



MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024

Apologies ::

Mal Brown; Ian Dinwiddy [RB]; Max Lloyd; Laura Mather; Pete Morgans [RB]; Kacper Pagorek; Guy Scott; Don Wallington [RB]; Alex Whitehouse.

Present ::

Annette Dickinson-Flint; G S Jackson; Howard Jones; Max Lloyd; Gary Nolan; Cyril Nolan; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers.

Chairman's Report::

- "Boxercise" and HiiT sessions are going well; pictures and texts to be added to the website.
- G SJ gave a brief outline of the problems with iProsports and our Official Team Shirt supply

Honorary Treasurer ::

- Laura reported the months income and expenditure by email. Light Meter income was disappointingly down compared with the monthly average.

The Rugby Club proposal to increase waste collection costs remains to be resolved but their 'investigations' into a separate 'recycling' facility for glass bottles remains a hopeful sign.

- The "in depth review" of all Club expenditure will continue with the intention of presenting any recommendations to the Committee at the March meeting.

Membership Secretary ::

- Lorna reported that Membership renewals stood at 186; subsequent discussion reviewed the number of Associates and made minor adjustments. Cyril, Gary and Lorna to compare lists of Juniors and resolve differences.

Club Captain ::

- Lee reported that the ES approved Bronze Chris Flint Open Junior Championships would be held on 2nd March 2024 and that all arrangements were in hand. Lee explained that the entry fee of £22 was controlled by England Squash who 'took' £5 of that sum.

- Discussion followed and it was **AGREED** that the Club should not "under promote" the Tournament and confirmed that T-Shirts, small tubes of one spot balls and Age Grade vouchers would be issued. Laura is preparing Certificates.

- The Club has entered a Senior Inter County Team on 24th February versus Cheshire and Wales 'B'. The County will reimburse the Club for the cost of Court Lights and Refreshments.

The Club has also entered a team in the Men's non County National Club Championships on 16th March 2024.

County Rep :: No County Meeting

1st Team Captain :: No report.

Junior Section ::

- The Saturday Flint Junior Club is going well, with excellent help from Andy Nelson and Pat Snodgrass, although the October request for a budget cost to cover lighting, coaches fees, equipment etc to submit to the "Flint Fund" to cover the cost of the Wednesday afternoon junior development sessions/specialist coaching with Courtney and Mike Coleman is still awaited. We must make sure we can use this opportunity.

- As a response to item 'a' above it was **AGREED** that Cyril, Gary and Lee would hold a meeting to see if there were any promising youngsters in the Junior Club worthy enough to follow on from Frankie, Freddie and Ross, and who might benefit from the specialist coaching and financial assistance from the Chris Flint Fund.

Cyril was of the opinion that we have access to sufficient quality coaching to carry this forward.

Internal Leagues ::

a. Cyril was particularly anxious that we should all be proactive in encouraging new members players to join the Internal Leagues and to be given supporting advice and coaching ensure that they are not "overawed" or 'discouraged ' by not being competitive and fail to continue to play internal league games. The Club should consider opening a "pathway" to provide initial coaching to help new members get more from their games.

Website ::

a. GSJ to provide Kacper with pictures and text about the Activity Space to encourage greater use of the facility.

Future Events to be arranged or confirmed ::

- a. Gary to discuss Safeguarding with Terry Jones for guidance on setting up a Seminar for Coaches etc.
- b. March 2024 "International Friendly" - Shropshire v Switzerland.
- b. After discussion it was **AGREED** not to accept Richard Cooney's quotation for defibrillator training, but rather to arrange an open evening viewing of a You Tube presentation.

Housekeeping ::

- a. The Club Cleaning schedule to be reassessed in order to cope with a periodic deep clean and to ensure that there is enough time allowed for all the various tasks.
- b. The cost of obtaining a bottle recycling facility is to be investigated by the Rugby Club; we could use this facility but we would need to identify and label an internal "Glass Only" waste bin.

Maintenance ::

- a. Feedback required from Russell Davies & Chris Heath on the possibility of replacing the cooker in the kitchenette with the possible relocation of the microwave.
- b. Dave Bailey is attending to the LED Tube in Kitchenette and installing USB faceplates on 2 viewing area twin socket outlets.
- c. Lee to inspect Fire Alarm in Male Changing Room.

AOB ::

- a. Both Max & Cyril were of the opinion that we must not "under invest" in our first attempt at running the Chris Flint Junior Open Championships. We will learn from this year's tournament, particularly the "constraints" placed upon us by England Squash.
- b. Max volunteered to arrange light refreshments for the Tournament contestants. Annette would help with Teas and Coffee etc.
- c. Cyril's remarks about "Coaching" new members is recorded under "Internal Leagues".

Date of next meeting
MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024
Starting at 1900 hours