



## MINUTES of COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024

### **Apologies ::**

Annette Dickinson-Flint; Ian Dinwiddy [RB]; Laura Mather; Kacper Pagorek; Guy Scott; Alex Whitehouse.

### **Present ::**

Malcolm Brown; G S Jackson; Howard Jones; Max Lloyd; Gary Nolan; Cyril Nolan; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers; Don Wallington.

### **Chairman's Report::**

- GSJ gave a very brief summary of the Chris Flint Junior Open Tournament. He has informed the membership of the success by broadcast newsletter which thanked everyone who volunteered on the day.
- Particular and specific thanks were paid to Lee Picken and Ben Schur without whose efforts the day would not have happened let alone have succeeded as well as it did.
- Boxercise", Hatha Yoga and HiiT sessions are going well; however, a greater attendance of non Club Members would be needed to ensure the "sustainability" of the classes.
- GSJ 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 had recovered from the December 'low' but the cost of electricity had risen to £400 last month.
- It will be necessary to receive the England Squash Refund and the examination of the "Sum Up" payments before an Income and Expenditure account can be prepared for the Chris Flint Tournament.
- The "in depth review" of all Club expenditure will continue with the intention of presenting any recommendations to the next Committee Meeting.

### **Membership Secretary ::**

- Lorna reported that Membership renewals stood at 194. As previously reported it remains for Cyril, Gary and Lorna to compare lists of Juniors and resolve differences.

### **Club Captain ::**

- Lee reported that he had received several congratulatory emails in respect of the ES approved Bronze Chris Flint Open Junior Championships; the standard of play was amazing and would give great encouragement to our own Juniors.
- Damian Jay will be organising a series of Ladies Coaching Workshops at our Club on Mondays at 1820 hours for four weeks starting on 8th April. Cost £30
- The question was asked if there would be sufficient support for a Men's Group. It was thought unlikely.

### **County Rep ::**

- Lee, in his role of County Team organiser, reported that the triangular Inter County match between Cheshire, Wales 'B' and Shropshire had exposed a significant gulf in ability. On the other hand the County Ladies Team had fared better at Cheadle coming second to Lancashire.
- The Inter County O45's will be held at our Club on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March starting at 1000 hours. Spectators welcome.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain ::**

- Alex reported that he was very pleased with the CF Tournament on Saturday. As far as the County Winter leagues is concerned the 'A' team have two matches to play and hope to finish mid table.

### **Junior Section ::**

- Gary reported that Tournament was a big help in encouraging our Juniors, although the Saturday Flint

Junior Club is going well, with excellent help from Andy Nelson and Pat Snodgrass. However, 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.

b. From the previous meeting in February and 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

#### **Internal Leagues ::**

a. Cyril welcomed the increase in new members, especially some more Ladies and an encouraging number of Juniors entering the Leagues, but was particularly anxious that we should all be proactive in encouraging new members when they join the Internal Leagues and to give them supporting advice and coaching to ensure that they are not "overawed" or 'discouraged' by not being competitive and fail to continue to play internal league games.

b. The Club should consider opening a "pathway" to provide initial coaching to help new members get more from their games.

#### **Website ::**

a. Gary will be preparing a note about the CF Tournament for the website and GSJ and Max Lloyd to provide pictures for Kacper to include.

#### **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. After discussion it was **AGREED** to arrange an open evening for the whole membership to view YouTube presentation on the use of the defibrillator.

#### **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.

#### **Maintenance ::**

a. Lee has 'Repaired' the Fire Alarm in Male Changing Room by changing the battery !!.

#### **AOB ::**

a. There was a brief unresolved discussion on the "effectiveness" of the Club Newsletter, emails and the proliferation of "What's App" Groups with a view to "improving communication" with the membership and in particular advising them of "What On" or coming up.

Is it possible to "Harmonise" or "Rationalize" the number of "What's App" group, although it must be recognised exactly what is necessary and appropriate for each Group.

b. It was **AGREED** that the next Committee Meeting would be brought forward to avoid the April Bank Holiday and to be open to the whole of the Membership specifically to provide a platform for everyone to share their views on all aspects of the Chris Flint Junior Open Tournament.

**STOP PRESS ::** England Squash have just confirmed that the County Ladies Team have made it through to the next stage of the Senior Inter Counties competition to be played on 27/28<sup>th</sup> April at Nottingham.

**Date of next meeting**  
**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024**  
**Starting at 1900 hours**

