



BOSTON SQUASH & RACKETBALL CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting 24th June 2020

This meeting was held using a combination of outdoors and video conferencing in compliance with the government's social distancing guidelines.

Present :- M. Hildred (Chair), P Tait (Treasurer), D Bontoft (Secretary), P Andrews, J Payne, J Parsons, A Hildred, P Hildred

Social news :-

Obviously there have been no social events recently due to COVID restrictions, but the committee wanted to pay recognition to Ady Proctor, Brett Perkins, Katie Price, Grahame Quigley, Andy Gilbert, & Dave Bontoft for their hard work over 2 weekends stripping the wallpaper in the bar in prep for the redecorations and the painting of the whole of the function room. This has saved the club a lot of professional time and money.

Also a very special thank you to John Payne who not only helped with the boxing of all the electrical cables, but has also kept a check on the security of the club during lockdown and even took care of all the maintenance of the outside off the club clearing all the overgrown weeds.

Other business :-

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the ongoing situation due to COVID 19. We were all very disappointed with the news that indoor sports and gyms have not been given the go ahead to open on 4th July as we had expected. As yet there is no date, but we're hoping it won't be too much longer.

The committee did discuss the possibility of simply opening the bar on 4th July as per the governments recommendations however it was felt it wouldn't be of great benefit with no games or social events allowed to take place.

Mark has procured some sanitizer stations which John Payne has kindly offered to place at the relevant places around the club. We are currently waiting on what rules and regulations are set out by England Squash for the re-opening of clubs and how much will be obligatory and how much will be advisory.

The committee discussed the potential of introducing an online booking system for courts however it was generally felt that due to the unique size and structure of our club we are able to maintain suitable social distancing measures without the need for this if given the option, even if we use the bar/function room as a waiting area.

One thing that was widely recognised is that all members would have to be told and agree to have their personal details used and passed on to any track & trace scheme should there be a case of COVID 19 at

the club. We also discussed signage to be placed around the club including signs in the gym asking users to wipe down machines and weights before and after use.

With regard to any issues regarding this years and the coming years memberships, the committee decided to send out e mails and/or texts to all members outlining the clubs position and plans for the future and to keep members updated as to any changes or discussions with regard to the club. The text messaging system Adam has tried out seems very successful at reaching members and at very little cost to the club it is something we will carry forward in the future.

We would also want to ask members for any feedback or ideas they may have for getting the club back on its feet and continuing post COVID.

The committee also discussed the fact that all members must be advised that anyone showing potential symptoms of COVID 19 MUST stay away from the club and not try to play through it.

It was also agreed that this year's club championships would have to be abandoned as there isn't any way of holding both finals nights whilst maintaining social distancing.

In terms of general club matters we discussed the possibility of sanding down and re varnishing the wood floor in the function room to finish off the decoration in there. We have received a quote of £1992 to have this done and also may look at the possibility of doing it ourselves. We also decided to go ahead with a quote for new vinyl flooring behind the bar at £160 as this needs doing and also new lighting in the function room for £96.

The committee have said we will meet again at a point when the government release more details about when we can re open.