps filled with insulation

12. Any Other Business ::

a. Cyril raised the matter of website content; this prompted a short discussion during which Don explained that "googling" Shrewsbury Squash Club would throw up links to out of date websites. Alex agreed to contact Ben Jones with a view to putting a "redirection" link to ensure that viewers are looking at the correct website.

b. It was suggested that some training be organised for using the Defibrillator for willing volunteers other than Ryan.

Date of next meeting
MONDAY 3rd JANUARY 2022
at 1930 hours