**Minutes of Squash and Racketball Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 5th February 2025**

**Present**

Kate Corey (KC), Jason Smith (JS), James Birch (JB), Mike Harris (MH), Thomas Hepworth (TH), Gary Morton (GM), Kate Fuller (KF), Amy Bywater (AW)

**Apologies**

Pete Roberts (PR)

**Financials**

* GM suggested it would be beneficial to split general income into categories. KC to request this from the board.

**Team Updates:**

* Warwickshire 1st Team has moved out of the relegation zone; 2nd Team remains in it.
* Shropshire 1st Team is leading Division 2, aiming for promotion next season.
* The club is unlikely to join the Staffordshire Squash League next season; John Townley and Pete Roberts will attend a meeting on 5th March to discuss the possibility of forming a Staffordshire Association.
* MH is in talks with Shropshire County Chair about possible affiliation; further discussions will follow after the 5th March meeting.

**League Progress:**

* PR shared an email update on league progress.
* The current leagues are set to conclude on 23rd February.
* A total of 43 players are listed in the squash leagues, with only 9 players having competed in matches to date.
* The racketball league currently includes 22 players, with 12 having played matches.
* Junior require encouragement to complete their matches.
* There was discussion regarding the potential to incentivise players to complete their league matches.

**Internal Competitions:**

* Novaflo Racketball Club Championships finals on 7th Feb were a success.
* First City Squash Club Championships begin 18th Feb, finals on 28th March.
* Squash and Racketball Awards Night on 4th April (£10 per ticket).
* International Women’s Day event on 12th March (£15 per person).
* Graded squash event on 10th-11th May and Intercounty Racketball Championships on 14th-15th June.
* Positive feedback from the Masters event, with recommendations for more power outlets, increased cleaning, and extended bar hours.

**External Competitions:**

* A graded squash event is scheduled for 10th-11th May.
* The Intercounty Racketball Championships will be hosted at the club on 14th-15th June.
* The Masters event in January received positive feedback, with thanks to all involved. Issues raised included the need for more electrical outlets, better cleaning, extended bar hours, and a club representative being present at Tettenhall College due to court-related concerns.

**Junior Programme:**

* Junior programme progressing well.
* KC to arrange "Bring a Friend" paper vouchers to increase participation.
* TH to organize a junior pool/darts event on 8th March.
* Discussions for a Mother and Junior session on 29th March and a Sunday morning family mix-in.

**Adult Programme:**

* Improver sessions for squash and racketball were full; new sessions start 24th February.
* Beginner sessions struggled; a targeted external marketing campaign will be launched.
* Non-member price for 6 sessions is £45 (£7.50 per session).
* Committee discussed increasing class prices; KC to invite Steve Chilvers for further discussion.
* KC to meet with Nikki Prosser for a squash marketing campaign.

**Any Other Business (AOB):**

* A new website is being developed, committee requested input into the squash content.
* There is confidence that the refurbishment of the squash/racketball area will proceed, with a priority on sanding the courts in August.
* There are pockets of mould in the corridor leading to the squash courts that need to be addressed.

**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 5th March @ 18.30**